

PROF. PIER MANNUCCI HONORED AT IPPC 2011 WITH HILFENHAUS AWARD

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PROF. PIER MANNUCCI WAS HONORED BY PPTA with the prestigious Hilfenhaus Award at the 2011 International Plasma Protein Congress (IPPC) in Lisbon, Portugal, for his work over the past 30 years as a respected authority on hemostasis and thrombosis and his development of new drugs to treat patients with hemophilia and von Willebrand disease.

Named after Dr. Joachim Hilfenhaus, former head of PPTA's Viral Safety Working Party, who died in 1996, the Hilfenhaus Award recognizes individuals who have made contributions to patient access to safe plasma protein therapies.

The last two award winners were Prof. Johannes Oldenburg, a well known researcher in the fields of immunohaematology and transfusion medicine and Dr. Alain Fischer, who was honored for his outstanding research in the area of pediatric immunology.

Prof. Pier Mannucci studied medicine and surgery at the University of Milan. In the field of Internal Medicine, he was the scientific director (from 1994 till 2000) of the *Annali Italiani di Medicina Interna* (Italian Annals of Internal Medicine), the official scientific body of the Italian Society for Internal Medicine and became the President of this society in 2003.

In addition to serving on the editorial boards of numerous scientific publications, Prof. Mannucci is the author of 746 publications. The main focus of his publications has been hemophilia (especially the outcomes of treatment), von Willebrand disease (molecular basis and therapy), venous thromboembolism (the risk factors) and hereditary thrombophilia. He was among the 215 most cited researchers from 1981 and 1999 in the category of clinical medicine. In 2003, he has been nominated expert at the *Consiglio Superiore di Sanità* (Italy's High Health Council).

Prof. Mannucci has received numerous awards for his work, including the Robert Grant Medal and the International Prize on Hemophilia, and has served as president of the International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis. Currently, Prof. Mannucci serves as Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine and Medical Specialties at the University of Milan.



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