

**IFCC-CPD Executive Committee Meeting  
Durban, South Africa  
22-23 October 2017**

**Minutes**

10.25. Agenda/Minutes (KA)

- 10.25.1 Roll Call and Welcome  
Present: KA, GK, EF, TP, SCL Second part: EJ  
Apologies from: ED, PB, JG, MCP
- 10.25.1.1 Guests  
EJ
- 10.25.2 Finalization of Agenda – New Items
- Evaluate the idea of a future IFCC eCongress
  - Appointment of the WG eJIFCC Chair position
  - Call for nominations of a new C-IeL member.
  - Call for nominations of new C-PR members.
  - Finalize the eAcademy agreement with Siemens.
  - Increased eNews publication frequency (bimonthly to Monthly)
  - EB recommendations.
- 10.25.3 Approval of Minutes, Committee Meeting, Athens, 10 June 2017

Approved as submitted.

10.25.3.1 Review Action Items from CPD Board Meeting in Athens –  
*completed/pending*

**Khosrow:**

**Action:** Send the call for nominations to cover two vacancies of C-IeL.

**Status: Done**

**Action:** Ask Insoft about the cost of monthly publication of the eNewsletter.

**Status: Done**

**Edgard:**

**Action:** Promote the eJIFCC indexing, the App and the Website.

**Status: In progress**

**Action:** Write a report about LRV to inform EB about the status and recommend discontinuation of membership.

**Status: Done**

**Action:** C-PR terms of reference to be revised and development of a new action plan.

**Status: In progress**

**Action:** Contact Michael Surette for an eJIFCC issue about microbiota.

**Status: Done**

**Eduardo:**

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**Action:** Talk with Ion about update the App version.

**Status: In progress**

*It will be completed once we define new features for the app.*

**Action:** Liaise with Ion about increase the speed of IFCC website.

**Status: Done**

*In agreement with InSoft, the “waiting wheel” do not appear while the website is loading.*

**Action:** Check the IFCC domain status.

**Status: Done**

*Domains .com and .net are available for sale. However, the cost is really high (3100 and 18.500 USD). Ion will ask for a price reduction.*

**Action:** Ask Social Media Coordinator to send individual eNews articles over social media once time a week.

**Status: Done.**

**Action:** Ask to C-IeL members new ideas to update the app in 2018.

**Status: Done.**

*C-IeL are discussing new ideas in the PMS.*

**Gabor:**

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**Action:** Identify two more additional topics an authors for future issues.

**Status:** 4 invitations sent to seek co-editors.

- Task force on chronic diseases
- Maurizio Ferrari was very interested to co-edit an issue but he has not responded to recent communications from the editor.
- Michael Surrette was invited to co-edit an issue on microbiota. He has not responded/agreed yet.
- Howard Morris was interested to co-edit an issue

**Action:** Identify a new associate or a deputy editor/s to support the future work of the eJFCC Editor.

**Status:** Two candidates were proposed:

- Gustavo Borrajo from Argentina. Supported by Nilda Fink, Rosa Sierra Amor and EF
- A second candidate from Asia Pacific region.

**Action:** Liaise again with Insoft and remind them to complete renumbering of archived eJIFCC issues, as no feedback to previous messages was received

**Status: Done**

- We are waiting for the completion of this task.

**Tahir:**

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**Action:** Ask to LAB MEDICA to send all the articles related with IFCC.

**Status: Done**

**Peter:**

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No actions requested.

**Silvia:**

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**Action:** Re write the Editor's call-for-Nomination, adding information on PMC indexing, before Durban

**Status: Done**

**Action:** Submit the 5000 CHF invoice to Roche before September 30.

**Status: Done**

**Action:** Split the Budget items and include detailed costing for all budget items.

**Status: In progress**

**Janine**

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**Action:** Janine to finalize and send the document back to the IFCC office for distribution.

**KA: will check with Janine about the status of this final version - Done**

## 10.26. Activity and Annual Reports

### 10.26.1. Report of the Chair (KA)

- KA presented his report to the IFCC council as well as the IFCC executive board, highlighting many activities of the CPD in support of the IFCC membership. The oral report was generally very well received.
- With assistance of the president and president-elect, Siemens has agreed to renew their support of the eAcademy. The new agreement was signed by IFCC's president in September 2017. Siemens will pay 52.850 Euros to support eAcademy.
- KA had a phone conversation with EF to discuss the new position of eAcademy Coordinator. There is an agreement to hire a company instead of a person. KA contacted Aims Digital, a company producer of educational videos based in India. KA had a conference call discussion with this company and they can support the content development for eAcademy. There is an initial quote of 1.500 USD per webinar. After further discussion, it was felt that the best approach will be to recruit an eAcademy coordinator that can work with potential authors and facilitate the development of new Webinars.
- KA also discussed the proposal to consolidate the C-DL and C-IEL committees from EMD and CPD to create a new joint committee

- KA also discussed the need to finalize the selection of the new eJIFCC Editor in Chief to replace Gabor who will be completing his 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term on CPD board.
- KA also proposed that we discuss the frequency of eNews publication and consider going to a monthly publication to further increase eNews visibility. ~~that eNews will go monthly.~~
- For 2018, two to three CPD meetings are planned: Buenos Aires in March, a second potential meeting (if necessary) in July in Europe and the General Conference in November.

**ACTION EF:** Organize a CPD meeting in Buenos Aires in March.

**ACTION SCL:** Advertise a paid consultant position inside the WG-YS.

#### 10.26.1.1 CPD call for nominations

These are the open position:

- WG eJIFCC Chair
- C-leL two member positions
- C-PR member 2<sup>nd</sup> term reconfirmation

#### 10.26.2. Report of the Vice Chair and Chair Public Relations Committee (ED)

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

###### 10.2.1.1 Membership

The new terms of reference was approved by CPD and will be published by SCL into the website.

###### 10.2.1.2 Activity Report

ED was unable to attend and sent a written report:

C-PR will be promoting the recent indexing of eJIFCC through both the App and the Website. The following text has been prepared for posting on the IFCC home webpage:

*We remind all laboratory professionals that the electronic Journal of IFCC (eJIFCC) is officially indexed by MEDLINE/PUBMED. Importantly all issues from 2009 onward are also available online and are indexed, searchable, downloadable, and citable from PubMed. Older issues will similarly be available online in the near future.*

With regards to the promotion of the IFCC app, there was discussion at the Athens meeting that EF talks with Ion to explore the updating of the IFCC App. A second version will be developed by the end of 2018.

This is a text proposal for IFCC app promotion:

*The IFCC Internet and eLearning Committee and the Communication and Publication Division (CPD) would like to announce that connecting to the IFCC is now easier than ever through the newly launched IFCC app on your Smart Phone, iPad or LapTop. Type in or copy/paste the following link now: <http://www.ifcc.org/>. Consult this information laden site anywhere/anytime.*

The terms of reference have been updated to reflect the objective of reaching out to the lay public, healthcare administrators and decision makers. This however requires that the EB approves such initiative and that it becomes imbedded in the IFCC mission statement.

## 10.9. Public Relations

### 10.9.1. PR Brochures

### 10.9.3. PR Posters

### 10.9.5. Miscellaneous PR Projects

#### 10.9.5.1 PR Slide Kit

## 10.2.1.2.1 Labs are Vital Consortium

Ms Coleen Nolan (ASCP) chairs the LRV Consortium Board until the January 2018. I participated to the 1st meeting in January 2017 as the IFCC representative. A second meeting had been scheduled for May 18th 2017, however the quorum could not be reached. A program, essentially steered by the ASCP and Abbott, and a budget were tabled and approved a posteriori by the members. Abbott had approved a grant USD 50.000.

The 2017 Program PowerPoint document, provided by Ms Julianne Gottlieb from Abbott (PPT document 1 joined to this report) last May, provides the updated budget and associated activities for 2017 based on discussions held in May and further discussion between Abbott and ASCP. As can be seen, Abbott will identify a podcast vendor for original content creation. They also planned for the development of a new brand identity and in conjunction the creation of a new LinkedIn page. At point in time we have had no development on these subjects. In terms of content on the LRV webpage 3 Podcasts and 2 videos, originally produced by ASCP, LabMedicine, COLA have been posted since May. Notifications could be seen through Facebook and on the IFCC website. IFCC has offered to post material from the EI Microscopio and contacts given to Julianne Gottlieb. However there was no apparent follow-up.

Metrics available in May (up to April 2017) showed some improvement although the activity seemed low.

A Board meeting is now scheduled for early November 2017. It will be the 2nd in this calendar year.

The content published lately is of value and could be of interest for different groups, including lay public. However my perception is that the LRV program

has difficulty in obtaining a wide visibility and heavy traffic. I will contact again Coleen Nolan & Julianne Gottlieb to inquire whether they had followed up on the IFCC proposal for contribution and what IFCC could contribute in the future to this program. Keeping the LRV logo on our website does no harm and thus I suggest the status quo. As for support from other corporate members, the program is still viewed as an Abbott sole initiative. The present planning does not persuade the community of the contrary. Hence funding will always depend on the founding sponsor's policy and orientation and thus be uncertain.

#### 10.2.1.2.2 Current and Future C-PR plans

Develop new elements for the banner/poster developed by Magdalena Krintus & presented in Warsaw during the EFLM meeting.

##### *IFCC strategic planning.*

The recent IFCC strategic plan is classified into 4 broad areas: Supporting the Membership, Broadening the horizons (to include other fields of Laboratory Medicine), improving the quality of Laboratory Medicine and improving effectiveness. These areas mainly target laboratory professionals & IFCC membership. These are already well covered with the different Functional Units. However the aspect of promoting the value of Laboratory Medicine to the lay public, healthcare administrators and decision makers is not explicitly mentioned.

Therefore, the C-PR suggest that the CPD-EC considers suggesting to the EB the inclusion of a 5th objective in the IFCC strategic plan, namely adding the lay public, healthcare administrators and decision makers as target audience.

In accordance with the above statement, the C-PR aims at continuing to develop promotional tools targeting the lay audience inspired by the initial document "Understanding Laboratory Medicine". The C-PR is presently developing a series of multi-panel posters on different clinical subjects that could be adapted to the local needs/policies, printed by National Societies or displayed on TV screens. A 1st document prepared by Magdalena Krintus, should be finalized by year-end.

Encourage the participation of laboratory professionals to administrators' meetings to promote the role and value of laboratories in improving healthcare and patient safety. To this end, template PowerPoint presentations will be developed in the course of next year.

Encourage IFCC SD & EMD & National Societies members into having members volunteer writing timely articles of importance to the lay audiences that could be published in newspapers, magazines & electronic media (suggested by David Kinniburgh).

Assist in improving the dissemination of documents prepared by the different IFCC functional units by liaising with the respective Chairs and advertising on through the IFCC website

CPD suggestions to C-PR:

- Encourage to coordinate activities in social media in order to promote IFCC activities.
- Each C-PR members should coordinate the presence of IFCC promotional materials (digital) in every congress.

### 10.26.3. Report of the Secretary and Chair Internet and e- Learning Committee (EF)

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

KA was in conversations with EMD Chair to merge C-leL and C-DL. This idea was accepted by EMD and the CPD board, and a proposal to merge both committees will be sent to EB.

##### 10.2.2.1 Membership

There are two members finalizing their membership in Dec 2017, so a call for nominations has been released in September (if merging the two committees is not approved by EB).

##### 10.2.2.2 Activity Report

The Project Management Software (PMS) has been used since it was presented as part of the provisional plan for 2017 in the CPD meeting in Milan. The PMS seems to work very well and fits the communication needs of our committee. In agreement with InSoft all the official communications must be conducted through the PMS.

##### *Content production tool.*

During the last years we created webinars using the service provided by Present.Me. In July, the company announced a service shutdown. All the videos produced for eAcademy were back up in our Vimeo account and are safe. C-leL started a search in order to find a replace for this service. After a round of evaluation and discussions with C-DL both committees decided to use Office Mix to create future materials. It is a free add on for Power Point 2013 or above. This tools has been tested and works very well.

##### *Platform update.*

The CMS of eAcademy is the same platform used for the website. However, currently we are using two different versions. InSoft will analyze and, if possible, move the eAcademy website under the same installation, which will make maintenance easier. We await advice from InSoft if this is possible.

##### *Pediatrics webinars recordings.*

Thanks to the funding granted by Roche, we hired a company to record 26 talks from the XIVth International Congress of Pediatric Laboratory Medicine in order to produce complete webinars for eAcademy. As usual, an acceptance form was signed by every speaker prior to recording.

*Letter of invitation to National Societies and IFCC Experts.*

In agreement with C-DL, we will send letters of invitation to National Societies asking proposals of topics and Speakers. The aim is populate eAcademy with new contents and involucrate IFCC members in this main project. Similar invitations will be send to the List of Experts of IFCC. Thanks to Office Mix tool, speakers can produce original contents. IFCC office offers a payment of 200 Euros to every Speaker as a recognition for the work done.

*Phase 2 deployed.*

Previously, the development of phase 2 features were delayed by issues produced by a third party software.

During the last CPD meeting in Athens, the deployment of eAcademy phase 2 was approved. In that meeting, InSoft showed some mock ups of the new developments which include: User's profile, quizzes and diplomas. The phase 2 should be already implemented. However, the launch is delayed because InSoft is still solving some developments issues. They will provide a schedule for deployment as soon as possible.

*C-DL and C-leL joint symposium about eAcademy in COLABIOCLI Congress.*

Both committees participated in the "IFCC symposium" in Punta Del Este (Uruguay). This symposium covered all the aspects of IFCC eAcademy. Janet Smith (C-DL chair) addressed the curriculum, Peter Vervaart (C-leL consultant) talked about the web platform and Eduardo Freggiaro (C-leL chair) explained the translation project to create Spanish subtitles. Dr Vervaart was unable to travel to Uruguay due to personal reasons. He recorded a video presentation using Office Mix and it was played at the auditorium. The result was excellent and we could demonstrate the usefulness of this tool for eAcademy. The symposium was very well received by attendees and organizers.

Dr Michael Bennett (AACC president) attended the symposium and expressed his interest in eAcademy. He will contact some possible candidates from AACC to be nominated for C-leL vacancies.

*One-on-one meeting with C-DL chair.*

During the COLABIOCLI congress, C-leL chair had the chance to have a very productive one-on-one meeting with C-DL chair, Ms Janet Smith. Many topics were discussed and agreed. We talked about the C-DL chair position handover to Ronda Greaves for a smooth transition. Also, we agreed that C-DL members will provide Learning Objectives and MCQs for those webinars in which Speakers are not collaborating.

*WG-IANT meeting: presentation of the eAcademy Translation Project.*

This working group has a meeting in Punta Del Este during the COLABIOCLI congress. C-leL chair gave a detailed presentation about the Amara platform for collaborative translation. This idea was very well received by WG members.



Originally, this project was under the C-IeL umbrella. In this meeting the project was officially assigned to WG-IANT and María del Carmen Pasquel will continue leading the initiative. At the moment, 26 members has joined the translation team.

#### *eAcademy Coordinator.*

We are exploring different options in order to cover this paid position. This role could be filled by a person or a company. The payment must be linked to content production.

Chairs from C-DL and C-IeL wrote a job description for this position. Basically, this person/company should closely work with both committees and follow up the complete process of content production providing support to webinar Speakers.

ACTION EF: Find a company to merge slides and videos from Durban recordings.

ACTION EF: Push for eAcademy deployment.

ACTION SCL: Advertise the eAcademy coordinator position.

ACTION EF: Write a report on eAcademy activities for Siemens.

ACTION EF: Talk to María del Carmen to add 4-5 new Editorial Members.

### 10.7. Web Site

The Content Management Software (CMS) used to maintain the website was updated. The process took almost 3 months due to many bugs. It started on July 14 with a proposed schedule and it finished on October 2. The IFCC website was migrated from the Umbraco v4 platform to the current v7. Future updates will occur automatically as part of the support and service agreement with InSoft, during the monthly service window. No changes were made to the design/layout, all updates were to the back end and include improved security and file management. The latency time experienced during webpage load has been fixed.

We are working in RIA and DIV pages layout in order to harmonize it with the IFCC website design. An update of main page's design is suggested without changes in structure.

CPD updated and approved the website Policy and Procedure for IFCC functional unit web pages with some changes. It was submitted to JG for final review and then it will be send to EB for their final approval.

#### 10.7.1 Organizational matters

##### 10.7.1.1 Website Statistical Report

Over the past 12 months 3 to 5 items were published monthly on the website. Review of the most recent 12 months to date indicates similar metrics to previous period, although activity by InSoft in upgrading Umbraco (Aug-Oct 2017) will have contributed to increased activity that may be noted as a

decrease in the corresponding future time period. Detailed statistics are available in a separate report from Website Editor.

#### 10.7.4. Databases

The NPU, Register of Experts, and Publications databases are the only active databases currently on the website. An eAcademy database will be developed within the eAcademy website.

#### 10.7.5 Distance Learning Programs and eAcademy (EF)

##### *Funding.*

Siemens will continue providing funds for the project in general and Roche granted funds to create new content. In particular this money will be invested to record webinars in IFCC events.

##### *Number of new items published.*

Actually there are 117 resources published, 67 webinars and 51 external links.

During the last 4 months 27 new webinars were added to the platform. Currently, 24 webinars are completed with LO and MCQs ready to be uploaded and comply with eAcademy phase 2 features.

#### 10.2.2.2.1 Social Media Report

Social Media Coordinator submitted a detailed report (see separately).

##### *Facebook.*

We initiated a paid promotion of Facebook page spending 100 USD (Approx. 3 USD per day for 33 days). The promotion was targeted to people with interest or professional status related to laboratory medicine and biomedical sciences around the globe. Our page reached 65.560 walls and gained 8.981 followers (likes).

The number of followers jumped from 6.257 on May to 16.662 today. 110 posts were posted in IFCC Facebook page.

##### *Twitter*

The IFCC account has 779 followers.

##### *Social Media Contest.*

During the WorldLab Durban 2017, we are organizing a Social Media Contest titled "IFCC Social Media Contest – stay connected to our social site for news and updates".

Participants should take a selfie in the designated area of IFCC booth and spread it on Social Media. They should post the picture in the wall of IFCC Facebook page or tweet it mentioning @IFClinChem. They

must write few words about IFCC or WorldLab with the hashtag #IFCCWorldLab2017.

Posts with highest engagements (shares, likes, and comments) will be selected to receive attractive IFCC Polo shirts. Every day three winners will be selected to receive the prize.

Covering news on IFCC travel scholarships award ceremony. We planned to prepare videos of the event with short interviews from representative awardees during the award ceremony event. These videos will be posted on social media and website.

Interviews with eminent professionals.

During WorldLab Durban 2017, we planned to take short interviews of,

- Prof Nader Rifai, Harvard Medical School
- Prof Dennis Lo, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Dr Jocelyn Hicks
- IFCC Divisions Chairs

These videos will be posted on Social Media and also can be used as promotional materials of IFCC.

## 10.3. Working Groups

### 10.3.1. Electronic Journal of the IFCC (WG-EJIFCC) (GK)

#### 10.3.1.1 Membership

The Editorial board has been extended. The last co-editor has been invited to join the Editorial Board.

New editorial board members: Tamas Kőszegi (HU)

Identification of potential regional associate editors: a letter has been sent out to the following individuals to help identify persons who may have interest:

- o Europe: Sverre Sandberg, Tomris Özben, Reinhard Raggam
- o America: Rosa Sierra-Amor, Eduardo Luis Freggiaro, Nilda Fink
- o Asia/Pacific: Peter Vervaart, Rita Horvath, Samuel Vasikaran

GK invited regional editors. Two regions replied. This idea should be offered to the next Editor in Chief, because the nominees for Chief Editors are from Europe. EF proposed ask regional federations a letter of acceptance. The candidates will be approved by CPD.

#### 10.3.1.2 Activity Report

10.3.1.2.1. Volume 3/2017 was published on 10th of October, 2017. The issue contains 7 manuscripts.

1 Postprandial dyslipidemia: pathophysiology and cardiovascular disease risk assessment

Victoria Higgins, Khosrow Adeli

2 e-Learning: a model to support ongoing education

Ronda F. Greaves

3 About the “Compendium of Terminology and Nomenclature of Properties in Clinical Laboratory Sciences”

Georges Féraud, René Dybkaer, Xavier Fuentes-Arderiu

4 Correlation of HbA1C levels with body mass index in newly diagnosed polycystic ovary syndrome

Manju Bala, Meenakshi, Menaka K., Anjali Gupta

5 Factors affecting quality of laboratory services in public and private health facilities in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Eyob Abera Mesfin, Binyam Taye, Getachew Belay, Aytenev Ashenafi, Veronica Girma

6 Retrospective approach to evaluate interferences in immunoassay

Jayesh Warade

7 Case report: biliary pancreatitis with acute cholangitis in a patient

under anticoagulant treatment with dabigatran

Franziska Baumann-Durchschein, Thomas Gary, R.B. Raggam

#### 10.3.1.2.2. Pending invitations to guest edit special issues of eJIFCC

1. Alan Rameley (US) and Sridevi Devaraj (US): “Advances in lipoprotein diagnostics”. Invitation accepted, then they asked for a prolongation of the deadline, finally they did not produce the issue. No explanation.

2. Flavio Alcantra (BR) and Vanja Radisic (CRO): „Laboratory diagnosis of chronic kidney diseases” Invitation accepted.

3. Maurizio Ferrari (IT): “Next generation sequencing: clinical applications”. Invitation accepted.

4. Howard Morris (AU): “Recent advances in bone disease markers” Invitation accepted.

5. Michael Surette (CA): “Recent advances in microbiote research” Invitation sent, no response yet.

#### 10.3.1.2.3. Indexing of eJIFCC by Web-of-Science (WoS) and Scopus:

In October 2016 we have submitted our application to WoS and Scopus for indexing of eJIFCC. Unfortunately, the review process has not even begun.

#### 10.3.1.2.4. CPD Action items: nominations for the chair of WG-eJIFCC

Original deadline of the first call: September 15<sup>th</sup>

Extended deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>

Nominations received from the Greek Society of Clinical Chemistry – Clinical Biochemistry (Dr. Ioannis G. Papassotiriou) and the Hungarian Society of Laboratory Medicine (Dr. Janos Kappelmayer). Both nominations are technically valid (proposed by an IFCC member society, proposed in time, highly competent candidates proposed).

After discussion among the CPD board members, a consensus was reached to offer the eJIFCC editor position to Dr. Janos Kappelmayer of Hungary, pending EB approval.

Completion of indexing ON PMC of archived volumes.

The indexing process is slower than expected. It is very complex. The fact of being indexed in Pubmed increased the visibility of the journal. The most important point is to select the new Chief Editor. The deadline was extended but not new nominations were received. GK presented a detailed comparison of both excellent candidates. KA asked GK for a recommendation and he selected JK based in his editorial experience. After a rich discussion, all CPD members selected Janos Kappelmayer and make a recommendation to EB to appoint him as Chief Editor. Greek candidate will be invited to join editorial board as Regional Associate Editor.

All CPD members recognized the great job done by GK in his terms as Editor in Chief.

KA suggested to send a letter asking for re-negotiation of the agreement with CCA before the agreement is automatically renewed by end of 2017. At the same time consider negotiation with CCLM as a second option depending on Elsevier's response.

**ACTION SCL:** Write a letter to CCA to re-negotiate the agreement.

### 10.3.2. IFCC eNews (WG-IFCC eNews) (TP)

#### 10.3.2.1 Membership

The working group has 25 representatives with 9 national society liaisons. The current members of the eNewsletter working group are as follows:

Xavier Fuentes-Arderiu (**Spain**)  
Damien Gruson (**Belgium**)  
Joseph B. Lopez (**Malaysia**)  
Mabel Charles-Davies (**Nigeria**)  
Spiroula Christou (**Cyprus**)  
Abderrazek Hedhili (**Tunisia**)  
Rosa Sierra Amor (**Mexico**)  
Grazyna Sypniewska (**Poland**)  
Brguljan Meska Pika (**Slovenia**)  
Sylvana Fahel da Fonseca (**Brazil**)  
Layachi Chabraoui (**Morocco**)  
Yadav Binod (**Nepal**)

**National Societies Liaisons**  
Ann Gronowski (**USA**)  
Dai Duy Ban (**Vietnam**)  
Snezana Jovicic (**Serbia**)  
Anna-Maria Simundic (**Serbia**)  
Andrew Wooton (**UK**)  
Montserrat Blanes Gonzales (**Paraguay**)  
Nada Majkic-Singh (**Serbia**)  
Sandra Klingberg (**Australasia**)  
Curtis Oleschuk (**Canada**)

Tu Ha Hoang (**Vietnam**)  
Rajiv Erasmus (**South Africa**)  
Thanh Van Ta (**Vietnam**)  
Ana Piana (**Uruguay**)

The eNews working group held a meeting during Euromedlab Athens on 11 June 2017. The newsletter format was discussed and Rosa Sierra Amor and Peter Verwaart attended. There was discussion on the articles in Spanish and Rosa Sierra Amor offered to proofread the Spanish translations.

#### 10.3.2.2 Activity Report

##### *Advancing delivery of the newsletter*

- App: The app is now in use for access to the eNewsletter and eJIFCC on devices. It will be useful to obtain statistics of downloads of the app and the eNewsletter.
- Newsflash: A number of “enewsflash” items were sent between issues of the newsletter and this has contained items of special and urgent interest. In addition the logo for the eNews was redesigned by Insoft.

The meeting in Durban is the 12th formal CPD meeting and the 4th of TP's 2nd term as editor. Thus far, a total of 30 issues of the newsletter have been published in the new format since TP took over as editor. The newsletter is published bi-monthly but last year, we started publishing short news snippets using the eNews flash in months when there was no newsletter. We use the eNewsflash to highlight important IFCC news items, e.g. recent election of the regional representatives. We plan to increase the rate of publication to monthly in 2018 (one of the action items from the Milan 2017 meeting) as the IFCC board has requested a shorter and more frequent newsletter. The contract with Insoft Digital began in 2014 has now produced 22 editions in digital “flipbook” format and PDF and HTML versions and last year the agreement was modified to take into the additional pages. We continue to limit the page numbers in line with the CPD decision to try and limit costs by reducing the length of the articles. This has been done with stricter editing and limiting the number of photos that appear, as well as inserting hyperlinks to documents. We have also asked contributors to adhere to a word limit. Requests for articles are sent to all Divisions Chairs, eNewsletter WG members, National Societies liaisons and National Representatives (through the IFCC Office) with a reminder of the deadlines. The reports of the IFCC Young Scientists task force and the PSEP reports from awardees tend to feature prominently. In addition, there will also be reports from recipients of Scholarships to attend Worldlab. This helps to highlight the contribution of the IFCC to international clinical chemistry across the world and has also ensured that contributions from members continue to come to the newsletter. We have still not been able to continue the tradition of having an item from the IFCC President but the Past president still continues to be a regular contributor.

KA remember CPD policy of do not accept articles in Spanish for eNews or eJIFCC. We can accept Spanish translations but with original version in English.

KA informed that he contacted Insoft about the additional cost to go monthly. It will have an additional cost. We will not change the number of pages, however the budget will be increased in 19%. KA asked TP about his opinion on this topic. TP is worried about the increase in workload. KA said EB definitely support go monthly. CPD agreed to prepare 2 packages of articles and then an index for each monthly deadlines. SCL is aware that some journals has 10 numbers a year. This idea will be used when no sufficient articles are submitted.

*Relationship with LabMedica International*

We continue to liaise with Arda Turac at LabMedica International (LMI). We send a regular supply of news items to LMI and LMI prints a selection of the articles.

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

##### 10.3.4.1 Membership

MCP sent letters of invitation to join the RIA/WG-IANT to representatives of:

- Panama: Dr. Lizbeth Campillo (Panamá is a new member of IFCC)
- Honduras: Dr. Mitzi Castro (Honduras wishes to become member of IFCC again)
- Ecuador: BQF. Piedad Jaramillo (She is a new member of WG-IANT from Ecuador)

Portugal and Costa Rica have not responded yet.

##### 10.3.4.2 Activity Report

**Suggested work item / target**

1. complete the group with members from Panama, Ecuador y Honduras
2. Work more on social networks

**How will progress be measured?**

I Sent letters to: Portugal, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador and Honduras.  
Increase the diffusion of activities (IFCC,RIA,DIV).  
I have sent invitations to enter RIA  
To obtain books, lectures, summaries of colleagues from different countries.  
Invitations made through emails and Face book  
Translation of much scientific material.  
We are encouraging more colleagues who join and collaborate in the project that is starting. This has been a very important point in meetings in Athens and Punta del Este.  
Dr. Eduardo Freggiaro has given very good indications.

4. The boost the AMARA project

5 Have two meetings of WG-IANT, in Athens and Punta del Este (2017)

1.- Meeting Name: WG-IANT Meeting

Date: Monday, 12 June 2017

Time: 9:00am-12.00am

Meeting room: Thalia 3

Venue: Hilton Hotel Athens

2.- XXIII Congress COLABIOCLI 2017.

Date: TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2017,

Time: 10 am-12 am

Meeting room: Pueblo Garzón

Venue: Punta del Este Convention Center

6. We Have active and updating the website of RIA

RIA always be up to date and you should encourage your visit through the social networks already.

We have a new presentation and publications

#### 10.3.4.2.1 RIA Web page

Website is constantly being updated.

#### 10.3.4.2.2 Diagnostico in vitro

WG-IANT has its new magazine of October 2017 DIAGNOSTICO IN VITRO (DIV 07) will be published in the next days. The magazine is ready.

Diagnostico in vitro magazine now has its standards for publication of articles.

WG-IANT has maintained the edition of the magazine DIV on a regular basis every four months.

October 2015

February - June and October 2016

February - June and October 2017

We have almost completed the magazine for February 2018.

Each scientific society gives information of its activities to put them in the section news and novelties.

Fundación Bioquímica Argentina and its programs give us research articles. This has been a great help for the next issue of DIV magazine.

Santiago Fares Taie, Beatriz Varela, Gabriel Lima and Michele Brennan are young IFCC scientists who provide news of their experiences in scientific events.

The radio On Line The microscope has given us several interviews to be published in the next issues of the magazine

- COPE membership

In Athens and Punta del Este, some WG-IANT members mentioned that COPE is not suitable for the structure of the magazine DIV.



Because the magazine has news, interviews and is not just from research articles. That is why COPE has not been requested yet.  
- Open Access journal.

The access is direct to visit IFCC and the magazine DIV.  
It is distributed through electronic mails and the web page.  
Through the web site is submitted information of the events of the scientific societies and is communicated of the news of RIA and DIV Web page.

#### 10.3.4.2.3 Ibero-American Radio

The radio on line *the microscope*, works very well and has a lot of welcoming. The director is Dr. Hernan Fares Taie, he is member of the editorial board of the electronic magazine diagnostic in vitro, and in every edition we publish a radio interview.

### 10.6. Publications (EF)

10.6.1. Documents of Committees and Working Groups  
Nothing to report.

10.6.2. Monographs  
Nothing to report.

10.6.3. Books  
Nothing to report.

10.6.4. Conference proceedings  
Nothing to report.

10.6.5. Annual report  
Nothing to report.

10.6.6. Handbook  
The Edition 2018-2020 is in preparation and will be published by May 1.

ACTION SCL: Handbook to be published online and then distributed by USB at GC.  
ACTION SCL: Update the CPD minutes at IFCC website.

10.6.10. Electronic Publications  
Nothing to report.

10.6.20. Other Publications  
IFCC Publications

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## 10.8. Related Journals (KA)

10.8.1. Meetings of Editors

10.8.2. Journals

10.8.2.2. Clinica Chimica Acta (CCA)

10.8.2.3. Labmedica International (LMI)

10.10. Corporate Member Activities (PB)

10.19. Meetings & Symposia (KA)

10.19.1 CPD Symposia

- 10.19.1.1 Durban, South Africa, ICCCLM 22-25 October 2017  
 "Value of Laboratory Medicine in Healthcare Delivery and Clinical Outcomes" (Accepted) Chair: Khosrow Adeli (CA)
- 1) Anatomy of a value proposition for laboratory medicine  
Howard Morris (Australia)
  - 2) Critical review of the evidence supporting the value of lab medicine in clinical care  
Khosrow Adeli (CA)
  - 3) Demonstrating the value of laboratory tests: a clinical and economic perspective  
Wim van der Helm (CH)

10.19.2 Future CPD EC Meetings

- 10.19.2.1 Buenos Aires, AR 15-16 March, 2018  
 10.19.2.2 Frankfort, GE (if necessary) July/August 2018  
 10.19.2.3 General Conference October/November 2018  
 10.19.2.4 EuroMedLab Congress, Barcelona, ES May 2019

10.20. Membership

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term and Time of Office</b>	
<b>Khosrow Adeli – AD (CA)</b>	Chair	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2016 01 – 2018 12
<b>Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)</b>	Vice Chair/ PR Coordinator	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2016 01 – 2018 12
<b>Eduardo Freggiaro – EF (AR)</b>	Secretary/-Distance Learning Coordinator	1 <sup>st</sup>	2017 01 – 2019 12
<b>Gabor Kovacs – GK (HU)</b>	Editor, eJIFCC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2015 01 – 2017 12
<b>Tahir Pillay - TP (ZA)</b>	Editor IFCC News	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2016 01 – 2018 12
<b>Peter Bialk- PB (CH)</b>	Corp. Rep.	1 <sup>st</sup>	2017 01 – 2019 12

10.30. Budget: proposed budget for 2017  
 proposed budget for 2018

CPD analyzed both budgets.

KA suggested to budget the costs incurred from Insoft in the INTERNET AND WEB CONTENT line item. We are generally in good shape but we may need to increase the amount need in 10.04.00.

For 2018 we will add the funds provided by Siemens to cover eAcademy costs. All electronic publications should be balanced between 10.04.00 and 10.04.01.  
CPD asked that the office provide more detailed under each budget item in order to do a detailed analysis.

**ACTION SCL:** recirculate the reimbursement IFCC policy to members.

#### 10.40. Other Business

KA asked for proposals for symposia in Barcelona 2019 as well as upcoming conferences by regional federations. The virtual congress proposal will be discussed in future meetings.