

MAMLS Malawi Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists

Malawi Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists (MAMLS), a full member of AFCC was formed in 1998 and was registered under the trustee's rules on 11 February 1998. The Association was formed to serve as an umbrella body with a mission to promote and safeguard the interests of medical laboratory science in Malawi. This is supposed to be achieved by promoting co-operation amongst Medical Laboratory professionals in the standardization of professional practice, manpower development and exchange of knowledge. MAMLS has been inactive for a long time, but thanks to Mr. Vincent Madhlopa who acted as MAMLS President, many MAMLS documents have been preserved.

A new administration whose acting president is Jones Kadewere, has undertaken the major goal of improving relations of our organization with other countries. We hope that our membership of IFCC will facilitate this.

However, as well as the international societies that have been our core partners, important activities have taken place within Malawi. Under the leadership of Mr. Vincent Madhlopa, MAMLS has joined Laboratory Association of Malawi.

MAMLS was represented on Laboratory Association of Malawi 1st Annual General Conference and Consultative workshop held at Hotel Victoria, Blantyre, Malawi on 9th to 10th December 2014.

We are organizing Annual General meeting in December 2015 when a new council will be elected. We hope this meeting will be attended by all medical laboratory



professionals from both government and private sector. Similarly scientific events will be organized in different cities of Malawi, where for the first time we will receive lecturers under the IFCC VLP Scheme. MAMLS have an active correspondent with IFCC young Scientist task force.

We plan to develop a website with the aim of reaching all Medical Laboratory professionals in Malawi. We are also working on establishment of our National External Quality Assessment Scheme (EQAS) in order to monitor Malawi Medical Laboratories competency with the support from IFCC.

Further more; we plan to participate in the 14th Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine Congress 2016, IFCC-EFLM EuroMedLab 2017 and XXIV IFCC WorldLab 2017 Durban, ZA.

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