

Doctor Eleftherios P. DIAMANDIS **recipient of the 2017 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory** **Medicine and Patient Care**

Milan, 28 April 2017 - The IFCC, the international leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, is pleased to announce that **Professor Eleftherios P. DIAMANDIS** (Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Mount Sinai Hospital and University Health Network Toronto, Ontario, Canada), **is the winner of the 2017 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care, sponsored by Sekisui Diagnostics**. This award honours an individual who has made unique contributions in Laboratory Medicine, its application in improving patient care, and having a worldwide impact in clinical medicine. The IFCC is very pleased to acknowledge the support from Sekisui Diagnostics in the recognition of scientists and educators with a distinguished career in this area.

During his career **Professor Diamandis** has made significant contributions to patient care through the discovery, validation and implementation of cancer biomarkers for early diagnosis, prognosis and prediction of therapeutic response. He developed major advances in the identification and application of proteomics, resolving the scope of the Kallikrein gene/enzyme family in human development and disease as well as the initiation and progression of cancer. Recently he has new projects in male infertility, neurodegenerative disorders and autoimmune diseases. Through **Dr. Diamandis'** leadership, training programs in research and clinical chemistry have been developed and the Division of Clinical Biochemistry at the University of Toronto is flourishing. Novel disease biomarkers and diagnostic tests have been developed and commercialized for the benefit of patients and scores of scientists, physicians and healthcare providers have been educated.

Dr. Diamandis has been recognized on several occasions by both the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemist and the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) with major awards related to research and education.

Prof. Howard MORRIS, IFCC President-Elect and Chair, IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted to select **Dr Diamandis** as the 2017 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care recipient. He has a remarkable career in the field of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine, and his international contributions that have improved clinical medicine and patient care,

particularly in the area of cancer diagnosis and response to treatment, make him a most deserving candidate for the 2017 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care”.

The 2017 IFCC Awardees are a witness of the contribution that IFCC gives to advancement of excellence in laboratory medicine for better healthcare worldwide. **Dr Diamandis** along with seven other IFCC Distinguished Award winners will be formally announced on Sunday 22nd October at the Opening Ceremony of the 23rd IFCC International Congress in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine being held in Durban (South Africa) from 22st to 25th October 2017.

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