

## Invitation

# EFCC-Labs are Vital Award for Excellence in Outcomes Research in Laboratory Medicine



## Announcement

EFCC and Labs are Vital™ are pleased to announce the EFCC-Labs Are Vital Award for Excellence in Outcomes Research in Laboratory Medicine, sponsored by Abbott. The Award will be given to the best published paper, as judged by an independent panel of experts, which demonstrated improved outcomes (clinical and/or economic) arising out of the application or improved utilisation of an in-vitro diagnostics test.

The award is launched at EUROMEDLAB 2009 in Innsbruck, and will be presented for the first time at IFCC/Euromedlab 2011 in Berlin. Thereafter it will be awarded every two years at an EFCC conference. The Award will consist of a certificate and the sum of 15,000 Euro.

## Criteria

All entries must be validated studies demonstrating improved outcomes (clinical and/or economic) arising out of the application or improved utilisation of an in-vitro diagnostic test.

Entries must have been published or finally accepted for publication between 1 February 2009 and 1 February 2011.

Entries must be published in English in a peer-reviewed medical, scientific or health economics journal.

Entries must have been produced by an individual or group working wholly or mainly within Europe (as defined by WHO – [www.euro.who.int/countryinformation](http://www.euro.who.int/countryinformation)). The submitting author must be located in Europe.

It is a condition of entry that applicants agree to the use of the data and conclusions presented in the paper for purposes of promotion of laboratory medicine by EFCC and in campaigns and materials associated with Labs Are Vital. Only conclusions specifically presented in the paper will be used in such materials, and authors will be acknowledged in and have the right of review of any materials produced.

## Submission Procedure

Applications for the Award must be submitted by one of the named authors of the paper, and must be accompanied by

- Reprint of the publication or (in the case of publications in press), a manuscript copy and a copy of the editor's letter indicating final acceptance for publication
- Short CV of the submitting author
- Statement signed by all authors of the publication consenting to submission of the paper for the Award and to the conditions of entry

Applications, clearly marked "EFCC-Labs Are Vital Award" should be submitted to the EFCC Office, Via Carlo Farini 81, 20159 Milano, Italy, by the closing date of 1 February 2011.

Applications will be judged by a panel of judges appointed by the EFCC Scientific Committee and selected to include expertise in clinical medicine, evidence-based medicine, health economics and clinical laboratory science.

The Award (15,000 Euro and a framed certificate) will be presented at an EFCC conference in the year of the Award. The Award will be presented to the submitting author, who is responsible for division of the award among his/her co-authors.

For further information on the submission process please contact the Chair of the EFCC Scientific Committee, Prof. Sverre Sandberg: [sverre.sandberg@isf.uib.no](mailto:sverre.sandberg@isf.uib.no)



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