

## **Laudation for Dr. Tobias Schindler**

It is our great pleasure and honour to confer the 115th R. Geigy-Award to Dr. Tobias Schindler.

### **Dr. Tobias Schindler**

*who*

throughout his career from laboratory technician, infection biologist and epidemiologist has devoted all his attention and commitment to research, development and implementation of diagnostic methods and immunological analyses of infectious and neglected diseases for the benefit of the affected populations of Africa.

*who*

with his extensive knowledge and creative mind, has significantly enriched the diagnosis of malaria and the analysis of the immune response against malaria, thus making a significant contribution to the fight against malaria generally and to vaccine development particularly.

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at the beginning of the Sars-CoV-2/Covid-19 pandemic, immediately put all his energy into the development of test systems for virus detection for middle-income countries, thus also making a significant contribution to pandemic control in Tanzania and Equatorial Guinea - his main focus countries for malaria studies.

*who*

has always planned and carried out his research and development work in partnership with colleagues from Tanzania and Equatorial Guinea including the validation of the results within the respective health systems.

*who*

thanks to his sensitive and fine character, his competence and enthusiasm, he naturally enjoys wide and great recognition among the population concerned, in scientific circles and among national and international decision-makers.

*who*

in its important research, development and implementation work on malaria and Sars-CoV-2/Covid-19, was able to combine state-of-the-art technology and the experience and knowledge of the people concerned in innovative ways.

For all these reasons, and with great recognition of these excellent achievements, realized with great commitment and under difficult conditions, the R. Geigy Foundation has awarded its 11<sup>th</sup> Rudolf Geigy Prize to Dr. Tobias Schindler.

We are delighted for Dr. Tobias Schindler and are convinced that Professor Rudolf Geigy would also celebrate Tobias Schindler as a very worthy winner. The excellent

achievements of Dr. Tobias Schindler largely correspond to Professor Geigy's visions, which were mainly shaped in Africa.

Tobias Schindler: Your committed and your ways of doing research in partnership, in the laboratory and the field, is what Professor Geigy wanted to promote with the R. Geigy Foundation. It are these examples that time and again - despite often difficult conditions and situations - give us a perspective for a better future for all people in this world.

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