

C-CMBC Junior members

Sustainability is an important issue of the C-CMBC committee work. After conclusion of each course, the C-CMBC members select one gifted student to grant him/her the status of a Junior C-CMBC member for a limited period of three years by appointment of the IFCC. The “Junior Members” idea was warmly approved by the IFCC board and especially by the IFCC President Graham Beastall and EMD Chair Maurizio Ferrari.

Main tasks of C-CMBC junior members include establishing links into their national societies, strengthen local activities of training and dissemination and keep in contact with course participants. An appointed junior member joins the committee on next year’s excursion encouraging their fellow students in the subsequent year. The IFCC generously covers travel and accommodation costs for these junior members to enable them to attend the IFCC conferences and the C-CMBC group meetings supported by their national societies through bursaries and additional supports. We believe that this represents an extraordinary support of young and enthusiastic laboratory scientists that will help young professionals to get started in analytical areas that can be foreseen to be of utmost importance to laboratory medicine.

With this strategy, we hope to achieve several things for engaged young scientists and laboratory professionals like:

- opportunities to meet with their peers in the committee and in IFCC in general
- visibility for their societies, which are interested in having young enthusiastic scientists in an IFCC committee.
- entry point to be engaged in national activities to promote molecular diagnostics and the respective programs.
- staying active members in the C-CMBC will enable junior members to better network with their fellow colleagues, making contacts, learn from each other’s experiences and promote education in molecular diagnostics.
- eventually, new regular members of the C-CMBC could be recruited from the junior members, in case that these members will further get involved in relative activities in their countries or at an international level.

In order to fulfill the functions associated with the new status, the junior members have some tasks and have full support by the C-CMBC for:

- acting as communication links between their national societies and the C-CMBC regarding the IFCC educational activities in molecular diagnostics.
- assistance in the design of a general sustainability program/workplan for the IFCC educational activity at the level of the national society; they could be asked to cooperate with each other for broader applicability of such program.
- reports of their activity during the annual C-CMBC committee meetings.
- active participation in the design and maintenance of the C-CMBC activities webpage, that could be hosted as an extension in the IFCC webpage (based on the fact that they are by definition young people very familiar with these technologies, and that this activity can be done wherever they are based.)
- active members of a “C-CMBC support team” that could be accessible through emails or through the website anytime by previous course participants, in case that they want to ask simple questions about the protocols.

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