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Eleftherios Diamandis is Head, Section of Clinical Biochemistry, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto and Professor and Head, Division of Clinical Biochemistry, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, University of Toronto.

Eleftherios was born in Cyprus and received his B.Sc., M.D. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Athens, Greece. He came to Canada in 1982 as a trainee in Clinical Biochemistry at the University of Toronto. Eleftherios was certified by the CACB in 1985 and received his fellowship from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1995.

Since his initial appointment on faculty at the University of Toronto in 1986, Eleftherios founded three courses in molecular biology. These very popular courses are 1. Molecular Biology Techniques, 2. Research Techniques in Molecular Biology and Pathology and the most recent course 3. Techniques in Functional Genomics and Proteomics.

In 1997, the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology recognized the teaching skills of Eleftherios by awarding him the departments "Excellence in Teaching" award.

Dr. Diamandis has made major educational contributions by organizing scientific workshops at several CSCC and AACC meetings over the past decade. These include a new AACC workshop "Genomics, Proteomics and New Opportunities for Clinical Diagnostics" that has been very well subscribed.

Since 1986, Dr. Diamandis has supervised more than 12 Ph.D. and M.Sc. students to successful completion of their thesis defence at the University of Toronto. Several other graduate students are currently being supervised by Dr. Diamandis. His membership on the examination committee for more than 18 graduate students also demonstrates his commitment to students. Eleftherios is also very well known internationally for his research contributions since coming to Toronto in 1986.

Dr. Diamandis has co-authored four books in clinical biochemistry. Two of these publications (Laboratory Exercises in Clinical Chemistry and Lectures in Clinical Chemistry) were published in Greece. The third book "Immunoassay" was published in 1996 by Academic Press, Inc. This book was co-authored with Dr. T. K. Christopoulos. In 2002, his fourth book "Tumor Markers: Physiology, Pathobiology, Technology and Clinical Applications" was published by AACC Press. The co-authors were Drs. H. A. Fritsche, H. Lilja, D. W. Chan and M. K. Schwartz.

Eleftherios Diamandis is very worthy of the 2003 CSCC Award for Education Excellence. On behalf of the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists, I wish him continued success in educating current and future clinical chemists in Canada and internationally.