



International  
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**2016 International Awards**



*Supporting recognition of excellence, innovations and  
outstanding achievements in global healthcare leadership  
and management*

Dear Colleagues,

As Chair of the Scientific Committee of the IHF International Awards, launched in 2015 at the 39<sup>th</sup> World Hospital Congress in Chicago, I am pleased to report that the journey has been exciting. Thanks to your support, the inaugural event received over 100 entries from 19 countries from both IHF member and non-member organisations.

The aim of the IHF International Awards is to recognize and honor hospitals and healthcare organizations for innovation, excellence, outstanding achievements and best practices in various Award categories that are worthy of international recognition. The winners of the 2016 Awards will be presented during a special Awards Presentation and Prize-giving Session on Day 2 – Wednesday, 2 November 2016 of the 40th IHF World Hospital Congress to be held from 31 October to 3 November 2016 in Durban, South Africa.

Riding on the success last year, the objective and expectation for the 2016 event is for an even greater number of entries from healthcare organisations all over the globe to compete for the prestigious Awards. For this reason therefore, I am taking the liberty of contacting you in order to solicit again your staunch support in promoting the 2016 event and disseminating the call for entries from your respective member constituents and/or countries.

To learn from your efforts and achievements, I kindly ask you to send a summary report of the promotional actions undertaken by you or your member organisation to Sheila Anazonwu [sheila.anazonwu@ihf-fih.org](mailto:sheila.anazonwu@ihf-fih.org) **by 3 July 2016.**

Attached is the Awards Flyer, which you are welcome to translate into your respective languages in order to maximise outreach. Please note, however, that entries are to be submitted in English and online only at: <http://congress.ihf-fih.org/>. More information on the Awards is also available at: <https://www.ihf-fih.org/ihfcongressabstracts?awards>

I thank you in anticipation of your kind support.

Yours sincerely

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