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## CLSI Announces recipients of the 2019 CLSI Excellence Awards

The Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) has named Dr. Thomas Fritsche, Marshfield Labs medical director, as the recipient of the John V. Bergen Excellence Award for helping improve the quality of laboratory testing and medical care worldwide.

The Excellence Award is presented to an outstanding volunteer in recognition of advances in CLSI organizational directives and objectives, through unique and significant contributions.

Dr. Fritsche has been a CLSI volunteer for over 30 years and has participated in the development of 33 practice standards documents. He now serves on CLSI's Consensus Council, the senior governance committee that addresses all aspects of the standards development consensus process.



At the awards ceremony, Glen Fine, CEO of CLSI, said Dr. Fritsche's "consistent quest for consensus through professionalism, active listening and building collegial relationships" are what makes this award particularly appropriate. Upon acceptance of the award, Dr. Fritsche said the best part has always been the "networking with like-minded laboratory professionals and building camaraderie among our unique profession."

In addition to serving as medical director for Marshfield Labs, Dr. Fritsche is interim medical director of the National Farm Medicine Center and is recipient of the Steve J. Miller Endowed Chair in Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety Research.

For a list of past award winners, visit the [CLSI website here](#). For more on the awards or the nomination and selection process, visit the [CLSI website here](#).

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