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www.efcclm.eu





World organization 1955



European branch 1991



EU section 1993



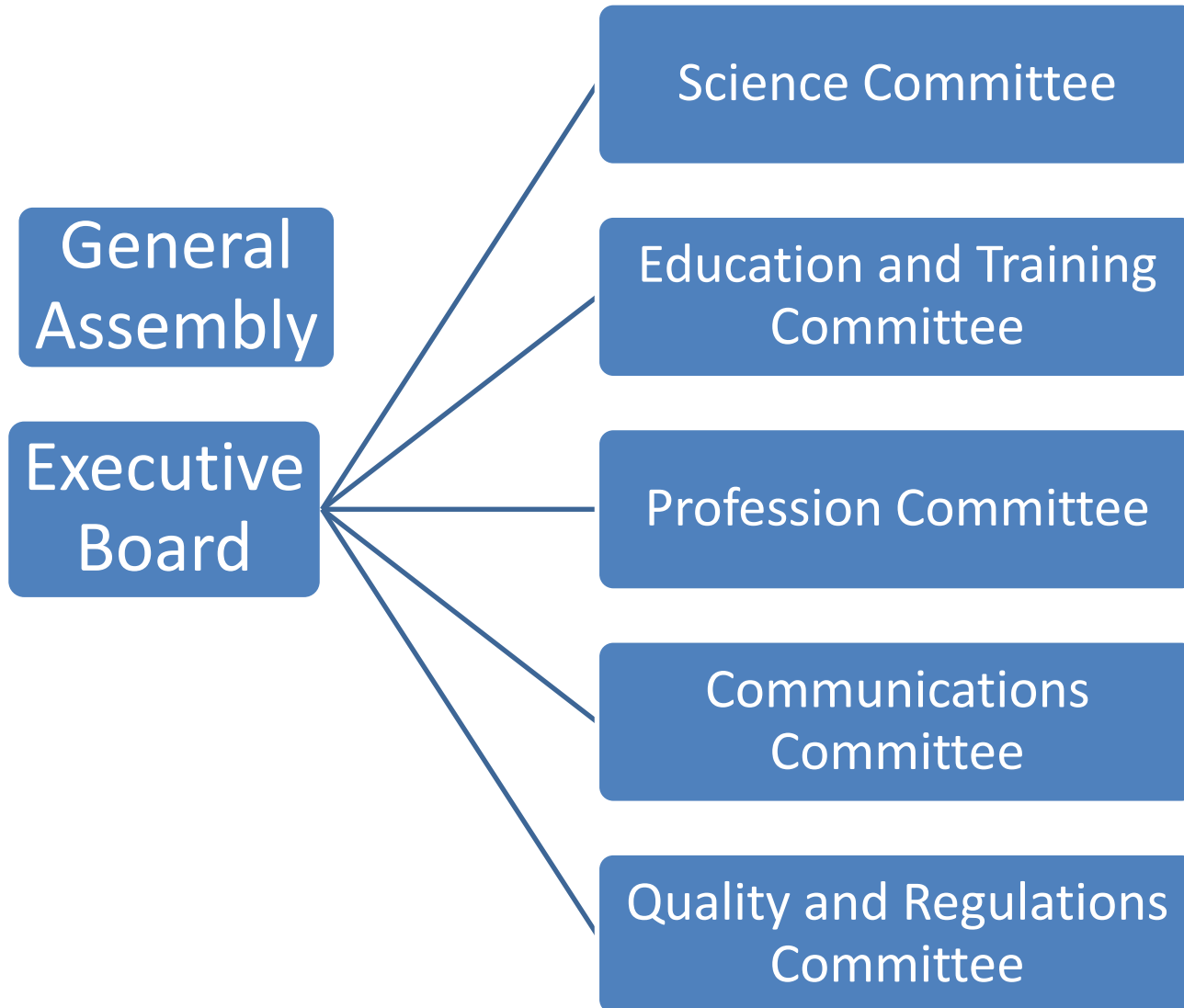
EFCC 2007 (EML Amsterdam)



39 member countries

- Albania
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macedonia
- *Montenegro*
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

EFLM Structure



Executive Board



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Professional Name

Clinical chemist; clinical biochemist, medical biochemist, biologist medical, etc.

How do others view us?

Confusing!

Need consistency in description and comprehension



Professional Name

Consulted National Societies:

Large majority for “Specialist in Laboratory
Medicine”

Change abbreviation from EFCC to **EFLM**



National Society Relationships

- Visiting Lecture Programme by EB
- Support for registration of the profession
- Support when profession being undermined
- Develop collaboration with National Societies
- Professional Practice Surveys through National Societies

Legal Entity

- Manage risk to officers and member societies
- Limit Liability
- Tax efficiency
- National Society endorsement given
- Currently in process of enactment

Science Committee

- Responsible for scientific matters within EFLM and projects which further the scientific development of EFLM.
- Activities of the Committee should particularly focus on ***promotion of research*** that translates the scientific results of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine to ***clinical applications*** and ***improves patient outcomes*** through the appropriate use and interpretation of laboratory data in clinical practice.



Science Committee

- WG Biological Variation
- WG Cardiac Markers
- WG Guidelines
- WG Post-analytical external quality assessment
- WG Preanalytical Phase
- WG Test Evaluation

Education and Training Committee

- **organises scientific meetings** (*conferences, educational programs, workshops, courses*)
- organises exchange programs, **travel grants**
- transfers the knowledge via traditional educational programs, videoconferences and **webinars**
- assists collaboration among different professionals in healthcare
- publishes **educational materials**

Education

- Different standards for non-medical Specialists in Laboratory Medicine (SLM)
- Standards may be the same or considerably less in comparison with medical SLM

Education

- Work initiated with Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS)
 - EACCME [European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education]
 - CPD through UEMS
 - Comparison of UEMS Blue Syllabus and EC4 Syllabus

Profession Committee

- Aims:
 - to achieve **legal recognition** of the Register at European Commission/Parliament level via co-regulation, regulation, an act or a law
 - to **raise the profession's profile** through lobbying of the European Parliament
- WG EC4Register Commission is independently funded
- EC4RC is member of CEPLIS
 - WG on Healthcare
 - WG on education
- CEPLIS assists in **liaising** with the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee



Professional registration

- Non-medical Specialists in Laboratory Medicine
- Masters level and 9 years post graduation experience
- Many years of work within EU to get recognition of equivalence to enable 'Freedom of movement'
 - Support from the MEP Rapporteur



Professional registration

- Voluntary register
- Netherlands & UK automatic enrolment
- Maximise registrants to benchmark standards

Communications Committee

- Updating and maintaining EFLM **contacts**
- Generation of EFLM's **corporate image**
- Supporting EFLM's **publication activity**
- Editing and maintaining EFLM's **website**
- Publishing EFLM's **newsletter**



The screenshot shows the EFLM website homepage. At the top left is the EFLM logo. The main header reads "European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine". A navigation menu on the left includes links for "About EFLM", "News", "Events & Meetings", "Publications & Resources", "Governance", "Contact Us", "COMMUNICATIONS", "Innovation", "Quality Management", "Education & Training", "Profession", and "Public & Professional Relations". A search bar and RSS icon are also present. The main content area features a map of Europe, a "News" section with a "2014 Register" announcement, and a "Publications & Resources" section with a "21st IFCC-IFCCBMS CONGRESS" announcement. At the bottom, there are logos for IFCC, Lab Tests Online, LABS VITAL, and others.



Quality and Regulations Committee

- Supports the establishment of effective **accreditation schemes** and **quality management systems** in all European countries
- **Liaises** with ISO, CEN and the European Accreditation body (EA).
 - WG Accreditation and ISO/CEN, represents EFLM in EA, ISO TC212 and CEN TC140. The WG focuses on influencing ISO/CEN standards and harmonisation of accreditation by international surveys, education and training of assessors related to specific professional standards of ISO 15189.
 - WG IVD Directive, provides guidance for the application of the Directive in laboratory practice and during accreditation of laboratories.



European Regulatory Engagement

- IVD Directive ---IVD Regulation
- European Accreditation feeds into ILAC
- Variation in medical device regulation

Forthcoming Meetings

March, April 2013

2nd EFLM-BD Conference on Preanalytical Phase, Zagreb, Croatia

www.preanalytical-phase.org

19 – 23 May 2013

EuroMedLab 2013, 20th IFCC-EFLM European Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory
Medicine

www.milan2013.org

For the Future

3rd UEMS – EFLM Congress: Liverpool October 7 – 10th 2014

Euromedlab : Paris 2015

Future Bids will be needed for:

4th UEMS – EFLM Congress 2016

Euromedlab 2017



Recent Meetings

2012: Participation by EFLM in:

Balkan Meeting

Baltic Meeting

Bulgarian Meeting

Nordic Conference

Russian Federation Meeting

Slovakian Meeting

AACC POCT meeting in Prague

2012: Meetings organised

Medical Education in Europe: Prague [with UEMS]

2nd EFLM/UEMS Congress: Laboratory Medicine at the Clinical Interface: Dubrovnik





*Preeanalytical quality improvement -
in quality we trust*

2nd EFLM-BD

European Conference on Preeanalytical Phase

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Welcome

Dear colleagues and friends, we invite you to the 2nd EFLM-BD European Conference on Preeanalytical Phase. The focus of the conference is the management of the quality of the preeanalytical laboratory practices. We have designed for you the attractive scientific program with interactive discussions and e-voting sessions to enable the exchange of ideas and knowledge related to some most common issues and everyday problems.

[Read more](#)



www.preeanalytical-phase.org



Looking forward to meeting you at

EuroMedLab Milano 2013

20th IFCC-EFLM European Congress of Clinical Chemistry
and Laboratory Medicine

45th Congress of the Italian Society of Clinical Biochemistry and
Clinical Molecular Biology (SIBioC)

May 19-23, 2013

MiCo - Milano Convention Center



www.milan2013.org