

Dear Trainee,

During the IFCC WorldLab-EuroMedLab meeting in Berlin, the journal *Clinical Chemistry* launched a new initiative entitled ***Clinical Chemistry Trainee Council***. This initiative is an extension of the educational program of the journal that is meant to reach trainees in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine throughout the world. The journal currently publishes a variety of educational materials including Clinical Case Studies, Q&A (a virtual roundtable discussion among a group of experts about a hot topic), and the Guide to Scientific Writing (a series of 14 articles). In addition, the journal periodically publishes interviews with world scientific leaders and articles about prominent clinical chemists (Inspiring Minds) that can be of great interest and serve as an inspiration to young scientists. **Through the Council, the journal will make these materials available to trainees free of charge.** The materials can be accessed via a special website that has been specifically designed for this purpose. The website will also enable the journal to provide the trainees with:

- Webcasts (lectures by leading international scientists)
- Pearls of Laboratory Medicine (10-15 minute presentations about a laboratory test)
- CouncilChat (a chat room directed by 6 junior faculty members from around the world)

In addition, the trainees will have access to our more than 80 popular podcasts, which have been downloaded over 260,000 times in the last 2 years. **To access the website and register for free go to www.traineecouncil.org**

The recently launched English version of this program targeted over 7,000 MD/PhD trainees and future leaders in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine in 25 countries. In November of 2011, this initiative will be launched in Spanish and in 2012 in Russian, Arabic, Portuguese, Turkish, Japanese and Chinese. I look forward to welcoming you at the Council.

Best wishes,



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