IFMBE-CED at ICEHTM 2015

I had the opportunity to represent the International Federation for Medical and Biological Engineering (IFMBE), at the first International Conference on Clinical Engineering and Health Technology Management (ICEHTM) 2015. The IFMBE is a federation of national and transnational societies. These professional organizations represent interests in medical and biological engineering. IFMBE is also an NGO (non-governmental organization) for the United Nations and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Clinical Engineering Division of IFMBE, which I am honored to chair, has set up this year, for the first time in its history, a complete awards program that includes three categories of awards for Clinical Engineering professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of Clinical Engineering.

The program consists of three award categories:

1. IFMBE/Clinical Engineering Division Award – assigned once every three years – that recognizes an individual who has made outstanding regional or international contributions to the field of Clinical Engineering.

2. Clinical Engineering Teamwork Award – two recipients per year – that recognizes an individual or a group that has fostered and facilitated cooperation between clinical technology managers and other members of the healthcare field, to successfully achieve outstanding impact on the clinical engineering field.

3. Best Clinical Engineering Article Award – two recipients per year – that recognizes an individual or a group that stood out for writing the best clinical engineering article, published in IFMBE Conferences Proceedings and Journals, providing an innovative research contribution that results in progress in clinical engineering.

In the first part of this year, the CED Awards Committee, chaired by Dr. Yadin David, selected the recipient of the CED Award that was given during the IFMBE World Conference in Toronto in last June, to Ms. Adriana Velazquez Berumen for her outstanding career and contribution to the field.

In Hangzhou we announced the recipients of the Clinical Engineering Teamwork Award and of the Best Clinical Engineering Article Award. We had some extraordinary candidates, and I wish to thank all the CED Awards Committee for the fantastic work that has been performed in fixing the criteria, selecting the candidates and choosing the winners. My warmest congratulations go to all the winners of these prestigious awards, may their career grow up with the awareness of the worldwide strong estimation from their colleagues.

The winners awarded at ICEHTM2015 are:

**Teamwork Award Recipients**

**First Place**
Zheng Kun, Director of Clinical Engineering, Children’s Hospital of Zhejiang University School of Medicine, Hangzhou, China, for his work with the College of Chinese Clinical Engineers (CCCE)

**Second Place**
Drs. Carlos Abreu & Paolo Mendes, Escola Superior de Tecnologia e Gestão, Instituto Politécnico de Viana do Castelo, Viana do Castelo & Centro Algoritmi, Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal

**Tied for Runner-Up**

**Best Article Award Recipients**

**First Place**

**Tied for Runner-Up**

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