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Dear Professor Sugawara

## **Award of Honorary Membership of the World Federation for Culture Collections and the WFCC Medal for outstanding contribution to the WFCC**

It gives me great pleasure to present you with Honorary Membership of the World Federation for Culture Collections and the inaugural WFCC Medal for outstanding contribution to the WFCC on the occasion of your retirement from the National Institute of Genetics. You have been, and will continue to be, a guiding light in the WFCC. We have greatly appreciated your contribution over many years in particular to Newsletter editing, training, information dissemination, providing statistics on collections worldwide and not least the direction of the World Data Centre for Microorganisms.

More recently we have appreciated your contribution to the OECD Biological Resource Centre initiative and the establishment and maintenance of the WFCC web site. The latter now has a new and modern look providing the scientific community worldwide with useful information. You have been responsible for the WDCM being recognised and used as a valuable resource, the WDCM acronyms for registered collections enable a unique numbering system that allows tracking of strains through the literature and lodged samples in collections and not least deposit of associated sequences with EMBL, GenBank, DDBJ using the WDCM numbers as unique identifiers.

Your colleagues in the WFCC collections worldwide appreciate your contribution and we wish you well in your retirement. This is not goodbye from the WFCC, we look forward to your continued work and we relish the opportunity to continue to work with you for a long time to come.

Congratulations Sugawara san on a wonderful, productive and far-reaching career.

Yours sincerely

Dr. David Smith  
President of the WFCC

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