

Approved Minutes

Members:

Members:	Position	Term	Time in Office
<i>Khosrow Adeli – KA (CA)</i>	Chair	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12
<i>Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)</i>	Vice-Chair / PR Coordinator	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12
<i>Peter Vervaart – PV (AU)</i>	Secretary/ Publications- Distance Learning Coordinator	1 st	2014 01 – 2016 12
<i>Gabor Kovacs - GK (HU)</i>	Editor, eJIFCC	1 st	2012 01 – 2014 12
<i>Tahir Pillay – TP (ZA)</i>	Editor, IFCC News	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12
<i>Bruce Jordan – BJ (CH)</i>	Corporate Representative	1 st	2014 01 – 2016 12

10.25.1 Roll Call and Welcome

Present: KA, PV, GK, TP, BJ

KA welcomed everyone and thanked BJ for his and Roche hospitality.

10.25.1.1 Guests

Guests: Silvia Colli-Lanzi (SCL) (IFCC Office), Anthony Newman (AN) (Elsevier), Ellis Jacobs *(EJ) (Labs are Vital)

EJ and AN were welcomed to the meeting. KA asked if EJ interested in attending in future as past Chair.

10.25.2 Finalization of Agenda

None to add.

10.25.3 Approval of Minutes, Committee Meeting, Bali, October 2013

No changes. Approved.

10.25.3.1 Review Action Items – completed/pending

Action: JG/PV to move ethics document to Resources section.

Completed.

Action: ED to review Creative Commons licenses and provide recommendations to EC and contact National Representatives.

Completed.

Action: GK to investigate COPE and join on behalf of IFCC.

Submitted and will reply in April/May.

Action: KA to discuss Conference submissions with Tomris as process seems to have changed.

Process has not changed. Conference committee sends to conference organisers who decide which are accepted.

Action: TP and GK agreed to put together a Protection for Editors document for Pesc meeting.

Have undertaken review of literature but have not put anything together yet. Would like to discuss at the Istanbul meeting. AN stated COPE have some information. GK stated doesn't have anything about relationship between editor and publisher.

Action: AN will investigate what policies exist at Elsevier.

Action: A brochure template to be edited and placed on website and KA to let ED know it has been approved.

Completed. IFCC slide kit is missing on the website.

Action: BJ to contact ED re German translations.

Completed, translation to be completed. BJ can do three languages (German plus two others). Suggested Portuguese and Chinese.

Action: ED to contact and encourage each committee member to be the contact for their region/country and work actively to plan PR activities at a local level.

Wrote to committee members but hasn't received much feedback. KA suggested give committee members 'assignments' or tasks and report back at the next C-PR meeting. EJ suggested blog articles for LAV. PV suggested starting conversations on the LinkedIn group.

Action: PV to obtain formal quote for Phase II of website.

Completed.

Action: PV to ask Insoft to invoice half this year and 2nd half of stage 1 on completion and ask C-DL to also review and approve.

Completed.

Action: KA to discuss with Mauricio Ferrari to share costs.

KA had discussion with MF and GB and should not be an issue. PV explained may now be obsolete after discussions with Michelle Rossier re HSeT site.

Action: AN to make the eJIFCC indexing a priority.

GK has submitted to PubMed Central after Bali (9th December) but hasn't had a response yet. GK to check status of application.

Action: GK to write a short paragraph to complete the eJIFCC presentation on website to inform the reader about the journal itself.

Completed.

Action: Copyright statement to appear on all the issues (and single articles) from the past. GK to provide the statement.

Completed.

Action: GK to continue negotiations with Insoft re PMC requirements.

Completed.

Action: AN will check re previous indexing of JIFCC on Scopus.

Will wait for indexing with PMC.

Action: PV/SCL to contact Insoft re number of downloads per month for each epublication.

Completed, Google Analytics does not count PDF downloads. Suggest count times web page is accessed.

Action: TP to continue discussions with Insoft re epublication software.

Completed.

Action: KA to contact MB re new Chair of WG-IANT.

Resolved, new Chair elected.

Action: JG to update RIA logo on webpage (remove New).

To be completed. SCL to complete.

Action: PV/JG to develop a page linking to relevant publications on the website.

Linked to eAcademy project.

Action: CPD EC to complete and return Roche Advisory Board agreements.

Completed.

Action: KA to resubmit Quito proposal to EML, Paris organisers.

Completed and accepted.

Action: PV to contact AACB ASM organising committee re CPD EC meeting.

Completed.

Action: KA to send email to GB to set up IFCC History WG and call for members.

Not completed. KA not 100% sure what EB wants? KA did communicate with GB and he said he will discuss the WG-History with Peter Wilding. He suspects that he does not favour a formal WG but he is interested in a network of individuals who have an interest in the history of our profession.

Action: SCL to come up with some PowerPoint Template options and to have an option of dark background with white text.

Completed.

10.26. Activity and Annual Reports

10.26.1. Report of the Chair (KA)

KA reported that 2013 was a fairly active year. C-IeL started activity in 2013. Both Committees meeting in Istanbul this year. New web editor appointed (JG). Very efficient and working closely with PV and SCL. New LAV program also started. EJ appointed as IFCC representative and ED has been appointed as Clinical Editor. Signed an agreement with Insoft to act as publisher of ePublications. Paid 2014 cost from 2013 budget. Will publish eJIFCC 4 times per year and eNews bi-monthly. KA bargained on number of pages (200). EJ asked about role of Elsevier. AN felt best for IFCC to go with Insoft. 1st newsletter published and looks very professional. KA has some suggestions for page colours but otherwise looks good. Have been approached re advertising on website/publications. Code of Practice states advertising is OK as long as it is clear it is an advert (Item 9). Doesn't stipulate advertiser has to be a corporate member. BJ felt could be an issue. He will discuss with corporate members. AN suggested a rate for corporate members and a higher rate for non-members. Proposal to be presented to EB. MB has retired as Chair of WG-IANT, has identified a new Chair Dr Maria Carrera (Ecuador) and she has passed on CV and looks very appropriate. Supported by MB and Rosa but also need approval from COLABIOCLI. 1st meeting will be Istanbul. CPD EC also presenting at Istanbul. Have e-mailed abstracts around to minimize overlap. GK also suggested a themed eJIFCC issue on the symposium. Agreed. 5 page articles from each presentation. Symposium also accepted for Paris EML meeting. 1st presenter will be Mike Hallworth. 2nd presentation by EJ on LAV. ED 3rd speaker and BJ 4th speaker. KA will be chair. There will be an informal meeting at AACCC in Chicago: Wednesday July 30th 8 AM to 9:30 AM at Hyatt Regency: Stetson A. EJ asked if Editors meeting as well?

10.26.2. Report of the Vice Chair and Chair Public Relations Committee

ED provided a written report in his absence.

10.2.1. Committee-Public Relations (C-PR) (ED)

10.2.1.1 Membership

Committee Members

Dr. Edgard Delvin (ED) (CA) – Chair	1 st Term Jan 1 st 2013- Dec 31 st 2015
Dr. Ramon Deulofeu (RD) (Spain) –	2 nd Term Jan 1 st 2014-Dec 31 st 2016
Dr. Anelise Zemlin (ZA)	1 st Term Jan 1 st 2013- Dec 31 st 2015
Dr. Katherina PSARRA (KP) (Greece)	1 st Term Jan 1 st 2014-Dec 31 st 2016
Dr. Monica Spalvieri (MS) (Argentina)	1 st Term Jan 1 st 2014-Dec 31 st 2016

Corresponding members

Dr. Emmanuel Agbedana (EA) (Nigeria)
 Dr. Camelia GRIGORE (CG) (Romania)
 Dr. Magdalena Krintus (MK) (Poland)
 Dr. Curtis Oleschuk (CO) (Canada)

Advisors

Dr. Fouad Harb (FH) – representing the Arab Federation
 Dr. Endang Hoyaranda (EH) – representing APFCB
 Dr. Ana Leticia de Maselli (LM) – representing COLABIOCLI
 Dr. Graig Webster (CW) –EFLM Chair of the Communications Committee

The next Meeting is scheduled in June in Istanbul

10.2.1.2 Activity Report

10.9. Public Relations

10.9.1. PR Brochures

After final consult with the members of the C-PR, a letter has been sent to all Member National Societies and Regional Federations offering them the possibility of using the IFCC PR documents by adding their own logos. The essential message was: “the CPD-EC is offering the National Societies and the Regional Federations to add their logos to that of the IFCC on each document they wish to use. Acknowledging that there are national and regional specificities, there is also the possibility to adapt these documents to the local environment. To preserve constancy in the content, please note that the original English version remains the official IFCC document.”

This offer was greatly appreciated as witnessed by the numerous feedback emails received both by the HO and ED.

After many attempts to convince the German & Portuguese Representatives to provide an updated version of the respective brochures, Silvia & ED have contacted Ulisses Tuma for the Portuguese version. So far we have not received the update. The same is reported for the German.

10.9.3. PR Posters

No report

10.9.4. Publicity

Upon Ramon Deulofeu’s suggestion, we have to envisage the increase of the worldwide visibility of IFCC Committees, WG and task forces, at different levels (National Associations, Regional Federations, Professional Associations, Decision makers). ED had proposed that C-PR Committee Members be assigned to liaise with National Societies or Associations that are within their broad geographical region and/or linguistic realm to make known the activities and services of IFCC. ED still has to contact the Committee Members to come up with a strategy.

ED has met with Damien Gruson in Houston and discussed the possibility of having the IFCC Young Scientist TF help to promote IFCC to younger members of the medical laboratory science profession. He has agreed to see that documentation be sent to C-PR for inclusion into promotional brochures and slide kits. There has been little movement since the last report.

10.9.5. Miscellaneous PR Projects

10.9.5.1 PR Slide Kit

This slide kit is missing from the website, it also needs updating. Need to ensure only one person is updating.

Action: ED/SCL to review and update slide kit and then pass on to JG to load to website.

10.9.5.2 Lab Medicine Slide Kit

This slide kit is available on the website (resources).

10.2.1.2.1 Labs are Vital Consortium

ED has been nominated Clinical Editor for the Consortium, thus being the IFCC CPD representative. ED has met with Richard Kent, Director of the Labs are Vital Consortium and President of Kapler Communications Ltd, in December in Paris. We have determined the actions to be taken in order to feed the blogs. We have drafted a time grid with 6 topics (<http://www.labsarevital.com>). So far 10 blogs have been submitted to Kapler Communications for publication on the web. Each article is to be reviewed by the Richard Kent’s team, before going online. They are:

- Based on the publication: Schneiderhan W, Grundt A, Wörner A, Findeisen P, Neumaier M. Work Flow Analysis of Around-the-clock Processing of Blood Culture Samples and

Integrated MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry Analysis for the Diagnosis of Bloodstream Infections. Clinical Chemistry 2013;59:1649–56. Proposed by Edgard Delvin

- Clinical Laboratory Radio: ‘El Microscopio’. Proposed by Graham Beastall
- When diagnostic testing leads to harm. Proposed by Graham Beastall
- EU Directive 2005/36/EC: A new horizon to working across the European community. Proposed by Gilbert Wieringa & Nudar Jassam
- One blog has been submitted by Rita Horvath based on her publication “From biomarkers to medical tests: The changing landscape of test evaluation” CCA 2013
- Under heading of Community Experience or Evidence of clinical value, Trefor Higgins has submitted a text “Biliary Atresia-up close and personal”
- Abigail Edwards, Account Executive at Kapler Communications, has provided the following blog schedule until August 2014:

Week beginning	Job number	Title	Blog topic
14-03-17	LVC/JOB/054	Introducing the Clinical Editor	Community Experience
14-03-24	LVC/JOB/042	Biliary Atresia - up close and personal	Evidence of Clinical Value (HEOR/individual patients)
14-03-31	LVC/JOB/046	Pilot study for the workflow of analyzing blood culture	Drive for Innovation and Smarter Diagnostics
14-04-07	LVC/JOB/051	When diagnostic testing leads to harm	Ensuring patient safety
14-04-14	LVC/JOB/049	Clinical Laboratory Radio: ‘El Microscopio’	Community Experience
14-04-21	LVC/JOB/050	EU Directive 2005/36/EC: A new horizon to working across the European community	Work Culture and Career Choices/Development
14-08-04	LVC/JOB/053	IFBLS World Congress	Community Experience

KD suggests that a blog on the WorldLab Congress be also planned.

For the time being, KD perception is that the Labs are Vital Proposal website is rather private. This should be changed in order to have those in and out of the field informed of the blogs published. This will generate dialogs. National Societies individual members should be encouraged to login to the LRV website and participate to the discussions on the posted blogs.

Action: EJ and ED to contact LAV consortium with concerns of lack of activity and failure to publish blogs.

10.2.1.2.2 Current and Future C-PR plans

Taskforce on the Impact of Laboratory Medicine on Clinical Management and Outcomes (TF-ICO).

ED has recently contacted Mike Hallworth to inquire on the progress of the article on the impact of clinical laboratory on patient care and on cost/benefits stemming from the research that the group had performed. ED has proposed that data be used in a short form for PR-Brochures and in existing or new PP presentations, and that these be translated into many languages much like the existing brochures. ED also proposed that this article, in line with the mission of the LAV consortium, be commented as a blog. His response was positive and ED will receive the article when it will be submitted for publication.

El Microscopio

ED has participated to El Microscopio with an interview on vitamin D last November. This initiative is in search of additional funding and tools for promotional purposes.

10.26.3. Report of the Secretary and Chair Internet and e- Learning Committee

10.2.2. Committee-Internet and e-Learning (C-leL)

10.2.2.1 Membership

Name	Family name	Position	Term	Time in Office	Country
Peter	Vervaart	Chair	1 st	2011 1-2013 12	Australia
Eduardo	Freggiaro	Social Media Coordinator	1 st	2012 1-2014 12	Argentina
Petr	Kocna	Member	1 st	2012 1-2014 12	Czech Republic
Janine	Grant	Web Editor	1 st	2014 1-2016 12	Australia
Hideo	Sakamoto	Member	1 st	2012 1-2014 12	Japan
Monserrat	Blanes Gonzales	Corresponding Member			Paraguay
Christine	Collier	Corresponding Member			Canada
Rhena	Delport	Corresponding Member			South Africa
Endang	Hoyaranda	Corresponding Member			Indonesia
Gustav	Kováč	Corresponding Member			Slovak Republic
Ana	Merino	Corresponding Member			Spain
Barna	Vásárhelyi	Corresponding Member			Hungary
Loralie	Langman	Corresponding Member			USA
Sanjeevi	Rao	Corresponding Member			India

10.2.2.2 Activity Report

The C-leL continues to work closely with the Committee for Distance Learning and Insoft in developing electronic/distance learning materials and access for IFCC members utilising the 'e-Academy' approach approved at the last meeting. PV met with Michelle Rossier from HSeT and she has offered IFCC access to their material for a fee.

Electronic voting utilising the Election Buddy platform occurred in November and January with the election of the President, Treasurer and Secretary and the Executive Board. The process was highly successful with excellent participation rates of 86.5% and 85.1% respectively.

The IFCC LinkedIn group continues to grow (>1600 members) and we have also set up a company page so that interested individuals can 'follow' the IFCC. The Facebook page is growing at a slower pace however we have almost >100 members and >1900 likes. We also have a Twitter account which is part of the Social Media Coordinator's role to tweet about IFCC activities.





10.7. Web Site (PV)

10.7.1 Organizational matters

Janine Grant has taken over the editing activities on the website and is doing a fantastic job. She reports that:

As incoming Web Editor, I commenced activity after the October 2013 CPD meeting in Bali, with my term officially starting in January 2014.

To date my activities have been primarily centred on:

- Familiarisation with the CMS (Umbraco)
- Editing, publishing and archiving news items (prepared by SC-L)
- Minor organisational and navigational rearrangements (e.g. addition of news and resource links from the home page)
- Editing and publishing various page modifications including the Register of Experts resource

I have been working closely with PV, SC-L and the Insoft team and greatly appreciate their support and encouragement as I learn the CMS and complexities of the IFCC organisational structure.

Website statistics and progress on upcoming website development activities including responsive layout, e-commerce and the e-academy project will be reported on by PV at the CPD-EC meeting.

Responsive layout

The responsive layout has already been developed and is ready for the CPD's review. We plan to implement it on the website and have it go live soon after we get the CPD Executive's "go-ahead". As instructed, a separate e-mail was sent to Silvia.

eAcademy

Insoft finalized development of and now have a working concept of Phase I of the eAcademy. Please see demo-link: <http://ifcc.insoft.dk/eAcademy/>

To facilitate ease of conceptualization and evaluation thereof, Insoft produced interactive mockups for the proposed concept. They have drawn on their communications with the CPD, and particularly PV, to decide what to include in this conceptual interactive mock-up.

Insoft have also worked on a set of iconography for the eAcademy, to create familiarity and ease of use. Not all aspects are finished as of yet, but we will have an opportunity to comment on/suggest them.

Insoft have only worked with four types of content (Abstracts, ePosters, Learning Quizzes and Video Podcasts), in order to illustrate the concept. They are aware that there will be many more categories and types of content to be classified, organized and uploaded to the mock platform we now propose to put in place.

As specified in an earlier rough estimate, Insoft expect that, once approved by the CPD Executive, the development of this mock concept into a fully functioning platform—mostly in its current form—should require approximately 120-130 development hours, in addition to the hours already spent on preparing the mock-ups.

This time estimate assumes that while further content categories will be added, the overall functionality of the platform shall remain mostly as proposed. While other features and modules can be added—within the functionality limitations of the Content Management System—that would augment the time required for development, and would push back the timeframe for having the platform go "live".

The exact timing of the development work will need to be scheduled based on the specific availability of the Insoft development team. A definite timeframe shall be provided once the CPD agrees on all the outward details for and the desired functionality of the proposed platform.

As we agreed during our last conference call, eAcademy as a project shall be split into phases:

Phase 1: the foundation - a working, living eAcademy platform, as per mockups, with no user-specific features (i.e. anyone can access the eAcademy platform and the contents thereof)

Phase 2: User specific features: user registration and login. This will allow IFCC to control access to all/some contents and to the more advanced features. This is something Insoft will discuss in good time, to clarify our requirement, once Phase 1 development is on its way.

Phase 3: Other special features (e.g. quizzes, certifications, etc. to be discussed later).

The next step is our review and feedback. Insoft will then finalize a schedule and a final price estimate/offer for Phase 1, as per the considerations above. The final price offer depends on the extent of requested changes upon our review and feedback. As long as they involve primarily minor adjustments, the price for this Phase should be close to the early estimate.

In its current iteration, the eAcademy concept does not contain the PDF/Document Library, a project that was first discussed back in 2011 and postponed at that time. Depending on IFCC's wishes and intentions, Insoft propose to start gathering all the info on this (sub) project, which could form part of Phase 3, or could be work on independently, to be integrated (or not) in the eAcademy platform.

Action: PV to contact Insoft to update on discussions with HSeT.

Action: KA suggested some changes to the order of the Key Partners on the website (to SCL). Use images rather than text as links where possible.

10.7.1.1 Website Statistical Report

There were over 132,000 visits to the IFCC website during 2013, with 72% being return visitors.

10.7.1.3 Policy and Procedure for IFCC functional unit web pages

This is still to be developed however while control of pages remains with the C-leL, IFCC Office and Insoft there is no immediate need for this.

10.7.1.4 eJournal/eNews archiving

This is now largely complete.

10.7.1.5 Status of Phase II launch of website

Discussed above.

10.7.2. Bookstore

This will be part of the eCommerce offering discussed above. We have had a request to advertise Anders Kalner's Statistics book which will be discussed under the Advertising agenda item. AN suggested a book review and publication within the eJIFCC.

Action: GK to seek a review of Ander's book.

10.7.3 e-Banners

Company banners are added as we receive them.

10.7.4. Databases

The 'Register of Experts' database has now been activated and is available to a trial group of national societies before being expanded to all IFCC members. The NPU database continues to be uploaded on a monthly basis.

10.7.5 Distance Learning Programs and eAcademy

The distance learning pages of the website continue to develop and we are now able to offer access to a significant amount of content which has been reviewed by the C-DL. Jointly the C-leL and C-DL will continue to work on the development of the eAcademy.

10.3. Working Groups

10.3.1 Electronic Journal of the IFCC (WG-EJIFCC)

10.3.1.1 Membership

No change with exception that Prof. Khosrow Adeli (Canada) was invited to join the editorial board of eJIFCC.

10.3.1.2 Activity Report

10.3.1.2.1 Volumes of eJIFCC in 2013

Volume 1/2013 was a themed issue on EDUCATION & TRAINING IN LABORATORY MEDICINE IN THE UNITED STATES. Guest Editor: Stacy E. Walz.

<u>EDUCATION & TRAINING IN LABORATORY MEDICINE IN THE UNITED STATES</u>	Stacy E. Walz
<u>EDITORIAL</u>	Gábor L. Kovács Perry M. Scanlan
<u>A REVIEW OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST EDUCATION AND ENTRY LEVEL PRACTICE IN THE UNITED STATES</u>	
<u>POST-BACCALAUREATE LABORATORY SPECIALIST CERTIFICATIONS AND MASTER'S DEGREES IN LABORATORY MEDICINE</u>	Phyllis A. Kirchner, Susan T. Johnson
<u>POSTDOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS IN LABORATORY MEDICINE</u>	Joely A. Straseski
<u>AN OVERVIEW OF UNITED STATES PHYSICIAN TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, AND CAREER PATHWAYS IN CLINICAL PATHOLOGY (LABORATORY MEDICINE)</u>	Jonathan R. Genzen
<u>THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE IN THE U.S.</u>	Teresa S. Nadder

Volume 2/2013 contains individual research articles some of them are reports from IFCC Scientific Exchange Program (SCEP) activities.

<u>IFCC PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (PSEP) ACTIVITY REPORT</u>	Cristian Layton Tovar
<u>POTENTIAL SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION PROBLEMS DERIVED FROM "FALSE FRIENDS" OR CULTURAL DIFFERENCES</u>	Xavier Fuentes-Arderiu
<u>CELL CULTURE MODELS AND PHARMACOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE FOR THE STUDY OF BREAST CANCER MARKERS</u>	Cristian Layton Tovar, Hugo Mendieta Zerón
<u>ESTABLISHMENT OF BIOLOGICAL REFERENCE INTERVALS AND REFERENCE CURVE FOR UREA BY EXPLORATORY PARAMETRIC AND NON-PARAMETRIC QUANTILE REGRESSION MODELS</u>	Rajarshi Sarkar
<u>CYSTATIN C IN ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME</u>	Moushumi Lodh, Ashok Parida, Joy Sanyal, Arunangshu Ganguly

Volumes 3-4/2013 contains

1. A themed issue on THE ROLE OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES IN PERSONALIZED HEALTHCARE. Guest Editor: Bruce Jordan PhD (Roche Ltd).

<u>FOREWORD OF THE EDITOR</u>	Gábor L. Kovács
<u>EDITORIAL: THE ROLE OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES IN PERSONALIZED HEALTHCARE</u>	Bruce Jordan, Guest Editor
<u>NT-proBNP: A GUIDE TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE</u>	Roberto Latini, Serge Masson
<u>PHARMACOGENOMICS AND THERANOSTICS IN</u>	Gérard Siest, Edith

PRACTICE

PLATELET FUNCTION TESTING-GUIDED ANTIPLATELET THERAPY

CEREBROSPINAL FLUID BIOMARKERS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: EMERGENCE OF THE SOLUTION TO AN IMPORTANT UNMET NEED

CLINICAL APPLICATION OF PHARMACOGENETICS: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

THE ADVANCE OF PERSONALIZED AND STRATIFIED THERAPIES IN BRONCHIAL ASTHMA: PHENOTYPES - ENDOTYPES - BIOMARKERS

Schallmeiner

Ekaterina Lenk,
Michael Spannagl

Charlotte Teunissen,
EAJ Willemse

Ron HN van Schaik

Harald Renz

2. Three research articles not related to the themed issue.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: BETWEEN-SUBJECT VARIATION OF THE WITHIN-SUBJECT BIOLOGICAL VARIATION

Xavier Fuentes-
Arderiu

IRON INDICES IN PATIENTS WITH FUNCTIONAL ANEMIA IN CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE

G. Chinnapu Reddy,
Ramakrishna Devaki,
Pragna Rao

THE CLINICAL CHEMISTRY TRAINEE COUNCIL (CCTC)

Future issues: An issue focusing on the CPD EC symposia to be presented at Istanbul.

GK would like at least one other issue in hand. KA agreed we should put together issues at each of our meetings.

Potential issues include Septic Shock, Vascular Damage, Cardiac Markers, Paediatrics (workshop in Belgrade ED to guest edit, KA to write an article), Emergency Medicine, Health Economics and Value of Pathology (BJ and Mike Hallworth to write articles).

GK suggested inviting guest editors to the editorial board. Agreed by KA.

AN asked how many receive table of contents. SCL replied 3000. AN suggested also sending out a future TOC alert. KA suggested we should have a standing advert in the eNews for the eJIFCC. TP suggested a case study in each issue as well.

Action: GK and TP to work together in developing an advert.

Action: GK to e-mail documents to ED

KA suggested changing colour of eJIFCC on the webpage away from yellow to a new IFCC colour.

10.3.1.2.2 Joining Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)

The editor of eJIFCC submitted the application to COPE. In April/May 2014 we expect a decision by the COPE administrators.

10.3.1.2.3 Indexing eJIFCC in PubMed Central

Based on the decision of the CPD, the editor of eJIFCC submitted the application to add eJIFCC to PubMed Central. A decision by PubMed Central is expected in 2014. GK has sent a reminder. AN stated that when PMC listing granted then GK should contact Thompson Reuters re further listing and AN re Scopus listing.

10.3.1.2.4 Regulating the copyright of the manuscripts published in eJIFCC

The sentence “Copyright © 2013 International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC). All rights reserved.” has been added to all previous volumes.

10.3.1.2.5 Publication policy of eJIFCC: a platinum open-access journal

In order to clarify and publicize the publication policy, the following paragraph has been added to the volume headings. “The electronic journal of the IFCC (eJIFCC) is a platinum open-access journal - i.e. there is no charge to read, or to submit to this journal. Our numerous high quality articles, debates, reviews and editorials are addressed to clinical laboratorians. The journal also publishes general news articles, IFCC publicity/news, educational material and has a letters section. Manuscripts are fully peer reviewed and immediately free to access and download from www.ifcc.org.”

10.3.2. IFCC eNews (WG-IFCC eNews)

10.3.2.1 Membership

The current members of the eNewsletter working group are:

Xavier Fuentes-Arderiu (Spain)	National Societies Liaisons
Damien Gruson (Belgium)	Ann Gronowski (USA)
Joseph B. Lopez (Malaysia)	Dai Duy Ban (Vietnam)
Mabel Charles-Davies (Nigeria)	Snezana Jovicic (Serbia)
Spiroula Christou (Cyprus)	Anna-Maria Simundic (Serbia)
Abderrazek Hedhili (Tunisia)	Andrew Wooton (UK)
Rosa Sierra Amor (Mexico)	Montserrat Blanes Gonzales (Paraguay)
Grazyna Sypniewska (Poland)	Nada Majkic-Singh (Serbia)
Brguljan Meska Pika (Slovenia)	Sandra Klingberg (Australasia)
Sylvana Fahel da Fonseca (Brazil)	Curtis Oleschuk (Canada)
Layachi Chabraoui (Morocco)	
Yadav Binod (Nepal)	
Tu Ha Hoang (Vietnam)	
Rajiv Erasmus (South Africa)	
Thanh Van Ta (Vietnam)	
Ana Piana (Uruguay)	

The next working group meeting will take place in June 2014

10.3.2.2 Activity report

This is the third CPD meeting, of TP’s term; TP has now completed a year of his first term as editor of the IFCC eNews. In 2013, there were 6 issues of the newsletter. The newsletter is still being published bi-monthly and we receive enough news items for the number of issues. In 2014, we commenced with the new contract using the services of Insoft Digital to publish the newsletter in digital “flipbook” format. This interaction with Insoft has been very smooth thus far and has taken a large workload off the editor and IFCC staff and allows us to focus on the editorial changes rather than the design and appearance. Previously, in collaboration with Silvia Colli-Lanzi, the news was compiled first as a word document and then converted into PDF before TP approval. We have still continued to offer the traditional HTML and PDF versions of the newsletter so that readers with low bandwidth can still access the newsletter. We have encouraged news from diverse countries and also letters to the editor. We would still like to encourage letters to the editor, viewpoints, position statements and so forth but this has not been forthcoming. One option may be for us to actively solicit articles from experts in various countries. Requests are sent out regularly to societies to adhere to the publication deadlines ensuring a steady stream of articles. The reminders go to all

eNewsletter WG members, National Societies liaisons and National Representatives (through the IFCC Office). In the first 2014 newsletter, an excellent variety of news items was featured. A regular and popular feature of the newsletter has continued to be the IFCC Young Scientists task force and the PESP reports from awardees. This helps to highlight the contribution of the IFCC to international clinical chemistry across the world.

We have continued to liaise with Arda Turac at LabMedica International (LMI) and all the newsletter information is sent to LMI and selected articles are printed from the original newsletter. Several editions of LabMedica International have appeared and the layout has always been excellent.

There have also been several editorials by the President of the IFCC, Graham Beastall and he has been a regular contributor as a headline piece in the eNews. The first 2014 issue featured a piece on "Shaping the future of Laboratory Medicine".

Action: KA suggested some changes to the colouring and stylizing of the front page.

Action: SCL to set up e-mail submission addresses for eJIFCC and eNews.

There followed general discussion re advertising in IFCC publications. KA stated that he had discussed with GB and he asked for CPD EC to provide a recommendation to the EB. Code of Practice suggests advertising is OK as outlined above. KA would like to propose that advertising be allowed in all three publications (website, eJIFCC and eNews). CPD needs to publish criteria for advertising. BJ stated probably best not to advertise in eJIFCC. KA suggested could be limited to certain pages (end). Adverts probably not possible with the eJIFCC structure. KA suggested a printable compilation of articles including adverts. AN stated will need a disclaimer for adverts. Also need a statement about proportion of publication to be adverts.

Action: TP to develop document (with help of SCL and AN).

Next issue would be pricing of adverts. Approx. \$1500 for full page, should also have a rate for corporate members.. KA approved initial advert at a cost of 500 Euros.

Action: AN to send Elsevier pricing to TP

Action: BJ to e-mail Thomas Brinckman for advice

Action: SCL to contact Beckman re their advert.

10.3.4. Ibero-American Nomenclature and Translation (WG-IANT)

10.3.4.1 Membership

KA reported MB term as Chair has ended. Proposal is to appoint Maria Carerra as Chair. EC to review and let KA know if any issues.

Action: KA to contact COLABIOCLI.

10.3.4.2 Activity Report

No updates to website since January 2013. Need a report from new Chair on what the future holds for these pages or whether they put all their effort into el Microscopio.

10.6. Publications

10.6.1. Documents of Committees and Working Groups

The database (available on the website) continues to be updated as publications are forthcoming.
Publications for 2013 include:

2013.1		Beastall GH, Watson ID.	Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine: an appreciation	Clin Chem Lab Med 2013; 51(1): 3–4 DOI 10.1515/cclm- 2012-0546
2013.2		Beastall GH.	Adding value to laboratory medicine: a professional responsibility	Clin Chem Lab Med 2013; 51(1): 221–227 DOI 10.1515/cclm-2012-0630
2013.3	Working Group on Standardization of HbA2	Mosca A, Palaria R, Wild B.	Analytical goals for the determination of HbA 2	Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 May;51(5):937-41
2013.4		Van Houcke SK, Thienpont LM.	“Good samples make good assays” – the problem of sourcing clinical samples for a standardization project	Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 May;51(5):967-72
2013.5	Committee on Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (C- TLM)	Kessler A, Siekman L, Weykamp C , Geilenkeuser WJ , Dreazen O, Jonathan Middle J, Schumann G.	External Quality Assessment Scheme for reference laboratories – review of 8 years’ experience	Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 May;51(5):997-1005
2013.6	Working Group on Clinical Quantitative Mass Spectrometry Proteomics (WG-cMSP)	Lehmann S, Hoofnagle A, Hochstrasser D, Brede C, Glueckmann M, Cocho JA, Ceglarek U, Lenz C, Vialaret J, Scherl A, Hirtz C.	Quantitative Clinical Chemistry Proteomics (qCCP) using mass spectrometry: general characteristics and application	Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 May;51(5):919-35
2013.7	IFCC and IUPAC Joint Committee for Nomenclature, Properties and Unit (C-NPU)	Férard G, Dybkaer R.	Recommendations for clinical laboratory science reports regarding properties, units, and symbols: the NPU format	Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 May;51(5):959-66
2013.8	Working Group on Glucose Point-of-Care Testing	Tirimacco R, Koumantakis G, Erasmus R, Mosca A, Sandberg S, Watson ID, Goldsmith B, Gillery P.	Glucose meters – fit for clinical purpose	Clin Chem Lab Med 2013; 51(5): 943–952

2013.9	SD	Gillery P, Young IS.	Progress towards standardization: an IFCC Scientific Division Perspective	Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 May;51(5):915-8
2013.10	IFCC Working Group on Allowable Error for Traceable Results (WG- AETR)	Bais R , Armbruster D , Jansen RTP, Klee G, Panteghini M, Passarelli J, Sikaris KA.	Defining acceptable limits for the metrological traceability of specific measurands	Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 May;51(5):973-9.
2013.11	International HbA1c Consensus Committee	Hanas R, John G	2013 Update on the worldwide standardization of the hemoglobin A1c measurement	Clin Chem Lab Med 2013; 51(5): 1041–1042
2013.12	Committee on Reference Intervals and Decision Limits (C-RIDL)	Ichihara K , Ozarda Y , Klee G, Straseski J ,Baumann N, Ishikura K.	Utility of a panel of sera for the alignment of test results in the worldwide Multicenter study on reference values	Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 May;51(5):1007-25
2013.13	Working Group on Standardization of Cardiac Troponin I.	Barth JH, Panteghini M, Bunk DM, Christenson RH, Katrukha A, Noble JE, Schimmel H, Wang L, Tate JR	Recommendation to harmonize the units for reporting cardiac troponin results.	Clin Chim Acta. 2013 Nov 8. pii: S0009-8981(13)00436-1. doi: 10.1016/j.cca.2013.10.023. [Epub ahead of print]
2013.14		Plebani M, Chiozza ML, Sciacovelli L.	Towards harmonization of quality indicators in laboratory medicine.	Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 Jan;51(1):187-95

10.6.2. Monographs

There have been no new Monographs produced in 2013

10.6.3. Books

10.6.3.1 Silver Book

Have not heard any more re the publication of the Silver Book.

Action: PV to contact Robert Flatman for an update.

10.6.4. Conference proceedings

There is no new conference proceedings published in 2013.

10.6.5. Annual report

The 2013 Annual Report is being developed by the IFCC Office.

10.6.6. Handbook

The 2012-2014 version of the Handbook is current and is also available for download from the IFCC website.

10.6.8. Views and Reviews

None to report.

10.6.10. Electronic Publications

IFCC Office continues to seek electronic publications of IFCC documents for inclusion in database.

10.6.20. Other Publications

None to report.

10.8. Related Journals (KA)

10.8.1. Meetings of Editors

Last meeting was in Bali. Minutes were circulated. Next meeting will be in Istanbul, Monday 23rd June 1 PM to 3 PM.

Action: Invitation to be sent to Editors in April.

10.8.2. Journals

10.8.2.1. Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)

Nothing to report. Remove from agenda?

10.8.2.2. Clinica Chimica Acta (CCA)

IFCC special edition being developed for Canada meeting. Electronic access for National Societies being developed.

10.8.2.3. Labmedica International (LMI)

Covered in eNews report.

10.9.4. Publicity

Proposal of policies for advertising on IFCC communication tools discussed above.

10.10. Corporate Member Activities (BJ)

BJ presented an overview of his activities. KA thanked BJ for his support.

10.19. Meetings & Symposia (KA)

10.19.1 CPD Symposia

10.19.1.3 Peer Review and Ethics in Publication Istanbul, Turkey (ICCC)

24 Jun 2014

Abstracts submitted and circulated. Presentations to be developed and similarly circulated.

**10.19.1.3 Paris, France; EUROMEDLAB 24 Jun 2015
Value and Impact of Laboratory Medicine in Healthcare:
What is the Evidence?**

Mike Hallworth, EJ, BJ and ED to present. KA to Chair. PV reported that C-IeL and C-DL also have a symposia 'eAcademy': PV, JS, RG, EF presenting.

Potential new symposia: Give presentations to Clinical or Hospital Administrator meetings on the Value of Pathology. Effective Communication of Laboratory Results/Information: Confidence intervals, Electronic reporting, Delivery of True Meaning, Reference Intervals, Public Open Day.

10.19.2 Future CPD EC Meetings

10.19.2.1 Istanbul, Turkey (ICCC) 25 Jun 2014

Confirmed. BJ not available.

10.19.2.2 Adelaide, Australia (AACB) 25 October 2014

Meeting will be Saturday all day. KA and EJ presenting at meeting. GK to put up abstract at meeting. CPD involvement in Promoting the Value of Pathology Workshop on Thursday 30th October.

10.19.2.3 Pecs, Hungary Spring 2015

End of March. 27th, 28th and 29th March? 1 day Budapest and 2 days in Pecs.

10.19.2.5 Paris, France (EML) 20-21 June 2015

10.20. Membership

Members:	Position	Term and Time of Office		
Khosrow Adeli – AD (CA)	Chair	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12	
Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)	Vice Chair/ PR Coordinator	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12	
Peter Vervaart – PV (AU)	Secretary/Publications-Distance Learning Coordinator	2 nd	2014 01 – 2016 12	
Gabor Kovacs – GK (HU)	Editor, eJIFCC	1 st	2012 01 – 2014 12	
Tahir Pillay - TP (ZA)	Editor IFCC News	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12	
Bruce Jordan - BJ (DE)	Corp. Rep.	2 nd	2014 01 – 2016 12	

Action: KA to propose to EB an extension of GK to 2nd term.

10.30. Budget

KA presented CPD budget.

Action: KA will discuss the future funding of el Microscopio with EB

10.40. Other Business

None.