



# IFCC Communications and Publications Division

Minutes of the CPD Executive Committee Meeting  
 Kemer Resort Hotel, Kemer, Turkey  
 April 10<sup>th</sup> 2008  
*(Provisional Minutes)*

Members:	Position	Term and Time of Office	
Ellis Jacobs - EJ (US)	Chair	1 <sup>st</sup>	2007 01 - 2009 12
Khosrow Adeli - AD (CA)	Vice Chair/ PR Coordinator	1 <sup>st</sup>	2007 01 - 2009 12
Mario Plebani - MP (IT)	Secretary/ Editor of Documents	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
Grazyna Sypniewska - GS (PL)	Editor, eJIFCC	1 <sup>st</sup>	2007 01 - 2009 12
Vacant	Web Editor/ Distance Learn.Coord.	1 <sup>st</sup>	
Edgard Delvin - ED, (CA)	Editor IFCC News	1 <sup>st</sup>	2007 01 - 2009 12
Franz Baumann - FB (DE)	Corp. Rep.	1 <sup>st</sup>	2007 01 - 2009 12
Joseph Lopez - JL, (MY)	EB Liaison		2006 01 - 2008 12

Guests: Montserrat Blanes, Silvia Carugo, Lisa Ionescu  
 Apologies: Mario Plebani (health problems)

## 10.0 Agenda and Minutes

10.0.1: The meeting opened at 09:00 AM by EJ who welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Monserrat Blanes, Editor and RIA Co-Editor. He announced the regrets of Mario Plebani for not being able to attend the meeting due to the convalescence after having undergone knee surgery.

10.0.2: The provisional agenda was unanimously accepted as presented

10.0.3: The provisional minutes of the January 7, 2008 telephone conference were approved as distributed.

## 10.1: Activities and Reports

### 10.1.1: Report of the Chair (EJ)

- a) EJ reviewed the action items that had been agreed upon at the previous meeting, listing those completed and pending.
- b) The contract with the Publisher de Gruyter has been reviewed by the CPD Committee members and will be discussed later
- c) Website has been maintained - have added "Latest News" section, which include info regarding HbA1c standardization
- d) Will be meeting with C-EBLM and C-NPU during this general conference to discuss their database needs.
- e) The contract with Silvia Carugo for the web site has been signed and she will join the Committee in the afternoon to present the website statistics and a first proposal for the new website
- f) A sponsorship for distant learning was under discussion with Siemens and a strategic plan will have to be developed in collaboration with EMB.
- g) Mario Plebani asked that the Lab Error document be linked to the IFCC website. As this document was the work product of an EMD WG, such requests should come from the EMD Chair.

### 10.1.2: Report of the Vice Chair (KA)

See report of Committee - Public Relations

### 10.1.3: Report of the Secretary/Editor of Documents (MP)

None

### 10.1.4: Report from Corporate Liaison (FB)

- a) FB reported that the Bergmeyer conference had gone well and that the Proceedings would be published in the Scand J Lab Invest Clin Med
- b) He also announced that the Roche would be supporting a scholarship program for developing countries and that he would prepare an article for the eNewsletter.

### 10.1.5: Report from IFCC Office Liaison

- a) Caterina Balzaretto has been recruited to replace Silvia Oldani in the IFCC Office.

## 10.2 Reports from Committees

### 10.2.1 C- Public Relations (KA) (see separate report)

#### 10.2.1.1 Membership -

	Position	Term and Time of Office	
Khosrow Adeli - AD (CA)	Chair	1 <sup>st</sup>	2007 01 - 2009 12
Magdalena Krintus -MK (PL)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
Loralie Langman - LL (US)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12

Susan Matthews - SM (AU)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
Monica Spilvieri- MS (AR)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
Oscan Erel - OE (TK)	Consultant	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
Vijay Grey - VG (CA)	Consultant	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
David Holt - DH (UK)	Consultant	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12

#### 10.2.1.2 Activity Report -

- a) There will be a PR Committee meeting on Saturday morning at 08:30 and that the members of the Labs are Vital project would join in at 10:30, any member of the CPD EC is welcomed.
- b) Labs are Vital Programs - Eight meetings of Labs are Vital were held; 3 face to face and 5 by electronic media. There will be a booth at the present General Conference. Charles de Rohan, Abbott VP for Europe will give a short talk at the time of EJ presentation during the opening sessions. The CPD EC agrees that care should be taken so as to assure neutrality in the Labs are Vital program and there be no undue over exposition of Abbott. Also the content of the program should be provided by IFCC although recognizing that is a joined effort (IFCC/Abbott).
- c) Speakers Bureau - List has been completed and sent to SD and EMD for review and comments. As there is evident overlap between the Speakers Bureau list and the VL Program list, the merger of the 2 was suggested and accepted in principle by the CPD EC. If National Societies turn to the IFCC list for a speaker and then extends an invitation, the Society would be solely responsible for the costs. If on the other hand, the speaker is proposed by IFCC then costs are shared.
- d) The PR brochure has been translated into Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish and Italian. GS mentioned that it has also been translated into Polish and has been used at a national meeting.
- e) In 2008 the PR brochure will be translated into Arabic, French and German. It was suggested that the National Representatives or Societies be first contacted first to see whether such versions are needed. Indian and Japanese translations are also envisaged, with the same proviso.
- f) A new brochure for lay public is being contemplated. The idea will be discussed at the forthcoming PR/Labs are Vital meeting to be brought back to CPD EC. It was suggested that EB be asked whether they would be interested.

### 10.3 Reports from Working Groups

#### 10.3.1 WG-eJIFCC (GS) (see separate report)

##### 10.3.1.1 Membership -

	Position	Term and Time of Office	
Grazyna Sypniewska - GS (PL)	Chair	1 <sup>st</sup>	2007 01 - 2009 12
Borut Bozic -BB (SL)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
Rajiv Erasmus - RE (SA)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
Nilda Fink - NF (AR)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
Evelyn Koay- EK (SY)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12
Jaroslava Vavrova - JV (CZ)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2008 01 - 2010 12

The EC agrees with GS that the call for nominations remains open.

#### 10.3.1.2 Activity Report

- a) 2008 Issues - Some changes made in production schedule to insure receiving manuscripts
  - 1st - EFCC Course- Techniques in Molecular Medicine - Published (March)
  - 2nd - Reference Intervals: Current Gaps & New Guidelines - Planned for August

- 3rd - "Nomics" - October  
 4th - Potpourri, SEP reports - December
- b) Still waiting for response to application for Medline Indexing which was submitted in June 2007. GS will follow-up on request.

10.3.2 WG - eNEWS (ED) (see separate report)

10.3.2.1 Membership

	Position	Term and Time of Office	
Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)	Chair	1 <sup>st</sup>	2007 01 - 2009 12
Xavier Fuentes Arderiu -XFA (SP)			
Damien Gruson - DG (BE)			
Joseph Lopez - JL (MY)			
Howard Magnus - HM (UK)			
Howard Morris - HO (AU)			
KP Sinha - KS (IN)			
MTinawi - MT (SY)			
H Adderrazek - HA (TU)			
E Rajiv - ER (SA)			

10.3.2.2 Activity Report -

- Two newsletters have been published so far and the next one should be on the Fortaleza meeting. ED will speak to Jocelyn Hicks to receive an editorial and he will ask for texts from the different divisions.
- As one division has now been integrated as a Committee of the EB, there will one less editorial. ED will ask the President to write 3 editorials per year. Editorials have been valuable in publicizing activities of the Federation.
- Working on issue of shortage of opinions and position papers, and letters to the editor.
- A WG meeting is planned for September 29 during the Fortaleza meeting.

10.3.3 WG - IDL (see separate report)

10.3.3.1 Membership -

On hold until a new web editor is appointed

10.3.3.2 Activity Report -

- SC presented the statistics for the website. Among other items of questions was the low visibility of the eNewsletter. This should be investigated. She will provide more accurate statistics on this subject.
- SC presented the concept for the new website. The committee discussed the project thoroughly and made several suggestions based on the structure of IFCC. The proposal for a graphical presentation will follow soon.
- The EC agreed to have a phone conference on April 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 Am EST to discuss the graphical proposal.

10.3.4 WG - IANT (MB) (see separate report)

10.3.4.1 Membership -

	Position	Term and Time of Office	
Xavier Fuentes Arderiu -XFA (SP)	Chair	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2007 01 - 2009 12
Enrique Abraham - EA (CU)			
Montserrat Blanes - MB (PY)			

Paulo Nuefeld - PN (BR)  
Ana Padros - AP (SP)  
Angel Prieto - AN (GU)  
Carlos Roldan - CR (AR)  
Rosa Sierra Amor - RSA(MX)  
Carlos Wolf - CW (CI)  
Christina Ures -CU (UY)  
Graciela Velazquez - GV (PY)

- a) It was the unanimous decision of the EC, after discussion with XFA, that it be recommended to the EB that MB be made chair of the WG-IANT
- b) The EC approved the appointment of all of the above to the WG-IANT

#### 10.3.4.2 Activity Report -

- a) MB has received 9 requests for links on the IVD web page since February 2008.
- b) A list of meetings that were held or that will be held in May and June 2008 under IFCC auspices was provided.
- c) The publication rate in IVD was quite active but the low level of accessibility of the published material was commented.
- d) Several requests or recommendations regarding the access to the IFCC website, the updating of the information related to the Latin American Societies were made. MB was told to proceed with having the changes made.
- e) Future plans include:
  - a. working meetings for the editorial board of IVD during the AACC and Fortaleza meetings
  - b. joint working meetings with the EB of COLABIOCLI,
  - c. enhance the exchange among the Latin American countries and extend the relation to Portugal, Spain and Italy
  - d. to promote scientific activities and have them included on the IVD web page
  - e. have the IFCC exchange program better known in Latin America.

## 10.4 Reports on Publications

### 10.4.1 Documents from Committee & Working Groups (MP)

None

### 10.4.2 Monographs

The monograph "Essentials of Clinical Laboratory Management in Developing Countries", paperback and CD, is now available. The CD version will be distributed to all attendees during the General Conference.

### 10.4.3 Books

10.4.3.1 A handbook on flow cytometry published in German is being translated into English. It is anticipated that it will be available via the IFCC website Bookstore, Copyright issues have to be resolved, Blackwell is publisher of German version.

10.4.3.2 The funding request for revising the "Silver Book" : Compendium of Terminology and Nomenclature of Properties in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (IUPAC and IFCC Recommendations 1995) will be reviews by EJ with the C-NPU at the General Conference and a recommendation will be made to the EB

### 10.4.4 Conference Proceedings

The Proceedings of the Bergmeyer Conference will be available by the time of the Fortaleza meeting. Summary of the meeting will be available on the IFCC website. The Proceedings will be

published in the Scand J Clin Invest Lab Med and the number of copies of the proceedings in the paper form remains to be decided.

10.4.5 The annual IFCC report will be reproduced in LMI

10.4.6 IFCC Handbook

The 2009-2011 handbook will be redone shortly after the election of new officers at the General Council Meeting at the ICCC in Fortaleza in September

10.4.7 Public Relations Material

10.4.7.2 PR Brochure - See C-PR report

10.4.7.3 Key Directory - On-hold

10.6 General Rules and Procedures

There is no update of the IFCC procedures and general rules.

10.7 Related Journals

10.7.1 Meeting of Editors

Next meeting is planned for 30-Sept 08, 12:30-14:30, in Fortaleza at the ICCC (Change of dates)  
The list of editors needs to be updated so that invitations can be sent. ED will be chairing the meeting.

10.7.2 Journals

10.7.2.1 Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)

The renewal three year contract with deGruyter regarding the relationship with IFCC and CCLM being the official journal of the IFCC was reviewed. There were several points that had to be clarified or expanded, regarding who was given free subscriptions, the rates for members of IFCC member societies, and the length of time before an IFCC publication could be translated and/or reprinted (currently 12 months, prefer 3 but will accept 6.) Once these have been resolved, the contract will be presented to JH for her signature.

10.19 Meetings

10.19.1 Symposia

10.19.1.1 ICCLM, Fortaleza, Brazil September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 10:00-12:30 - "Peer Review & Ethics in Publications". Speakers have been finalized (Delvin, Adeli, Siest, Newman).

10.19.2 Future CPD EC Meetings

10.19.2.1 Fortaleza, Brazil (ICCLM)- September 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 (Change of date)

10.19.2.2 Milano, Italy Jan/Feb 2009

10.19.2.3 Innsbruck, Austria 5-6 June 2009

10.20 Membership

A second call for nominations for the Web Editor/Distance Learning Coordinator position was sent out with a submission deadline of March 31, 2008. Two nominations were received, one of which was incomplete. It was determined that the other individual did not have the qualifications for the position. A new call for nominations will go out, however it was agreed that the Web Editor and Distant Learning functions should be separated. The joined task is shying potential candidates away. Web editorship would be under CPD responsibility of CPD while that of Distant Learning would be under EMD jurisdiction.

The Meeting was closed at 6:00 PM .