

Manfred Eggersdorfer, Senior Vice President Nutrition Science & Advocacy, DSM Nutritional Products. "The design and implementation of successful nutrition programs requires serious research and I hope that our work can help scientists,

governments and organizations around the world tackle one of the most serious global health problems which, until recently, has been underappreciated and often misunderstood."

# CeSSIAM – Center for Studies of Sensory Impairment, Aging and Metabolism Celebrates 25 Years

CeSSIAM began in Guatemala as a non-profit organization dedicated to nutrition research and education and has as its mission the improvement of human health and well-being in underprivileged societies through better nutrition. It works in partnership with the Hildegard-Grunow-Foundation for Nutrition Research (HGF) and the Nevin Scrimshaw International Nutrition Foundation (INF). The current Executive and Scientific Director is Dr Noel Solomons, who was awarded the National Science and Technology Medal for 2010 in recognition of his scientific research in the area of nutrition, and its significant contribution to health in Guatemala. His research has also had a significant impact on child nutrition policies at both national and international levels. *Sight and Life* has had a long relationship with CeSSIAM and presented Dr Solomons with a certificate to mark its 25th Anniversary at a celebration at the World Public Health Nutrition Congress in Porto in October 2010.

To find out more about CeSSIAM, visit [www.hgrunowfoundation.org/cessiam](http://www.hgrunowfoundation.org/cessiam)



Klaus Kraemer presents Noel Solomons with a certificate that commemorates his long-standing commitment to fighting micronutrient deficiencies

## 17 Guatemala's Medal of Science and Technology is awarded to CeSSIAM's Dr Noel Solomons



Noel Solomons is awarded the Medal of Science and Technology by the National Council of Science and Technology of Guatemala

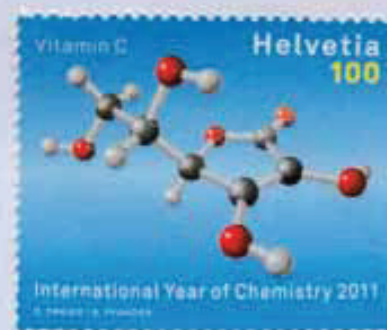
At their fourth regular meeting in 2010, the National Council of Science and Technology of Guatemala (CONCYT) reviewed the proposals for the 2010 competition for the award of the Medal of Science and Technology, or “Medalla de la Ciencia y Tecnología.” The medal is the highest annual recognition at a national level for a scientist who has made a transcending social impact.

The Guatemalan Academy of Medical, Physical and Natural Sciences submitted a proposal for the award to go to Dr Noel W Solomons of the Center for Studies of Sensory Impairment, Aging and Metabolism (CeSSIAM). As a result, CONCYT decided to name Dr Solomons as the winner of this award, on the basis of his contribution to nutrition research in Guatemala.

The medal was presented at a ceremony held in conjunction with the Congress by Dr Rafael Espada, Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala.

## 18 International Year of Chemistry: Vitamin C Molecule on Swiss Stamp

2011 having been declared by the United Nations to be “International Year of Chemistry”, the Swiss Post has released a special issue stamp that features a vitamin C molecule. Synthetic vitamin C was first developed by Tadeus Reichstein in 1933 at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich.



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