

# 161<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board September 6, 2022

## Minutes

The 161<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board was held via Zoom Conference.

### Participants

#### EB Members:

Khosrow Adeli	(KA)	President
David Kinniburgh	(DK)	Secretary
Alexander Haliassos	(AHA)	Treasurer
Joseph Passarelli	(JP)	Corporate Members Representative (ROCHE)
Adekunle Bashiru Okesina	(ABO)	African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC)
Abderrazek Hedhili	(AH)	Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB)
Endang Hoyaranda	(EH)	Asia-Pacific Fed for Clinical Biochemistry and Lab Med (APFCB)
Tomris Ozben	(TO)	European Fed of Clin Chem and Lab Med (EFLM)
Ana María Lena Rodríguez	(AMLR)	Latin-American Conf of Clin Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI)
Stephen Hill	(SH)	North American Fed of Clin Chem and Lab Med (NAFCC)

### 1.0 Preliminaries

#### 1.0 Opening remarks from President

##### *IFCC General Conference and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans*

The program for the General Conference in Brussels is being finalized and will be distributed soon. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting. KA, AHA, PB and Patrizia were in Brussels recently to finalize the venue. Approximately 30 functional groups are expected to meet there, each for ½ day except for the SD which will meet for a full day. The GC is a closed meeting for IFCC functional group members, National Society representatives and other invited guests only. A survey will be sent out to the National Societies to identify issues they would like to be considered at the conference.

##### *Global MEDLAB Week 2022*

KA met with C-PR in Munich and asked them to take over the Global MEDLAB Week project, starting with Seoul. Rajiv has committed that the committee will be active and will promote Global MEDLAB Week at all congresses in the future. C-PR plans to create one minute videos from prominent IFCC individuals, and a magazine is being prepared for the GC. Rajiv is also suggesting a contest, but no details are available as yet.

##### *Website Redevelopment – New IT partner for IFCC*

DIGIWEDO has been working on the new website. There is a homepage draft that is being revised based on some initial input. The new proposal is coming out soon and KA will share with the EB for comments. Other website pages look good.

*Dubai 2024 WorldLab COC and Scientific Congress Committee*

The COC and SPC membership is being finalized. KA will circulate a list of proposed members based on the revised IFCC Congress Guidelines, for EB comment and approval. The final committee membership will be posted on the congress website, [www.Dubai2024](http://www.Dubai2024). KA and Sergio met with the Dubai Affiliate Society President, who agreed to join the COC. KA will recommend to the SPC that there be a symposium from the Dubai Society at the congress. The COC will meet in Dubai in first week of Dec.

*IFCC-Chinese Society of Lab Medicine Joint Conference – October 2023 Shanghai*

This is still on hold due to COVID-related travel restrictions and if the planning cannot begin soon it may have to be delayed to 2024.

*IFCC Virtual Platform*

Training on InEvent started on April 27, 2022 and is ongoing. The InEvent platform will be used for the GC in Brussels, including the EB meeting for those who attend virtually. The functional groups may use InEvent or Zoom, if they have not been trained on InEvent.

*IFCC-JCTLM-ICHCLR Relationship*

KA met with BIPM, JCTLM and ICHCLR representatives in Paris at the BIPM offices. One outcome was agreement that the Chair for SD Chair will sit on the JCTLM board. KA will make full report on the meeting at the GC.

*IFCC Conference Guidelines: WorldLab and EuroMedLab*

KA will provide additional recommendations for changes to the IFCC Conference Guidelines at the next meeting.

*IFCC Taskforce on Environmental Impact of Lab Medicine*

DK has prepared a draft description and objectives for this new Taskforce. KA will review and it will be shared with the EB for review.

*New initiative on development of IFCC Practice Guidelines in Lab Medicine*

CSLI documents are not used in many developing countries. There is a need for simple, short guideline documents that can be used by developing countries. The IFCC could take the lead on this, working through existing committees. The TF-COVID recommendations are a good example. This would also promote the IFCC as a significant leader in this area. A formal process would need to be developed regarding the drafting, vetting, publishing, etc. Perhaps IFCC could also provide a summary or resource for guidelines that currently exist (focusing on laboratory implementation/algorithm/reporting model). The EB was supportive of this idea. This matter will be discussed further in Brussels.

1.1.159 Minutes of the in-person meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Munich  
The draft minutes will be circulated.

1.1.160 Minutes of the in-person meeting June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup> – Seoul  
The draft minutes will be circulated.

**13.0 Task Forces**

The new Task Forces will be providing reports at the General Conference.

- 13.1.19 Task Force on Outcome Studies in Lab Med (TF-OSLM) – Liaison DK**  
*Proposal for Study Grant Requests*  
 The EB feels that the TF-OSLM should be flexible and consider good proposals from Members who have not paid dues, and from non-members. Good proposals from paid-up members should receive priority.
- 3.0 Corporate Members**  
**3.2 Applications**  
 The application from *Jangsu Bioperfectus Technologies Co.* was approved, July 22, 2022, numbering 3.1.122.  
 The application from *Arkary* was approved August 22, 2022, numbering 3.1.123.
- 4.0 Affiliate Members**  
**4.2 Applications**  
 The application from the *Spanish Association of Medical Biopathology-Laboratory Medicine (AEBM-ML)* was approved, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022, numbering 4.1.27.  
 An application from the *Botswana Institute for Clinical Laboratory Professionals (BICLP)* has been received and is being reviewed
- 5.0 Regional Organisations**  
 Regional Federations updates:
- 5.1.** Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (APFCB)  
 Sunil Sethi has resigned as APFCB President. EH is the acting current President and will continue to represent the APFCB at the EB. Tony Badrick is the incoming president for next term starting in January 2023.
- 5.6.** African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC)  
*New Member Societies' membership request and requirement for official government letter.*  
 This matter deferred to the next meeting.
- 6.0 International and Professional Organisations**
- 6.13** World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM)  
 Punta del Este (UY) Congress, September 29<sup>th</sup>- October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 IFCC Symposium on "Value and Impact of Clinical Laboratories in Public Health and Patient Care Delivery".  
 AMLR is working to arrange a meeting with the WASPaLM executive on September 30, when attending the WASPaLM Congress. KA will join by Zoom if available.
- 7.0 Committee on Congresses and Conferences (C-CC) – Liaison: AH**  
**7.2** IFCC International Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (ICCCLM)  
 IFCC WorldLab Congresses  
*Call for proposals*  
 A call for proposals for WorldLab 2026 will go out soon.
- 7.2.26** EuroMedLab 2025  
 Call for proposals  
 There are four bids for EML 2025 and the selected site will be announced by the end of December, with the formal announcement in Rome.

- 7.20 Membership  
*Call for nomination*  
A call for nomination for additional C-CC Members will go out soon.
- 8.0 Scientific Division (SD) – Liaison: JP**
- 8.3.42 Standardisation of Insulin Assays (WG-SIA) - in collaboration with ADA/EASD  
Randie Little (US) has been confirmed as the chair of WG-SIA.
- 8.3.45 Working Group on Harmonization of Autoimmune Tests (WG-HAT)  
Joanna Sheldon (UK) has been confirmed as the chair of WG-HAT.
- 9.0 Education and Management Division (EMD) - Liaison: DK**
- 9.2.07 Evidence-Based Laboratory Medicine (C-EBLM)  
*Membership*  
N. Rifai requested that A. Don-Wauchope be co-chair with the current chair, A. Zemlin (ZA), until December 2023. The EB approved this request pending confirmation that this request is to allow A. Don-Wauchope to gain experience in the role, prior to taking over as chair.
- 12.00 IFCC Awards**  
*WL Rome 2023 and Dubai 2024*  
The following proposal for the distribution of IFCC Awards between WorldLab and EuroMedLab will be discussed in Brussels.
- 12.1.1. IFCC Howard Morris Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award - sponsored by *Yashraj Biotechnology Ltd. – Dubai*
- 12.1.2. IFCC Distinguished International Service Award (1981-1987), since 1990 IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Service - sponsored by *Siemens - Rome*
- 12.1.3. IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education – sponsored by *Abbott Diagnostics - Rome*
- 12.1.4. IFCC Abbott Award for Significant Contributions to Molecular Diagnostics - sponsored by *Abbott Molecular - Dubai*
- 12.1.5. Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care – *call for sponsorship open – Rome (to be confirmed)*
- 12.1.6. IFCC Robert Schaffer Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Development of Standards for Use in Laboratory Medicine - sponsored by *NIST and CLSI - Rome*
- 12.1.7. IFCC Young Investigator Award – sponsored by *IFCC - Rome*
- 12.1.8. IFCC Distinguished Award for Contributions to Cardiovascular Diagnostics - sponsored by *Hytest - Rome*
- 12.1.9. Gérard Siest-Biologie Prospective Award - sponsored by *Biologie Prospective - Dubai*
- 12.1.10 IFCC Distinguished Women Scientist Award for Contribution to In-Vitro Diagnostics – sponsored by *Yashraj Biotechnology Ltd. - Dubai*

**13.03 Scholarships**

13.2. IFCC Professional Exchange Programmes (PEP)  
A call for laboratories to host PEP scholarships has been issued.

**19.0 Meetings**

19.80 *Executive Board Meetings 2022 – in person*  
GC - Brussels (BE) – Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. EB participation in functional units' closed meetings.

*Executive Board Meetings 2022 – conference calls*  
To be planned as necessary.

**16.0 Organisational Matters**

16.3. Nominations Committee  
*IFCC EB 2024-2026*  
*IFCC President 2023-2026:*  
The electronic ballot is on-going, September 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*EB Secretary/Treasurer 2024-2026:*  
The call for nominations is on-going, July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*EB Corporate Members Representative:*  
The call for nominations is on-going, September 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*EB Regional Federations' Representatives:*  
The call for nominations is ongoing, September 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022