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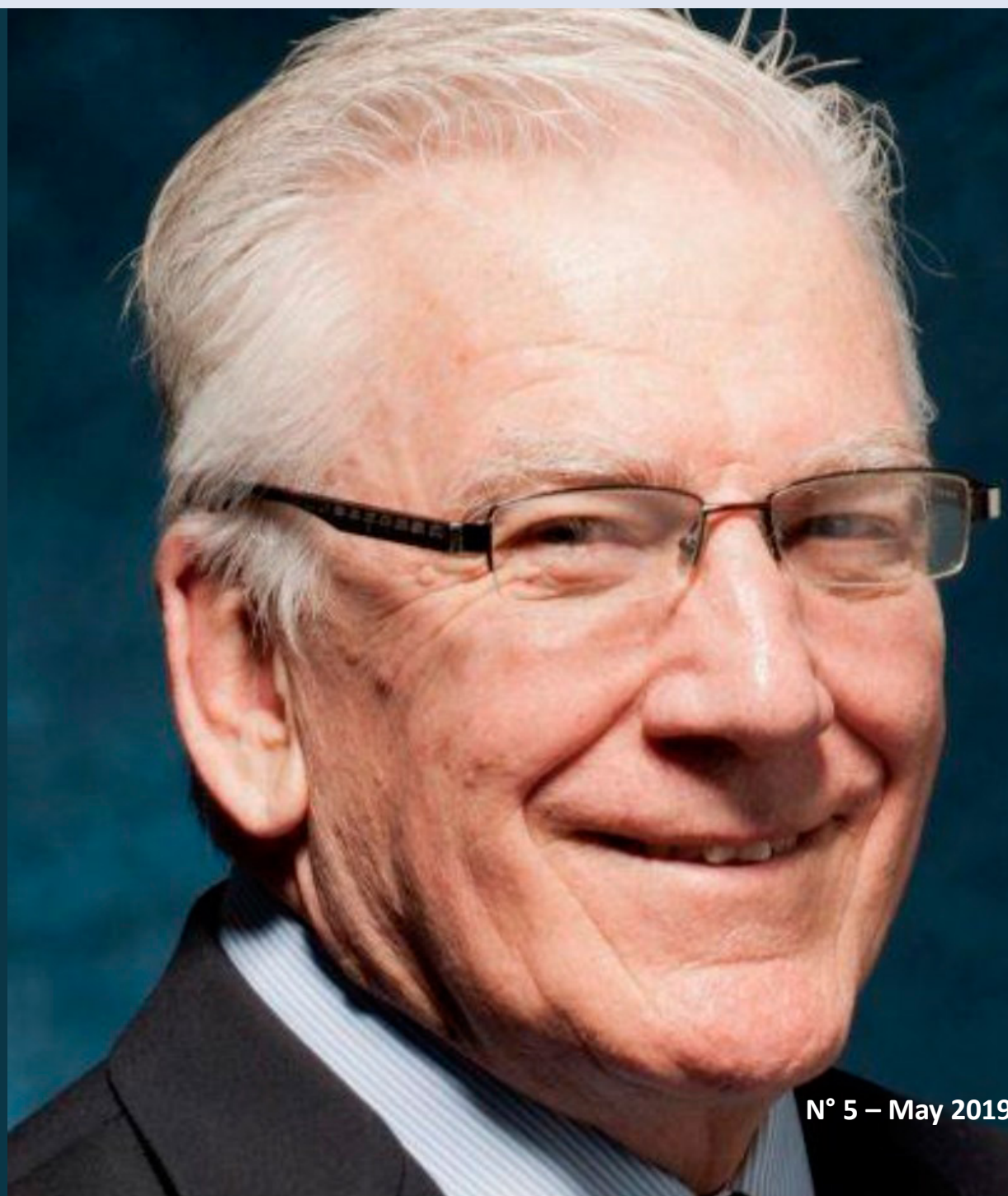
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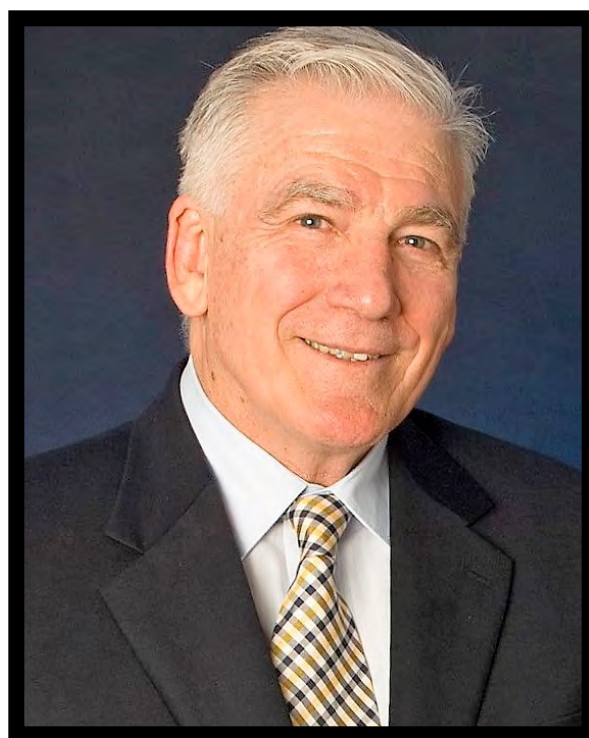
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**Howard Morris:
'Dynamic scientist, inspiring leader and thoroughly good person'**



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The world of laboratory medicine is in shock following the tragic and sudden death of IFCC President Professor Howard Morris on Thursday 18th April 2019. He was travelling to Kazakhstan as an IFCC visiting lecturer when he suffered a heart attack.

Prof. Morris (PhD, FAACB, FFSc (RCPA)) held a joint appointment as Professor of Medical Science at the University of South Australia and Clinical Scientist in Chemical Pathology at SA Pathology, Adelaide Australia.

He had 30 years of experience working in diagnostic clinical biochemistry in the field of immunoassay and endocrinology and this fuelled his research interest in the pathophysiology of metabolic bone disease and the effects of hormones, particularly vitamin D. His active research team had received over \$AUD 10 million in competitive research grants and he had published >280 refereed publications, reviews and book chapters. He supervised 13 completed PhD students. Recently, he identified anabolic actions of vitamin D following metabolism within bone tissue providing a molecular mechanism for vitamin D requirement to reduce the risk of fractures among the elderly. Prof. Morris' work on vitamin D was recognised with the Louis Avioli Memorial Lectureship in 2009. He delivered 52 international scientific presentations during the past five years.

Within Australia Prof. Morris was the Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists (AACB) representative to the Councils of IFCC and APFCB (1998- 2004); served on the AACB council (1998-2002) and was Editor of the Clinical Biochemist Reviews (1994-2002). He was awarded the AACB Outstanding Service Medallion (2003) and the W. Roman Travelling Lectureship (2004). In 2015 he was recognised with the ANZBMS career achievement award. From 1994 to 2004 he served as Australasian Editor for the AACB's journal, the Annals of Clinical Biochemistry, and made a significant contribution as Editor and advisor over that time.

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Within the Asia Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry (APFCB), Dr. Morris served as Chair, Scientific Committee (2002-2004) and Chair, Scientific Organising Committee, Member Organising Committee for 10th Asian Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry (2002-2005).

Prior to his election as IFCC President Prof. Morris had served as IFCC Vice President (2012-2014); Secretary of the Scientific Division (2003-2008); Chair of the IFCC-International Osteoporosis Foundation Joint WG on the Standardization of Bone Turnover Markers (2012-2017) and as a member of the IFCC Task Forces on the Global Campaign on Diabetes Mellitus (2003-2008) and on International Clinical Liaison (2009-2011).

Prof. Morris was elected as IFCC President in 2016, served as President-Elect during 2017, and became President for a three-year term of office on January 2018. His Presidency was marked by vision, energy and commitment to the 'family' of IFCC and to the wider world of laboratory medicine. He travelled extensively from his base in Adelaide, Australia to meet IFCC Members across the globe and to network with a wide spectrum of stakeholders in his efforts to unite and harmonise the world of laboratory medicine. His personal mission was to promote the value of laboratory medicine as a contributor to improved clinical outcomes and patient safety in modern healthcare.

Prof. Morris was held in the highest regard by everyone who worked with him. His scientific credentials and achievements singled him out as a leader in the science of laboratory medicine. His vision of the future of laboratory medicine and his passion to deliver on that vision inspired colleagues from across the world. He enjoyed meeting and working with professional colleagues and he was always willing to listen and learn from the experience of others. He had an engaging personality a 'can do' attitude and a great sense of humour; a combination that made him a thoroughly good person and a special colleague.

Prof. Morris was often accompanied by his wife, Dr. Helen Martin, who is a distinguished laboratory medicine scientist in her own right, with a strong record of international achievement. The family of IFCC sends its condolences to Helen and to the wider family.

EDITORIAL

by Katherina Psarra
eNews Editor

Dear colleagues,

We are presenting news, a collection of words to make you participate in the vibrant everyday life of a big organization, so we believe that "words" are enough to present facts, emotions. You will see in this issue that sometimes "words" cannot express feelings, cannot express disappointment, cannot express the void left by the loss of somebody who represented at this very moment the "psyche" of the society.

IFCC president, Prof. Morris is no longer with us. He fell on duty while travelling as an invited speaker of a congress. His luminous smile won't brighten Euromedlab in Barcelona.

Going through this IFCC e-News special issue, devoted to his memory, you will understand his legacy, the importance of his presence as a man, as a scientist, as an IFCC officer, as IFCC president. He left but he will be remembered by so many people all over the world for ever.

Together with the whole IFCC community we express our warmest condolences to his family and our gratitude for his presence in our lives and in the life of IFCC.

Looking back: Welcome message from the IFCC President

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by Howard Morris
IFCC President

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Prof. Howard Morris

It is a great pleasure to present my welcome message to all our national society and corporate member colleagues. It is your expertise and dedication to improve health outcomes for patients and communities that are the greatest strengths of the IFCC. I very much look forward to working closely with you and together facing the opportunities and challenges for laboratory medicine over this next period. It is your expertise which gives me great confidence that we will continue to develop the quality and performance of laboratory medicine to meet the future needs of our patients and the healthcare system.

Laboratory medicine currently faces significant challenges some of which confront all the healthcare disciplines. However we face particular issues arising from the perception of laboratory medicine as merely a service provider rather than a driver for optimal healthcare. Clinical laboratories are being required to assume increased responsibilities for service provision and patient safety with ever decreasing budgets. Financial constraints also impact our corporate members, moderating their ability to collaborate in professional development and, at the same time, the academic basis of laboratory medicine is diminishing.

Professional leadership has never been more vital to provide strategies for improving the crucial role of laboratory medicine in patient care. Such leadership is provided by the IFCC, our regional federations and our national societies. We work in this field together and each of our organizations plays an essential role at the different levels of engagement. Clearly communication is critical and the interactions between the IFCC and the regional federations will now be markedly enhanced with the inclusion of representatives of each of the regional federations on the IFCC Executive Board. The IFCC General Conference, this year being held in November, provides further opportunity between the national society representatives, regional federations and IFCC Officers to engage in discussions and debate on the key issues currently facing laboratory medicine.

As President I look forward to extending the work of the IFCC in a range of important areas.

Technologies relevant to clinical laboratory practice are rapidly emerging from academic and industry research laboratories and being adopted by highly specialized scientists within clinical laboratories. But their full benefits for patient care cannot be realized until they are translated to areas capable of high-throughput processing for medical tests and meeting performance criteria for accreditation purposes.

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The Emerging Technologies Division (ETD) is a new addition to the IFCC functional units and is responsible for identifying and assessing emerging technologies and translating the emerging and disruptive diagnostic and data analysis procedures from academic laboratories to clinical laboratories and from clinical laboratories to routine practice. Improving clinical laboratory performance through standardization and traceability as it impacts on the rational use of clinical laboratory resources continues to be a major focus of the Scientific Division. This work will be enhanced by the IFCC hosting the International Consortium for Harmonization of Clinical Laboratory Results (ICHCLR) which will improve the close working relationships between IFCC, ICHCLR and the Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory medicine (JCTLM) during the next triennium. A major challenge is to extend these activities to regions in which the current multi-national In-Vitro Diagnostic industry members are not necessarily the major providers of clinical laboratory instruments and reagents, such as in the Asia Pacific and Central and South American regions. Major achievements have been made in this field only with the close collaboration of the IFCC with relevant institutions in Europe (European Commission - Joint Research Centre) and the USA (National Institute of Science and Technology). During 2018 these collaborations will extend to China (National Institute for Food and Drug Control). We look forward to continuing this important work in collaboration with these important institutions.

IFCC educational and training activities capable of meeting the needs of both developing and developed communities across general laboratory medicine subjects, specialised services and clinical laboratory management have long been a high priority for IFCC. It is most gratifying that this work will be enhanced through the joint efforts of the Education and Management Division and Communications and Publications Division with the promotion of eLearning facilities and opportunities. These electronic resources will be available to clinical laboratory practitioners around the world with internet access.

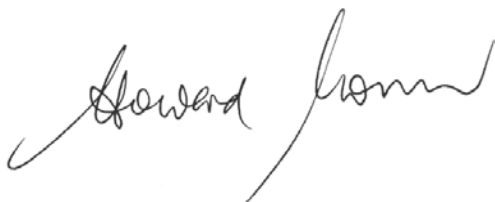
As discussed above, laboratory medicine faces particular challenges and it is important that as a profession we improve our ability to present a coherent strategy to our clinical colleagues, to healthcare managers and those paying for medical tests such as insurers and governments. Closer interactions between international organisations representing the various disciplines of laboratory medicine will greatly assist common engagement by our profession with these stakeholders. Of particular interest in these collaborations will be value of medical tests in order to demonstrate to all stakeholders in healthcare that laboratory medicine can be a driver of optimal and financially sustainable healthcare delivery.

I look forward to working directly with many of you over the next triennium and particularly hope we can meet at the IFCC General Conference being held in Budapest in November. I welcome any suggestions to improve our organization and activities.

Best wishes,

Prof. Howard Morris

IFCC President



Record number of travel scholarships contribute to success of WorldLab Durban 2017

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*by Howard Morris
IFCC President-Elect*

<http://www.ifcc.org/media/476786/ifccenewsdecember2017.pdf#page=5>



Prof. Morris along with his wife, Dr. Martin; Prof. Ozben, IFCC Treasurer; Prof. Ferrari, the IFCC President at the time; and the more than one hundred Young Scientists from around the globe who received the IFCC Travel Scholarship to attend IFCC WorldLab Durban 2017

A record number of travel scholarships strongly contributed to the success of the triennial International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, WorldLab, held for the first time on the African continent. The opportunity for the South African Association of Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine to host WorldLab 2017 was granted to stimulate the improvement of laboratory medicine practice throughout this rapidly developing and populous continent and to further assist the IFCC national societies in Africa. Critical to achieving these aims was the attendance of numerous young clinical laboratory practitioners.

Members of the Executive Board were very much aware of the impact of attending our own first WorldLab Congresses. It inspired building a rewarding career in laboratory medicine and had positive impacts on creating interest in our profession and building national societies. To this end the IFCC Executive Board allocated

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the historic level of funding for travel scholarships to support 70 young delegates. In addition, the IFCC was highly appreciative of the philanthropic support from Professor Jocelyn Hicks, who supported a further 4 travel scholarships and our Corporate Member, Roche Diagnostics, for funding to support a further 11 scholarships.

We were very pleased to receive applications from some 90 young African scientists who met the criteria for support including aged younger than 40 years, priority for abstract presenters and each applicant had written a personal statement highlighting what they hoped to gain by attending this Congress. The scholarship provided 4 nights' accommodation, contribution to economy air travel to Durban and coverage of bank charges. The Conference Organizing Committee contributed by providing registration for WorldLab 2017.

The IFCC was now faced with the challenge of identifying extra funds to meet the demand from these excellent candidates. We turned to the generosity of our National Societies to allow these young scientists to achieve their dreams and were very pleased to receive an excellence response for this call for action. Support for all 90 eligible applicants was achieved through the contributions received from the following national societies: Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists (5 scholarships); Association of Clinical Biochemists – UK (1 scholarship), American Association for Clinical Chemistry (2 scholarship), Canadian Society of Clinical Chemistry (2 scholarship), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Klinische Chemie und Laboratoriumsmedizin – DE (2 scholarship), Malaysian Association of Clinical Biochemists (1 scholarship), Société Française de Biologie Clinique – FR (1 scholarship), Saudi Association for Clinical Chemistry (1 scholarship). The IFCC pledged to make up any shortfall.

The IFCC is extremely grateful for this extra support from our members and clearly, as indicated by the reports of the scholarship awardees and the photographs from the WorldLab Durban Congress, feel vindicated for this effort. The future of laboratory medicine in Africa is immeasurably stronger following the Congress and we are confident that many of these young clinical scientists will play key roles in our profession to improve the outcomes of their patients, a key element in building their young nations.

Remembering Professor Howard Morris through the eyes of colleagues and IFCC members

I first met Howard Morris many years ago when I chaired an AACC committee concerned with enhancing relations between laboratorians and the clinicians who used their test results.

Howard's insight and logical approach to problem solving impressed every member of the committee, as did his intellect and knowledge. Because of the personal impact that he had on me I subsequently followed his recognition by the Australian and international clinical chemistry communities and his progressive rise through the IFCC ranks.

My most recent prolonged interaction with him was at the IFCC General Conference in Madrid. He laid out for me his plans for the IFCC leadership and the needs of the organization's growing number of members with their multiple diverse interests.

He was at all times a good listener and ready to listen to views other than his own and adapt his position accordingly. Above everything else he was a gentleman, a good friend to me and a great resource for IFCC.

*Prof. Donald Young
IFCC Past President*



TF-YS: 1st IFCC Conference in Rome
Pradeep Dabla and Prof. Howard Morris



IFCC WorldLab Durban 2017, Durban International Convention
Centre; L-R: Ken Sikaris, Ashlin Rampul and Howard Morris



Dr. Annalise Zemlin, Prof. Erasmus, Prof. Howard Morris
and Marishka Meyer from BD

In March 2018, I was an invited speaker on behalf of the C-EBLM at the 23rd Annual Conference and Continuing Professional Development's Pre-conference Quality Workshop which was held in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. The conference was hosted by EMLA, AFCC and APHI.

Prof. Howard Morris gave a fantastic talk on Leadership at the workshop and the audience loved him.

I did a tour of the Blue Nile with him and with Prof. Rajiv Erasmus (President AFCC) where I experienced his fantastic personality and sense of humour.

*Dr. Annalise Zemlin C-EBLM Chair
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Dr. Annalise Zemlin, Mr. Gizachew Tadesse (IFCC Ethiopia NR), our guide, Howard and Prof. Erasmus



I presented Howard Morris a memento from the APFCB for being the IFCC Visiting Lecturer for 2015/2016.

Prof. Howard Morris (Vice President of the IFCC at the time), of the University of South Australia and South Australia Pathology has been nominated to be IFCC-Abbott Visiting Lecturer for 2015/2016. His topic is Vitamin D and Bone Metabolism.

*Prof. Lee Lai
EMD Chair, IFCC
Department of Medicine
Gleneagles Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

Photo on the left: Prof. Lai and Prof. Morris



Prof. Howard Morris and Tricia Ravalico, CPD EC Corporate Representative

Professor Howard Morris was a leading executive and program partner to the UNIVANTs of Healthcare Excellence Program. His passion about elevating the field of laboratory medicine and uniting across healthcare silos was an asset to the program and its executive partners including AACC, Modern Healthcare, EHMA, HIMSS, NAHQ, IHE, and Abbott Laboratories.

Collectively and with Professor Morris's support, the program reached over 97 countries in its first year and continues to inspire healthcare teams across the globe to work together for measurably better healthcare performance.

Throughout those efforts, Howard's insights and collaborative leadership helped drive additional partnerships across organizations, furthering the future of integrative medicine.

"Notwithstanding his busy travel agenda, Prof. Morris found the time to introduce HIMSS to the broader IFCC team to connect and carry on his mission of integrating systems and people," explains Angela Velkova from HIMSS International. "It sets a wonderful example of passion and commitment to a cause that we can learn from and build on to the benefit of those we serve."

"Sometimes in life you meet people who you know from the get go are just special and Howard was one

of those people," comments Usman Khan, Executive Director at European's Patient Forum.

"There are not enough words to describe the positive impact that Professor Morris has had on Laboratory Medicine, the IFCC and the UNIVANTs of Healthcare Excellence Program. My mission is to continue with the work that we had started together, and very much hope to make him (and laboratory medicine) proud," shares Tricia Ravalico, Director of Scientific Leadership from Abbott Laboratories.

"Working on case studies that have been collected with the UNIVANTs program is a very important part of winning over the hearts and minds of clinical laboratory professionals as well winning over the hearts and minds of other partners in healthcare delivery."

"We believe that if we can demonstrate the value [of lab medicine] and show it to both clinicians and the people controlling the finances of laboratories, then they will be more willing to spend money in this profession."

*Tricia H. Ravalico
CPD EC Corporate Representative
UNIVANTs Programme Coordinator
Abbott Laboratories, USA*



Howard Morris at the 2019 Executive Partner Meeting, UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence

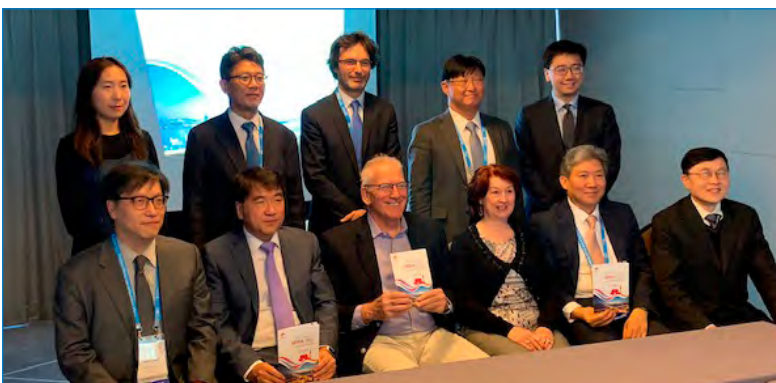
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We had the pleasure to work with Prof. Morris since he was elected IFCC President, beginning his term as IFCC president Elect in 2017.

Prof. Morris was a wonderful person, dynamic, and full of projects.

IFCC and the whole Laboratory Medicine have indeed lost a great leader.

We will miss his enthusiasm, friendship, openness and professionalism. And his unforgettable smile.

*Paola, Silvia, Silvia
IFCC Office, Milan*



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We will always remember Howard as a dear friend, brilliant scientist and colleague.

He was a man of high value, loyal, reliable, always in good spirit, ready to help, and a very pleasant person to work with.

Howard, we all will miss you very much: your wonderful unique laugh will be always with us!

Mauro Monica Stefano and MZ staff

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Prof. Morris with his wife, Dr. Martin, S. Montalbetti, MZ Congressi and Seoul 2021 IFCC WorldLab Congress COC members

Madame La ministre

Mr le Doyen

Monsieur le Président de la STBC

Mes chers amis biologistes

Au nom de l'IFCC dont je suis membre de son Bureau Exécutif

Au nom de l'AFCB que la Tunisie Assure la Vice-Présidence

Et avec une grande tristesse que nous annonçons le décès du professeur Howard Morris, président de l'IFCC et ami des biologistes Tunisiens, Arabes, Africains le professeur Howard Morris nous quitté le 18 avril 2019, alors qu'il se trouvait au Kazakhstan où il donnait des conférences en tant que conférencier invité de l'IFCC.

Le professeur Morris était un éminent scientifique, mondialement connu, un éducateur, un administrateur et un gestionnaire de groupe hors pair (il lui arrivé de présider des réunions de l'EB qui duraient plus de 10h) et un professionnel dans tout ce qu'il faisait « **tout simplement un leader de groupe** »

Le Professeur Morris (PhD) est:

- **Professeur de sciences médicales à l'Université Adelaide en l'Australie du Sud et scientifique clinicien en chimie chimique à la SA Pathology,**
- Il avait 30 ans d'expérience dans le domaine de la biochimie clinique: **l'immunodosage et de l'endocrinologie, et en particulier dans le domaine de la vitamine D et du métabolisme osseux** (physiopathologie de la maladie métabolique des os et effets des hormones, notamment de la vitamine D).

- Récemment , **Il a pu identifier les actions anaboliques de la vitamine D dans le tissu osseux, fournissant ainsi un nouveau mécanisme moléculaire permettant de déterminer les besoins en vitamine D afin de réduire le risque de fractures chez les personnes âgées**
- Il a dirigé une très active équipe de recherche ou **Il a publié plus de 280 publications**, revues et chapitres de livres lui permettant de recevoir plusieurs prix : **médailles des services exceptionnels de l'ABCA (2003)**, les **conférences itinérantes W. Roman (2004)** et les **conférences commémoratives Louis Avioli 2009 de l'American Society** , **rédacteur en chef des Clinical Biochemist Reviews (1994-2002)**.
- **Etait le représentant de l'Association australienne de biochimistes cliniques (AACB) auprès de l'IFCC et de l'APFCB (1998-2004)**. Membre du conseil de l'ABCA (1998-2002) et
- Au sein de la Fédération Asie-Pacifique de biochimie clinique (APFCB), il a été **président du comité scientifique (2002-2004)** et **président du comité d'organisation scientifique, membre du comité d'organisation du 10e Congrès asiatique de biochimie clinique (2002-2005)**.
- Avant son élection à la tête de l'IFCC, **le professeur Morris Le Professeur Howard Morris a travaillé sans relâche dans de nombreuses comités de l'IFCC** en tant que membre des groupes de travail de l'IFCC sur la campagne mondiale sur le diabète sucré (2003-2008) et sur la liaison clinique internationale (2009-2011). Secrétaire de la division scientifique (2003-2008); **Président du groupe de travail conjoint IFCC - «International Osteoporosis Foundation sur la normalisation des marqueurs du taux de rotation osseuse puis vice-président de l'IFCC (2012-2014);**
- **Le professeur Morris a été élu président de l'IFCC en 2016, président élu en 2017 et est devenu président pour un mandat de trois ans en janvier 2018.**



J'ai eu le privilège de le connaître en 2004 lors de l'organisation par la STBC du **X^{ème} Congrès Arabe de Biologie Clique à Monastir** et de la **3^e Conférence Générale de l'IFCC à Sousse** avec la participation de plus de 60 pays mais surtout je l'ai côtoyé de près depuis 2 ans suite à mon élection au Bureau exécutif de l'IFCC ou j'ai pu découvrir ses qualités humaines et professionnelles. Il était un gentleman toujours à l'écoute de Biologistes membres des

fédérations régionales (10^{èmes} de commissions au sein de l'IFCC) et surtout ceux des pays émergents AFCB, AFCC et il lui ai arrivé de prendre en charge personnellement la prise en charge de l'adhésion de certaines sociétés (Syrie...).

Les sociétés arabes membres ont pu bénéficier de:

- **Plus de 20** conférenciers VLP
- **De l'Organisation de la dernière réunion du bureau exécutif de l'IFCC à Hammamet en Février 2018**
- Encouragement de l'Organisation de la prochaine rencontre **Arabo-Européen IFCC 2020** en Tunisie dont le protocole a été signé au Liban en Mars dernier et la réunion du comité de pilotage est prévue pour le 20 Mai 2019 à Barcelone (il m'a fait la promesse de l'organiser en Tunisie mais malheureusement il sera le grand absent)

Son décès constitue une grande perte pour nous tous Biologistes à travers le monde.

Repose en Paix cher ami.

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*Prof. Abderrazek Hedhili
IFCC Executive Board member
Regional Federation Representative - AFCB*

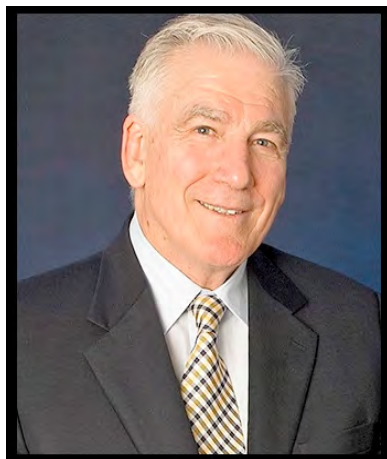


Howard Morris at Budapest General Conference with LATAM colleagues



L-R: Prof. Howard Morris; Dr. Rosa Sierra-Amor, EB COLABIOCLI representative; Prof. Adekunle Okesina, EB AFCC representative; and Dr. David Kinniburgh, EB Secretary in Tunisia, at EB Meeting in February 2019

IN MEMORIA PROF. HOWARD MORRIS Presidente de IFCC (2016-2019)



Quito, 19 de abril de 2019

Cuando la muerte se precipita sobre el hombre, la parte mortal se extingue; pero el principio inmortal se retira y se aleja sano y salvo (Platón, filósofo griego).

El Rincón Iberoamericano (RIA) y el Grupo de Trabajo de Iberoamérica de Nomenclatura y Traducción (WG-IANT) de CDP-IFCC, expresamos nuestra profunda consternación y tristeza por la repentina pérdida del Dr. Howard Morris. Él fue nuestro Presidente no solo por ser un brillante y prestigioso profesional, sino porque con su carismática sonrisa, personalidad y caballerosidad se ganó el corazón de todos los que tuvimos la oportunidad de conocerlo y compartir grandes eventos científicos

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Dr. Howard Morris durante un receso en la Conferencia General de IFCC, conversando con la Chair del WG-IANT, Dra. María del C. Pasquel (8 - 11 de noviembre de 2018)

o simplemente una taza de café y una amena conversación.

Durante la última Conferencia General de IFCC que se desarrolló en Budapest (Hungría), el Dr. Howard Morris manifestó el deseo de acrecentar los vínculos con la región y con el WG-IANT, expresando su deseo de que varios de sus artículos científicos se tradujeran y publicaran en el Rincón Iberoamericano, facilitando de este modo la difusión y el fácil acceso para los profesionales de Iberoamérica.

El Dr. Morris realizó muchas contribuciones a la química clínica y la medicina de laboratorio especialmente en el área de la vitamina D y el metabolismo óseo, realizó un trabajo extraordinario en los diferentes comités de la IFCC y finalmente su labor como Presidente de IFCC culminó de forma repentina e inesperada, cuando ejercía su labor de enseñanza compartiendo sus conocimientos a través del programa de VLP de IFCC en Kazajistán.



Dr. Howard Morris durante su intervención en el "XVIII Congreso Chileno de Química Clínica" (4-6 de agosto de 2014)

El Dr. Howard Morris estuvo en Ecuador en la ciudad de Guayaquil durante el XII Congreso Ecuatoriano y VIII Congreso Internacional de Bioquímica Clínica que se desarrolló en el Centro de Convenciones de Guayaquil del 2 al 4 de mayo de 2014.

En ese mismo año, durante los días 4, 5 y 6 de agosto estuvo también en la ciudad de Santiago de Chile, participando en el “XVIII Congreso Chileno de Química Clínica”.

El RIA y WG-IANT expresan su sentimiento de pesar a la gran familia de la IFCC y en especial a su querida esposa Sra. Helen Martin, a su familia y amigos y a la Sociedad Australiana de Bioquímica Clínica (AABC) porque el mundo de la Medicina de Laboratorio ha

perdido un gran científico, la Familia de la IFCC a su Presidente, y todos los que le conocimos a un gran amigo, nos queda su gran ejemplo de brillante profesional y gratos recuerdos de una querida persona.

La reunión de la IFCC en Barcelona 2019 en el marco del EuroMedLab no será lo mismo, porque no estará la presencia física de nuestro Presidente Dr. Howard Morris, aunque él perdurará para siempre en nuestra memoria, tal como decía Platón en la frase con la que iniciamos nuestra pequeña contribución a su memoria.

Sinceramente,
Dr. BQF. María del Carmen Pasquel
Chair WG-IANT/RIA/CPD-IFCC

Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine Community suffers a great loss with the passing of Professor Howard Morris

April 20, 2019, was a normal day for me until the evening when very sad news were announced on the IFCC website.

It was about the death of Prof. Howard Morris, President of the IFCC. I was profoundly upset by the news and could not believe it, it looked like a dream. I was stunned by the tragic news and full of my memories, old meetings and talks with Prof. Morris began to flash in my mind. It was such a shocking moment and could not help myself not to think about it. I have immense respect for him as he always showed great interest and enthusiasm in promoting quality assurance in laboratory medicine for the developing world.

Despite his busy schedule, he managed to travel for hours crossing continents in order to lecture and help laboratory professionals from developing world. His visit to Nepal, my home country a few years back was so popular, and his lectures and sharing of experiences benefited a lot lab professionals in that part of the world.

Nobody would have thought that one day he would pass away while actively involved in a similar lecturing program. It is shocking to all that he left us for another world while he was visiting Kazakhstan for such a program. Although he is not with us now, his

contributions to laboratory medicine will be remembered forever.

I remember our numerous brief talks during various conferences and academic meetings. Most significant of all was during IFCC WorldLab 2017 in Durban. Prof. Morris was chair of the Award Committee and President-elect of IFCC, and I was nominated for the IFCC Young Investigator Award. A day before the award ceremony, in a private conversation, he praised my work and achievements. He inspired me and gave me some great advice. That was such a motivation for me to build up my scientific and academic career. Moments with him during the official award ceremony are indelible and will live in my memory forever.

The entire laboratory medicine community around the globe was really sorry to hear about the death of our President. Though no words can express the sadness of this devastating news, social media of IFCC were filled with condolence messages. Over 800 laboratory professionals reacted to this sorrowful news in the official Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram page of IFCC. This clearly indicates the impact of his death on laboratory professionals.

Ghassan Shannan from Syria wrote on Facebook, *“It is a big loss for laboratory medicine worldwide and for me personally as he was a great friend and remarkable*

colleague. My wife and I will never forget his hospitality and generosity when we visited Howard and Helen in Adelaide almost a month ago. May his soul rest in peace."

Barnali Das from India added in the comment, "I'm saddened & shocked. Can't believe it. My heartfelt condolences to Dr. Helen Martin & family. May His soul rest in peace. He is such a gem of a person. Whenever I met him, his radiant smile and kind behavior used to amaze me. Can't believe that will not see him anymore. Howard, you will always be remembered in our thoughts".

Santo Greco from Australia expressed, "So sad to hear about this great and untimely loss. The world of laboratory medicine is much poorer for his passing. I was touched by Howard as a person and learned from his immense knowledge. My condolences to Helen and Family. Rest in peace."

Cheheb Ben Rayana from Tunisia wrote, "It's a great loss to clinical chemistry. He visited Tunisia two times. Condolences to his family and colleagues."

Prof. Morris left his own legacy in the hearts of many.

Steve Ellison replied, via Twitter, "Very sad to hear this so suddenly after his excellent presentation for @IFClinChem at CCQM only a week ago. Deepest condolences to family, friends and to IFCC."

Swarnima Singh wrote, "I am really shocked and saddened to know this. I had the opportunity to meet him in person twice last year. He even presented me my first International award. He was such an inspiration. My deepest and heartfelt condolences."

Harsh Vardhan Singh expressed his thought, "Deeply saddened by this shocking news. Indeed, it's a great loss to clinical chemistry field. I met him so many times in national & international conferences. He was a great person. May his soul rest in peace."

Rahma Triliana posted, "We have lost a good person, a great scientist, an outstanding mentor, a noble clinician and an amazing individual. I would never forget his laugh, his passion for science, his love for teaching, his understanding towards his pupils and his guidance during my study. My deepest condolences to the bone group in Adelaide and across Australia. We have lost

a gem. Rest in eternal peace Prof. Morris. You shall be remembered always."

Various committee and division members of IFCC and chair of its member societies also used social sites to express their sadness and condolences.

Prof. Leslie Lai commented, "We have indeed lost an icon, a great friend and an outstanding scientist. I am devastated by the sad news and extend my deepest sympathy to Howard's family."

Prof. Praveen Sharma from Association of Clinical Biochemists of India wrote, "We are awfully sorry to hear about the sudden demise of Prof. Howard Morris, one of the prestigious gems in the field of clinical biochemistry. Whenever we met Prof. Howard, he came across as a very active and spirited person. I am sure he will be remembered fondly by those who got to know him. Let's god bless family members with strength to sail through this tough situation. Please know you are there in our prayers and thoughts. We are sorry to have lost such a good friend. Please accept our condolences."

Mr. Maung from the Myanmar Medical Technologist Association also expressed his condolences in Facebook. It says, "We are greatly saddened to learn of the sudden demise of Professor Howard Morris, President, International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine. On behalf of the members of Myanmar Medical Technologist Association, I wish to convey our deepest condolence to the family of Professor Howard Morris."

Dr. Gruson Damien mentioned, "Really sad to learn the loss of our President, a fantastic man and a strong defender of laboratory medicine." Hundreds of fellows around the globe expressed their sadness and condolences to Prof. Morris's family and IFCC.

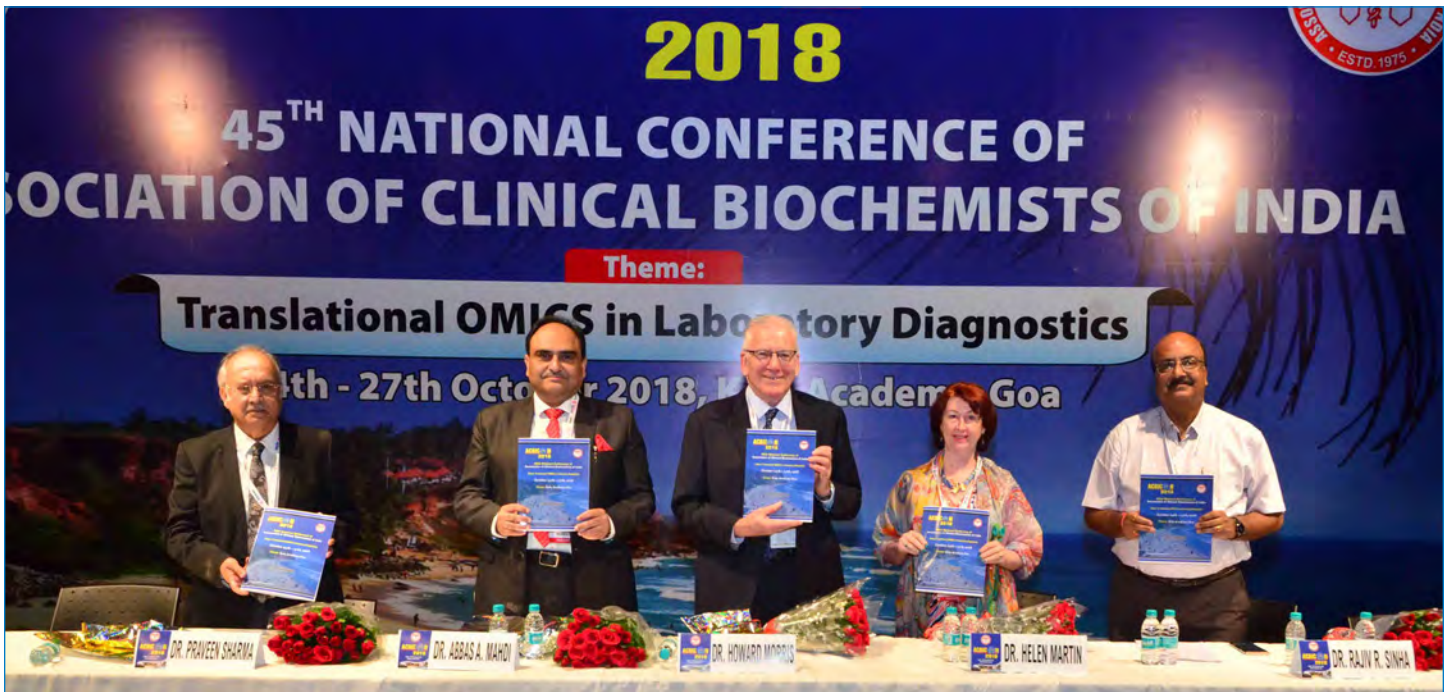
Again, I would like to express my most sincere condolences and wishes to his family, IFCC, and the whole community of clinical chemistry. May his departed soul rest in peace!

Rojeet Shrestha, PhD
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences
Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan
Social Media Coordinator for IFCC

2018 Goa, IN - ACBI National Conference – Prof. Morris attended as an IFCC VLP and gave the following lectures:

1. Biochemical markers of calcium and bone metabolism
2. Vitamin D metabolism, requirement and biological activity
3. Microalbuminuria

In addition he chaired the TFYS session/symposium “Next Steps in Lab Medicine of the Future – Young Specialists & Technology”



L-R: Dr. Praveen Sharma, Dr. Abbas A. Mahdi, Prof. Howard Morris, Dr. Helen Martin, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha



Prof. Howard Morris receiving a plaque from Dr Abbas Mahdi



Prof. Howard Morris during one of his lectures

Prof. Morris visited Hong Kong as 2015 IFCC Visiting Lecture speaker and he also delivered lectures in the Annual Scientific Meeting of Hong Kong Society of Clinical Chemistry (HKSCC) in 2015.

He gave lectures on:

- Is Vitamin D Critical for Improved Health Outcomes? When to Assess Vitamin D Status?
- Strategies for Interpretation and Commenting on Clinical Laboratory Results
- Bone Markers and Their Use



Prof. Morris as IFCC Visiting Lecturer in 2015-01-09 at QEH Hong Kong:
Group photo with HKSCC Board, colleagues and Congress speakers and organizers



Prof. Morris with Young Scientists



Prof. Morris delivering a lecture at HKSCC 15th Annual Scientific Meeting, at YMCA venue, Hong Kong

Saudi Society for Clinical Chemistry

Last February, Prof. Howard accepted our invitation to attend the 5th Saudi Society for Clinical Chemistry Annual Meeting in December 2019, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and he was pleased to be our honourable guest and speaker.

Unfortunately the tragic news has been announced before we could continue with him the required arrangements.

The SSCC has received the tragic news of his death with sadness and expressed its support to all his family and close friends.

Dr. Anwar Borai



This nice picture was taken on 11 Nov 2018 in Budapest. The photo shows Prof Howard Morris, Prof. Okesina and Dr. Anwar Borai (Saudi Society representative to the IFCC).



Prof. Dr. Howard Morris with the President and National Representative of the Malaysian Association of Clinical Biochemists to IFCC: Raja Dr. Elina Raja Aziddin, and Prof. Dr. Hoang Van Son, National Representative of the Vietnamese Association of Clinical Biochemists to IFCC



Professor Howard Morris with MACB President, Dr. Elina Raja (right) and council member (left) at the IFCC General Conference 2018



Professor Howard Morris delivering a lecture at the 27th MACB Conference 2017

The Malaysian Association of Clinical Biochemists (MACB) would like to extend our sincere condolences on the passing of Professor Howard Morris. His passing is a great loss to the clinical scientific community.

Professor Howard Morris was a respected leader, mentor and a dear friend to colleagues in Malaysia.

He was always willing to share his knowledge and experience. His continuous support of MACB's training activities is obvious by his frequent participation in our conferences and scientific meetings. His jovial and easy approach made him a favourite among local colleagues.

We will cherish our memories of Professor Howard Morris. He will be missed.



Indonesian Association for Clinical Chemistry (HKKI)

IACC's member, Dwi Yuniati Daulay, from Prodia Laboratory, Indonesia, had a poster session at the **First IFCC, EFLM, AFCB, FIFBCML Conference "Laboratory Medicine: Meeting The Needs of Mediterranean Nation"**

The Conference was held between 2-4 July 2018, at the University of Tor Vergata-Rome.

Here portrayed with Prof. Morris.

Photo on the left: Dwi Yuniati Daulay and Prof. Morris

In Memory of Professor Howard Morris

SCLM members are deeply saddened by the loss of our prominent and well-known Professor Howard Morris. There are no appropriate words to express our sense of personal sorrow and professional loss on his sudden death.

Professor Morris visited Serbia two times, during SERbian Blomarker Symposium -SERBIS 2018 and 2019, giving insightful thought-provoking lectures. He was honored member of SCLM, honorable President of the SERBIS and he was awarded with the chapter awards for outstanding contribution toward the success of SERBIS meetings.

We felt very privileged to have known him, although for too short a time. Every single time we have met him we met an energetic, productive and inspiring person who had the skills and abilities to hold many a diverse people together and, reflecting back now, every single time it was pleasurable to be with him, listen and learn. He was



really bright individual who inspired us to live life to the fullest. He always carried a sparkle...

The last time we saw him was two weeks before he left us! Not knowing that it would be the last time we would see him! He was a wonderful person who encouraged us to think, work and be good.

Prof. Morris will be missed, but not forgotten. We continue in his footsteps.

Sanja Stankovic
President of the Serbian Society for Clinical Laboratory
Medicine and Science (SCLM)



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SIBioC Congress – October 2018 Naples (Italy)



Coffee at the Castel San Elmo terrace - SIBioC



Dr. Bernard Gouget, Prof. Howard Morris and Dr. Michael Bennet (AACC) at SIBioC Congress

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Dinner at SIBioC Congress

**Sociedad Chilena
de Quimica Clinica (SChQC)**

The Executive Board of the Sociedad Chilena de Quimica Clinica (SChQC) had the honor of meeting with Professor Howard Morris, on his participation in the 18th Chilean Congress of Clinical Chemistry, held from 4-6 August 2014 in Santiago, Chile.

Professor Morris participated in the scientific program by giving two lectures of his specialty with the support of VLP IFCC-Abbott.



Dr. Ximena Lobos (SChQC) and Prof. Howard Morris

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Professor Howard Morris, at the 18th Chilean Congress of Clinical Chemistry

Letters of condolences



Malaysian Association of Clinical Biochemists

*Our Deepest Condolences
for the passing of
Professor Howard
Morris*

*May his soul rest
in peace*



**ASIA-PACIFIC FEDERATION FOR CLINICAL
BIOCHEMISTRY
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE**



Dear friends and colleagues,

It is with deep regret that I notify the passing of Professor Howard Morris, our current President of the IFCC. Howard passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in Kazakhstan, where he was on official IFCC work as a travelling lecturer.

Howard is well known to many within the APFCB and around the world. His involvement with the APFCB spans many years and he was the APFCB Chair of the Scientific Committee in the 2002 period.

Howard was a diligent and committed person and he worked continuously over the last fifteen months as President of the IFCC, travelling and reaching out across the globe. He had wonderful ideas and plans and was always enthusiastic about seeing these through. Everyone who worked with him could see his passion.

I will remember Howard for his rich understanding of history. He often shared his knowledge during casual conversations. Howard also had a wonderful sense of humour and his loud and booming laughter often filled the room during meals.

On behalf of the APFCB, I also want to send my sincere condolences to Helen Martin, our current Secretary of the APFCB. It is difficult to imagine her loss and we keep Helen and the family in prayers.

Sunil Sethi
President APFCB
20 April 2019

23 April 2019

Dr. Phillippe Gillery
Scientific Division Chair
International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)
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Dear Dr. Gillery,

I would like to deliver my sincere condolences and sympathies on sudden passing of Dr. Howard Morris, the President of IFCC.

I am shocked and saddened by the news. We met just a week ago in Paris and eagerly talked about further strengthening the cooperative relationship between IFCC and CCQM. He looked so healthy and cheerful that I could not sense any sign of this tragedy. The 25th CCQM plenary meeting might be the last meeting Dr. Morris attended. That makes me even more saddened and yet honored.

I first met him in the special JCTLM session and the 25th CCQM meeting. He looked to me very modest and friendly that I felt him as if an old friend. Especially when we talked about preparation for the World Lab 2020 in Seoul, I felt we were already good partners, and I was sure for building of ever closer cooperative relationship between IFCC and CCQM. All this seems like just yesterday, but we have to go on without Dr. Morris now. For the sake of late Dr. Morris, we will work harder to realize the fruits of IFCC-CCQM cooperation.

On behalf of all CCQM members, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to you, all the members of IFCC, and Dr. Morris' family. I hope that time and fond of memories of him will help us lessen the burden of our sorrow, and that we may all draw some measure of comfort knowing that others think, care, pray, and share in the loss.

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Comité Ejecutivo de IFCC

El Comité Ejecutivo de COLABIOCLI en nombre de la Confederación Latinoamericana de Bioquímica Clínica, hace llegar sus condolencias a la Federación Internacional de Química Clínica por el sensible fallecimiento de su Presidente, Prof. Dr. Howard Morris y se suma a la pena que embarga a su familia, a la comunidad científica internacional y a sus colegas y amigos. Sin dudas que con su partida el mundo entero pierde a una gran persona y científico admirado y querido por quienes tuvieron la fortuna de conocerlo.

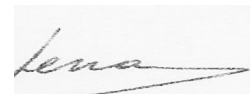
Reciba nuestro afectuoso saludo,



Dra. QF Stella Raymondo
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Colegio Nacional de Laboratoristas Clínicos de Panamá

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El Colegio Nacional De Laboratoristas Clínicos De Panamá

CONSIDERANDO:

Que el día 18 de abril de 2019, dejó de estar entre nosotros el **Prof. Dr. HOWARD MORRIS**.

Que el **Prof Dr. HOWARD MORRIS**, era el Presidente de la International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC), tuvo una destacada trayectoria en el campo de química clínica y medicina de laboratorio en todo el mundo, especialmente en el área de la vitamina D y el metabolismo óseo.

Que el **Prof. Dr. HOWARD MORRIS**, era un consumando científico, medico, educador y administrador.

RESUELVE:

Elevar una plegaria al cielo y pedirle al **TODOPODEROSO** lo reciba bajo su misericordia e infinito amor.

Unirnos en oración a los compañeros de la comunidad científica internacional y pedir mucha fortaleza para los colegas, amigos y familiares del **Prof. Dr. HOWARD MORRIS**.

Guardar un minuto de silencio en memoria del **Prof. Dr. HOWARD MORRIS**, en nuestra próxima reunión de Junta Directiva.

Enviar por correo electrónico la presente resolución a la International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC), como muestra de apoyo y solidaridad por tan sensible pérdida.

Dado en la Ciudad de Panamá a los 22 días del mes de abril de 2019.

“LE DIJO JESÚS: Yo soy la resurrección y la vida; el que cree en mí, aunque esté muerto, vivirá para siempre” Juan 11: 25

**JUNTA DIRECTIVA
DE CONALAC**

*Mgter. Lizbeth Campillo H.
Presidente de CONALAC*



MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

The Chinese Society of Clinical Laboratory mourn the loss of Professor Howard Morris.

Professor Morris was a pioneer in the field of biological chemistry and pathology for his outstanding entrepreneurship in Vitamin D and bone biomarker characterization. His work set the cornerstone for health research and a better world.

Professor Morris was a lifelong colleague and friend of CSLM. His help during the inception and development of clinical laboratory management and the quality use of pathology in China will be always memorized by the society.

Professor Morris will be remembered for his many contributions to Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide for his extraordinary contribution in the area of metabolomics and tireless devotion to the IFCC Committees as President of IFCC.

Our hearts go out to all his family and colleagues.

Chinese Society of Clinical Laboratory

2019-April-21

Chinese Society of Laboratory Medicine

Dear friends,

We are exceedingly sorry to hear that Prof. Morris passed away. We were so shocked that we could not at first realized the fact. This sad news has put us in full sympathy with you.

Prof. Morris was an honorable and knowledgeable man, and was loved by all of our Chinese colleagues. Everyone who has known him must feel a great loss caused by his death.

We quite understand how you feel now, and we hope that our sincere condolence will bring you a little but true consolation. Please convey our sincere condolence to his family.

May he rest in peace.

Yours sincerely,

Hong Shang

Honorary President of the Chinese Society of Laboratory Medicine

President of Chinese Medical Doctor Association of Laboratory Medicine

Chengbin Wang

President of the Chinese Society of Laboratory Medicine

Baishen Pan

Former President of the Chinese Society of Laboratory Medicine



Hrvatsko društvo za medicinsku
biokemiju i laboratorijsku medicinu
Croatian society of medical
biochemistry and laboratory medicine

Zagreb, 19.04.2019.

**International Federation of Clinical Chemistry
and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)**

**IFCC Office
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Dear Madam/Sir,

We have received a sad news that our dear Prof. Howard Morris has passed away suddenly. It is a terrible loss and words can not describe how this unpleasant news affect us all who knew him and had an honour to work with him.

I am expressing my deep condolences to Prof. Howard Morris's family.

prof. Daria Pašalić, PhD

President of Croatian Society for medical biochemistry and laboratory medicine

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Buenos Aires, 22th April 2019

Executive Board

IFCC

We turn to you having received the sad news about the decease of the IFCC President, Professor Howard Morris, in name and representation of the CUBRA Executive Board, we get to you our most heartfelt condolences on the irremediable loss.

His trajectory, dedication and commitment at the service of the profession will stay with us.

We beg to you extend our condolences to his beloved ones in such a difficult moment.

rest. From CUBRA, we pray for his eternal

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April 23, 2019



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

**To the Executive Board of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry
and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)**

Dear Collegues,

With great sadness we have learned of the death of Prof. Howard Morris, President of IFCC, and stand petrified while assimilating the news of his sudden and unexpected demise. EFLM has lost a dear friend, colleague and a determined supporter of European Laboratory Medicine affairs.

On behalf of the EFLM Executive Board, this is to express our deepest sympathies to the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) and the entire International Community of Laboratory Medicine Specialists.

Prof. Morris was not only highly respected for his memorable scientific contributions to the field of endocrinology that have impacted on our understanding of the dynamics of bone metabolism but his enthusiasm for diagnostic clinical biochemistry also has been a great inspiration to accomplished as well as young scientists in the field. In the various functions he had held in IFCC over the years - and last as IFCC President - he tirelessly worked to foster communication and collaboration between organisations and individuals in the global family of Laboratory Medicine.

His death is a great loss for all of us, the ones that had been privileged to know him and the entire field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine. On behalf of the European Federation for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine and all its members, the Executive Board of EFLM also wants to express the sincerest condolences to the family of Prof. Howard Morris and his loved ones for their terrible loss.

With kindest regards,

Prof. Michael Neumaier
President EFLM



Quito, April 19, 2019

CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the Ibero-American Corner (RIA) and the Working Group of Latin America (WG-IANT) of CDP-IFCC, we would like to express our deep consternation and sadness at the sudden departure of Dr. Howard Morris, He was our President not only for being a brilliant and prestigious professional, but because with his charismatic smile, personality and chivalry he won the hearts of all those who had the opportunity to meet him and share great scientific events or just a cup of coffee.

The RIA and WG-IANT express their feelings of sorrow to the great IFCC family, and especially to his beloved wife Mrs. Helen Martin, to their family and friends and to the Australian Society of Clinical Biochemistry (AABC) because the world of the Laboratory's medicine has lost a great scientist, the IFCC Family to its President, and all of us who met a great friend, we have left his great example of brilliant professional and fond memories of a dear person.

The IFCC meeting in Barcelona 2019 will no longer be the same, there will be no physical presence of our President, but Dr. Morris will last forever in our memory.

Sincery.

Dr. BQF. María del Carmen Pasquel

Chair WG-IANT / RIA / CPD-IFCC.

Quito, 19 de abril de 2019

CONDOLENCES

A nombre del Rincón Iberoamericano (RA) y del Grupo Trabajo de Iberoamérica (WG-IANT) de CDP-IFCC, queremos expresar nuestra profunda consternación y tristeza por la repentina partida del Dr. Howard Morris, Él fue nuestro Presidente no solo por ser un brillante y prestigioso profesional, sino porque con su carismática sonrisa , personalidad y caballerosidad se ganó el corazón de todos los que tuvimos la oportunidad de conocerlo y compartir grandes eventos científicos o simplemente una taza de café.

El RIA y WG-IANT, expresan su sentimiento de pesar a la gran familia de IFCC, y en especial a su querida esposa Sra. Helen Martin, a su familia y amigos y a la Sociedad Australiana de Bioquímica Clínica (AABC) porque el mundo de la medicina del Laboratorio ha perdido un gran científico, la Familia de IFCC a su Presidente, y todos los que le conocimos a un gran amigo, nos queda su gran ejemplo de brillante profesional y gratos recuerdos de una querida persona.

La reunión de IFCC en Barcelona 2019 ya no será lo mismo, no estará la presencia física de nuestro Presidente, pero el Dr. Morris perdurará para siempre en nuestra memoria.

Sinceramente.

Dr. BQF. María del Carmen Pasquel

Chair WG-IANT/RIA/CPD-IFCC.

IFCC Family & Dear Colleagues,

I would like to express, on behalf of IFCC-TFYS, our condolences on the loss of our beloved President and Great Scientist Prof. Howard Morris. Many of us knew him personally, and his loving and supportive nature was well-loved among young professionals. He will be missed always.

Again, we extend our deepest sympathies to his wife and family during this period of mourning.

We also extend our sincere condolences to the Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists (AACB) for the loss of one of its great asset and valued member.

Rest In Peace Dear Prof. Howard Morris.

Sincerely,

Pradeep Kumar Dabla

IFCC-TFYS



Association of Laboratory
specialists and organizations
«Federation of Laboratory Medicine»

Ассоциация специалистов
и организаций лабораторной службы
«Федерация лабораторной медицины»

On behalf of the Association of laboratory specialists and organizations «Federation of Laboratory Medicine», representative of "FLM" in the IFCC A. Ivanov and me personally, let me express deep condolences on the loss of the IFCC President, Professor Howard Morris.

A talented leader, a scientist, a man respecting everyone who knew him, passed away.

We sincerely commiserate with the family, friends and all those who had the honor to work with Howard Morris.

President Federation
of Laboratory Medicine

Mikhail Godkov



**SOCIEDAD ECUATORIANA DE
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Comité Ejecutivo de IFCC

La SOCIEDAD ECUATORIANA DE BIOQUIMICA CLINICA – SEBIOCLI todos sus afiliados, profundamente consternados hacemos llegar nuestras condolencias a la FEDERACION INTERNACIONAL DE QUIMICA CLINICA IFCC, ante el sensible fallecimiento de su PRESIDENTE, Prof. Dr. Howard Morris y por su digno intermedio para su Esposa la Sra. HELEN MARTIN y Familia, con su partida el mundo de la Medicina y Laboratorio Clínico pierde a una gran persona y científico de gran valía admiración y respeto.

Paz en su tumba

Dr. Francisco Vallejos Y.

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Dra. Patricia Gómez

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IFCC officers and Members, dear Colleagues,

It is with deep sorrow that SFBC learned that our dearest colleague Professor Howard Morris passed away in Kazakhstan last April 18th.

Professor Howard Morris was a dynamic and enthusiastic IFCC President with an outstanding good character, one of the most well-known and highly regarded figure in Laboratory Medicine, as well as a cherished colleague, an inspiration to all, that will remain to be so for the French society and future generations.

On behalf the SFBC, we would like to thank him for his great work and outstanding contributions to IFCC and to our national society. He was one of the most charismatic and noble man the IFCC community have ever known, His true friendship will always be remembered by all of us.

Our deep condolence to his wife and family. We extend our most sincere condolences to the Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists (AACB) for the loss of one of its more valued members.

With our deepest sympathy,

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The President, the Executive Board e all members of SIBioC – Laboratory Medicine are very sad for the sudden disappearance of Prof Howard Morris.

*We are grateful to have had the privilege of knowing him.
Man of Science, Culture and great humanity. We will miss him, but he left a deep and indelible contribution to Laboratory Medicine.*

With our deepest condolences.

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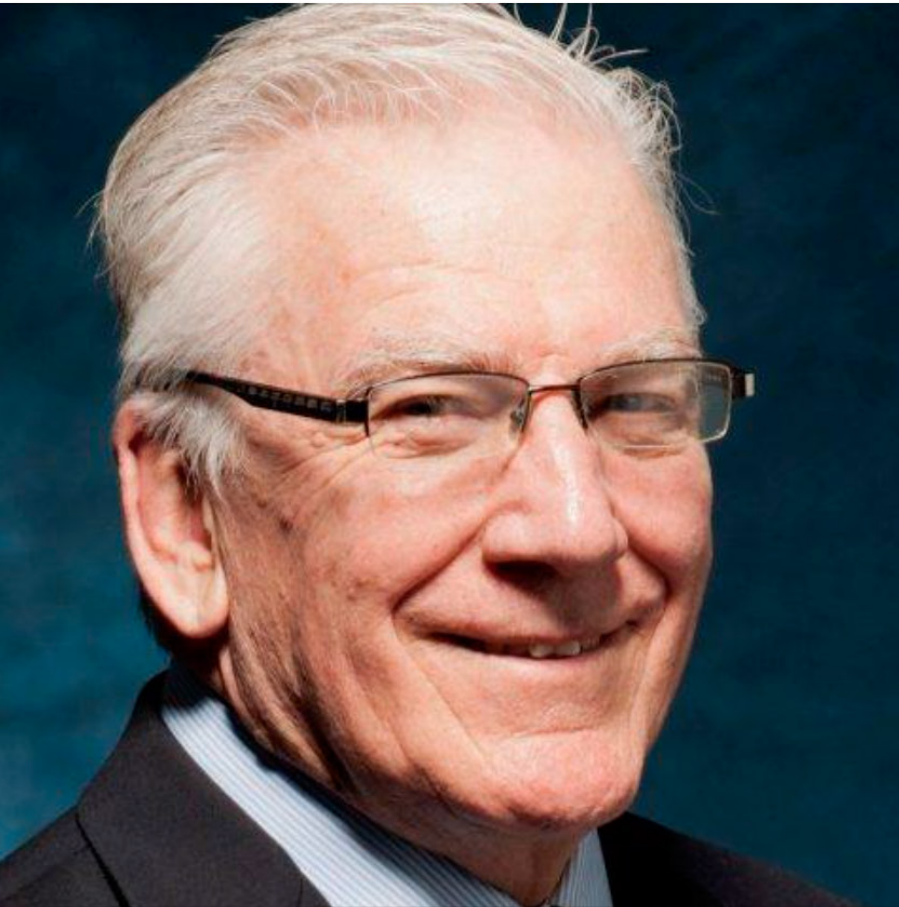


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Ghassan Shannan It is a big loss for laboratory medicine world wide and for me personally as he was a great friend and remarkable colleague. My wife and I will never forget his hospitality and generosity when we visited Howard and Helen in Adelaide almost a month ago. May his soul rest in peace.

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Laura Sciacovelli Rest in peace Prof. Morris. Heartfelt condolences to family and IFCC.

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Charu Yadav May his soul rest in peace! Heartfelt condolences to the family 😞

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Rosy Myint Rest in Peace. I feel deeply sadness and great loss for laboratory medicine. My Heartfelt condolences to Dr Helen and family.





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Shailja Sharma May almighty bestow peace to his soul and strength to all his loved ones to bear this great loss

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Leslie Lai We have indeed lost an icon, a great friend and an outstanding scientist. I am devastated by the sad news and extend my deepest sympathy to Howard's family.

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Swarnima Singh I am really shocked and saddened to know this. I had the opportunity to meet him in person twice last year. He even presented me my first International award. He was such an inspiration. My deepest and heartfelt condolences. 🙏

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Praveen Sharma We are awfully sorry to hear about the sudden demise of Prof. Howard Morris, one of the prestigious gem in the field of clinical biochemistry.

Whenever we met Prof Howard, he came across as a very active and spirited person. I am sure he will be remem... [See More](#)

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Swarup Shah that's shocking.. completely saddened by this great loss... May his soul rest in peace and may God give strength to his family to bear this irreplaceable loss... 🙏

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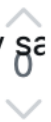
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မြန်မာ့ဆေးဘက်ပညာရှင်များ We are greatly surprised to learn of the sudden demise of Professor Howard Morris, President, International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine. On behalf of the members of Myanmar Medical Technologist Association (MMTA), Yangon,... [See More](#)

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Santo Greco So sad to hear about this great and untimely loss. The world of laboratory medicine is much poorer for his passing. I was touched by Howard as a person and learned from his immense knowledge. My condolences to Helen and Family. Rest in peace.

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Hilary Lumano I'm so shocked! Met him at IFCC meetings...a truly committed professional.RIP

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Maria Montserrat Blanes Gonzalez QEPD Dear Prof Howard Morris. The great family of IFCC feel very sad. My condolences...

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Saswati Das Sincere condolences. May his soul rest in peace

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Deeply saddened by this shocking news that Prof Morris is no more with us. Indeed, a great loss to clinical chemistry. His contributions are always with us. It was just a couple of months ago, we met in Budapest and had wonderful communication. As a friend, he is always cheerful, kind and supportive. His supports to enhance laboratory medicine in the Developing World are unforgettable.
May his soul rest in peace!

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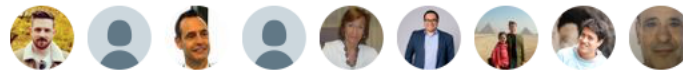
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Rest In Peace, Professor Morris!



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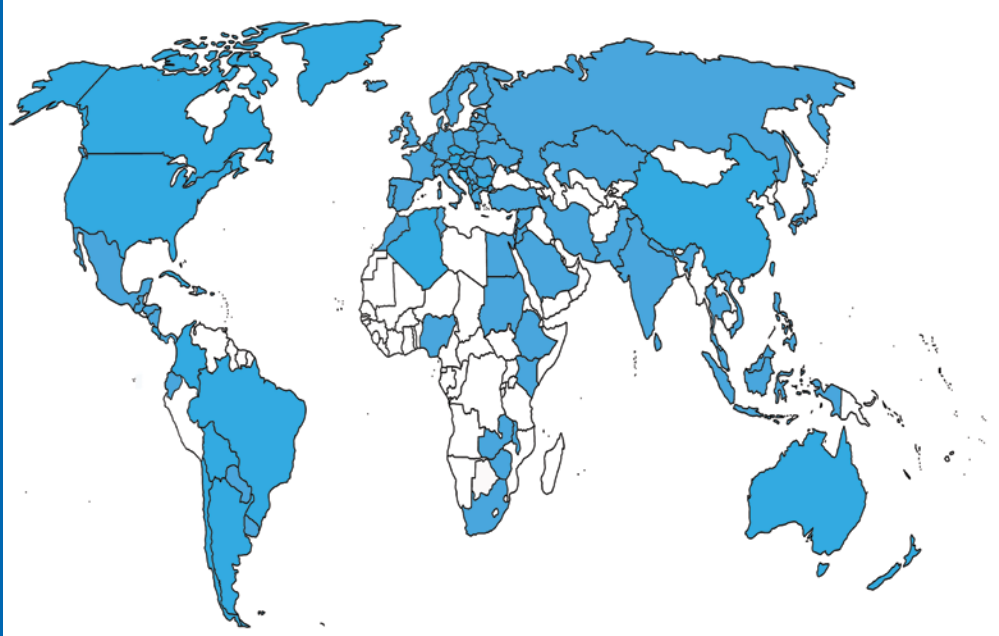
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