



IFCC Communications and Publications Division

Minutes of the
 IFCC-CPD Executive Committee Meeting
 Innsbrück Convention Hall Saal New Orleans June 6, 2009: 08:30-17:30 h
(Provisional)

Members:	Position	Term and Time of Office
Ellis Jacobs - EJ (US)	Chair	1 st 2007 01 - 2009 12
Khosrow Adeli - KA (CA)	Vice Chair/ PR Coordinator	1 st 2007 01 - 2009 12
Thanh Van Ta- TT(VN)	Secretary/Publications- Distance Learning Coordinator	1 st 2009 01 - 2011 12
Grazyna Sypniewska - GS (PL)	Editor, eJIFCC	1 st 2007 01 - 2009 12
Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)	Editor IFCC News	1 st 2007 01 - 2009 12 ^t
Franz Baumann - FB (DE)	Corp. Rep.	1 st 2007 01 - 2009 12

Guests: Montserrat Blanes, Lisa Ionescu, Danilo Nassaro

Apologies: Thanh Van Ta

10.0 Agenda and Minutes

10.0.1: The meeting opened at 08:30 AM by EJ who welcomed everyone
 ED was proposed to act as secretary for the meeting. He accepted.

10.0.2: The provisional agenda was unanimously accepted as the final agenda

10.0.4 The provisional minutes of the February meeting in Milan were approved. An executive summary of these minutes will be placed on the website.

10.0.4.1 Review of action items

The action items will be covered in each individual reports where applicable.

10.1 Activities and Reports

10.1.1 Report of the Chair (EJ)

- a) The Chair reported that the website issues have asked for tremendous efforts since the last EC Milan Meeting. He mentioned that M De Marchi had been released of contract, that Dr. G Beasall (President of IFCC) solved the settlement and that IFCC had purchased its own server to be located at HO on a temporary basis. Time will be taken to make further decision. So far 2 proposals for upgrading the IFCC website have been received - Insoft from Denmark and Engitel from Milan). Other offers are expected.
- b) The Chair mentioned that IFCC was in a serious financial status due to an accounting loss of revenue of 1.2M SF. Therefore all Divisions, Committees and Working Groups are asked to be cautious in their spending.
- c) Copyright approval has been given to Siemens Diagnostic Solutions to reproduce the table on troponin assays. The IFCC logo copyright has also been given to the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) in the frame of the joint IOF-IFCC Working Group on bone markers.
- d) Permission was has also been given to CLSI to reproduce the equation for transformation of whole blood to plasma glucose concentration.
- e) The IFCC bookstore has generated 2,000 SF in revenue with the sale of 80 copies of the book "Essentials of Clinical Laboratory Management in Developing Countries" by Sysmex Corp.
- f) Beckman-Coulter has postponed by one year its purchase of gift cards to the IFCC bookstore because of the present international financial situation and improvements in the bookstore.
- g) The Chair confirmed that Prof Thanh Van Ta, after unanimous recommendation of the CPD-EC, has been appointed by the EB as the IFCC Publications-Distance Learning Coordinator for the term 2009 01 - 2011 12.
- h) The Website Editor function has yet to be solved. Discussion of this issue is postponed until after receiving DN's report of problems and issues related to the website.

10.1.2 Report of the Vice-Chair (KA)

- a) See report of Committee on Public Relation.
- b) KA has been helping with website issues and has participated in a number of telephone conferences.

10.1.3 Report of the Secretary/Editor of Documents (TT)

No report as this position has recently been changed and the nomination is recent.

10.2 Reports from Committees

10.2.1 Committee on Public Relations (KA) (see separate report)

EJ emphasized the commitment of KA (and the entire C-PR) as well as the amount and the quality of work done by KA and his Committee.

10.2.1.1 Membership:

	Position	Term and Time of Office	
Khosrow Adeli - KA (CA)	Chair	1 st	2007 01 - 2009 12
Magdalena Krintus -MK (PL)	Member	1 st	2008 01 - 2010 12
Loralie Langman - LL (US)	Member	1 st	2008 01 - 2010 12
Susan Matthews - SM (AU)	Member	1 st	2008 01 - 2010 12
Monica Spilvieri- MS (AR)	Member	1 st	2008 01 - 2010 12
Abdolamair Allameh - AA(IR)	Consultant	1 st	2009 01 - 2011 12
Oscan Erel - OE (TK)	Consultant	1 st	2008 01 - 2010 12
David Holt - DH (UK)	Consultant	1 st	2008 01 - 2010 12
Chris Lamm- CL (HK)	Consultant	1 st	2009 01 - 2011 12
Endang Hyaranda - EH (APFCB)	Advisor	1 st	2009 01 - 2011 12
Fouad Harb - FH (Arabic Fed)	Advisor	1 st	2009 01 - 2011 12
Ana Leticia de Maselli (COLABIOCLI)	Advisor	1 st	2009 01 - 2011 12
Ian Watson (EFCC)	Advisor	1 st	2009 01 - 2011 12

Following KA proposal to add advisors to the committee from regional federations, Dr. Ian Watson (UK) has recently been appointed as EFCC Regional Federation Advisor. KA also asked for further suggestions for names as advisors.

The next meeting of the PR committee will be held on June 7, 2009 in Innsbruck, Austria. Thus far 4 of the 5 committee members including the chair have confirmed their attendance at the meeting. At least 2 of the advisors will also be attending the upcoming committee meeting.

10.2.1.2 Activity Report (Also see section 10.4.7)

10.2.1.2.1 Labs are Vital Campaign

Abbott laboratories have recruited Ms Brenda Luna as new Director for the Labs Are Vital program and that she was to attend the PR Committee Sunday meeting as well as that on laboratory added value co-chaired by Graham Beastall and Thomas Brinkmann.

The LAV program has been launched in several countries in South America as well as in Australia with the help of PR committee members

A LAV presentation was prepared and given by KA to the attendees of the IFCC-WorldLab conference in Fortaleza. Additionally, KA attended the launch of Labs are Vital in Brazil and made a short presentation to the South American attendees

10.2.1.2.2 Speakers Bureau (with EMD)

KA recommended that the Speakers' Bureau be transferred over to EMD. This motion was approved by the EC.

10.2.1.2.3 IFCC Booths

Due to budgetary constraints, no one from the IFCC office will be sent to AACC Chicago meeting to staff the both. Instead various IFCC officers and committee members will man the booth, which will be shared with de Gruyter (CCLM).

10.2.1.2.4 Posters

The IFCC Poster will be posted during the Innsbruck meeting.

10.2.1.2.5 PR plans for 2009-2010:

PR brochure translations: new translations including Russian and Japanese. The PR committee will contact Japanese and Russian National Representatives to initiate the process for the Japanese and Russian translations.

A new PR brochure targeted to the general public, governments, industry, etc. is being developed. A draft of the new IFCC-Public brochure will be ready for review at the June meeting.

An IFCC Public Relation PowerPoint presentation has been prepared by C-PR and is ready for review by the CPD-EC.

Establish a communication process among PR committee members and regional federation representative so the joint team can most effectively update and work on agreed upon activities and initiatives.

Prepare and make formal presentations at local and regional conferences.

Work with the Scientific Division to promote IFCC as the global coordinator of Laboratory Practice Guidelines

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 st	2007 01 - 2009 12
Borut Bozic -BB (SL)	Member		
Rajiv Erasmus - RE (SA)	Member		
Nilda Fink - NF (AR)	Member		
Evelyn Koay- EK (SY)	Member		
Daniel Sayed - DS (USA)	Member		
Jaroslava Vavrova - JV (CZ)	Member		

10.3.1.2 Activity Report

a) eJournal themes for 2009 (Volume 20) Issues are:

- 1st - Proceedings from the Dubrovnik Course "New trends in classification, diagnosis and management of kidney diseases" - Published - 14 articles
- 2nd - "Iron metabolism and its regulation" Guest Editor - Prof Nilda Fink (Articles due May 28th)
- 3rd - "Standardization in Enzymology" Guest Editor - Dr Daniel Syed (articles due Sept 15th)
- 4th - Potpourri and PSEP reports (Articles due Dec 15th) -already received 2 PSEP reports

b) The application for indexing eJIFCC in Medline that was sent to NIH/NLM in June 7th 2007 has been denied (not high enough indexing priority)and comments were received from the indexing committee. The indexing committee asked that some issues be resolved before resubmitting for indexing. Among the recommendations is the need to develop a journal policy regarding ethics

and have submission guidelines available on the website, also abstracts were missing from many of the articles. Suggestion was also made to expand the Editorial Board and remove non-active members. EJ proposed that an informal meeting with Dr. Anthony Newman be organized during the Innsbrück meeting to obtain his opinion on the subject. He also proposed to contact Daniel Sayed to solve some questions on indexing.

- c) Starting in 2010, the proceeding of the EFCC course will no longer be available for publication as an issue.
- d) GS mentioned her difficulties obtaining articles for the eJournal.

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 st	2007 01 - 2009 12
Hedili Adderrazek - HA (TU)			
Monserrat Blanes - MB (PY)			
Mabel Charles-Davis - MCD (NI)			
Spiroula Christou - SC (GR)			
Rajiv Erasmus - RE (SA)			
Sylvan Fahel da Fonseca - SF (BR)			
Xavier Fuentes Arderiu -XFA (SP)			
Damien Gruson - DG (BE)			
Magnus Hjelm - HM (UK)			
Morris Howard - MA (AU)			
Joseph Lopez - JL (MY)			
Brguljan Meska Peka - BP (SI)			
Martha Sanchez Rodriguez - MSR (AR)			
Sinha KP - KS (IN)			
Stella Raymondo -SR (UY)			
Rosa Sierra Amor - RSA (MX)			
Mohammed Tinawi - MT (SY)			

10.3.2.2 Activity Report

- a. There will be a eNews- WG meeting during the Euromedlab Conference on June 8th.
- b. Membership of the WG has been increased. However the rule of one representative per country should be respected. A message or letter asking whether members wish to stay on the WG on the condition that each provides at least 2 news items per year will be sent. This should increase the active participation to the eNewsletter.
- c. Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr issues have been published on the website. The May/June issue is complete and being readied to go on the website.

10.3.3 WG - Internet & Distant Learning

10.3.3.1 Membership -

To be activated as the Chair of the WG has recently been appointed.

10.3.3.2 Email/IT systems

Issues with office email/It systems seem to have been resolved. Mass mailings are going out properly.

10.3.3.3 Status of New Website

DN gave a presentation of the present-day website and illustrated, through a number of examples, its flaws in term of back-end structure due to the use of an out-dated technology.

10.3.3.4 Professional Web/IT support

The members of the CPD-EC believe that the decision on the functions of the website has to be taken by one decisional body (EB) and that implementation of the decision be left to the CPD. IFCC will continue to use the current website for the next few months to a year. This time frame will allow for reflect on the desired functions and structure of the new website and to take an enlightened decision.

10.3.3.5 Website Statistical Report

Need to receive a report at least once per quarter. Information is necessary for assessing how well the website is performing. Also companies considering buying banner space on the website have requested hit/visit information.

10.3.3.6 Open and Closed([private) Forums

Being developed

10.3.3.7 Distance Learning Programs

Translation of the BNP program into French and Spanish has been completed. Siemens is still working on developing the program on ISO15189 based on the EMD workshop at the Fortaleza ICC.

10.3.4. Working Group - Spanish (Ibero-American) Nomenclature and Translations

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

10.3.4.1 Membership -

	Position	Term and Time of Office	
Montserrat Blanes - MB (PY)	Chair	1 st	2008 04 - 2010 12
Enrique Abraham - EA (CU)			
Esteban Ferro - EF (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)			

10.3.4.2 Activity Report

a) There will be a WG meeting in Innsbrück on June 10th

c) MB asked, on behalf of RSA, whether members from a National Society that is not an IFCC member, could be appointed on the WG-IANT? It was felt that answer was no but EJ is to verify with the EB.

c) The translation of the HbA1c document into Spanish has been completed.

10.4 Reports on Publications

10.4.1 Documents from Committee & Working Groups

None

10.4.2 Monographs

An agreement has been reached with Anders Källner on the monograph "Common formulas in terms of statistics". 150 copies were purchased by IFCC at a cost of 1.5 euro/each.

10.4.3 Books

a) The book on flow cytometry was translated from German into English and costs were covered by the Coulter Foundation. It will be distributed free of charge to young scientists in developing countries. Application for free book will be placed on the website.

b) The 2nd Edition of Prof. Fransisco Dati book on Plasma Proteins will be translated from Italian to English. Copyright and compensation issues will be dealt with by the EB.

c) Silver book revision is being worked on and should be completed by next year

10.4.6 Handbook

Revisions of the handbook for 2009 -11 handbook will begin soon.

10.4.7 Public Relations Materials

10.4.7.2 PR Brochure

Latest version of PR brochure in English is ready and will be available for the Euromedlab Meeting. The Chinese, German, French and Polish versions are completed and ready for printing. The Polish Society Clinical Biochemistry will be printing them according to their needs. The translation in Arabic is under way through the Arab Federation. The Portuguese, Spanish and Italian brochures will be updated and translated by the respective National Societies according to their needs. Plans are in place to arrange Japanese and Russian translations of the brochure as well.

10.4.7.3 Key Directory

On hold

10.4.7.4 Powerpoint Presentation

The IFCC Public Relation PowerPoint presentation has been prepared by C-PR and is ready for review by the CPD-EC. The final version of the PR slide presentation will be made available to all PR committee members and all IFCC member countries for future presentations at local, regional, and international conferences, to promote the IFCC organization.

10.4.7.5 IFCC Logo

A new (draft) logo has been designed for use on the IFCC website. This draft will be presented for discussion and further improvements.

10.7 Related Journals

10.7.1 Meeting of Editors/Publishers

- a) There will be a meeting in Innsbruck June 08 2009 EuroMed Congress chaired by EJ.
- b) The list of editors and publishers has been reviewed and updated.

10.7.2 Journals

10.7.2.1 Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)

Continues to be the official journal of the IFCC & EFCC

10.7.2.3 Labmedica International (LMI)

ED reports that the relationship with LMI continues to be good with no issues.

10.7.2.4 Acta Bioquimica Clinica Latinoamerica

No translation requests have been received since the last meeting.

10.8 IFCC Bookstore

Will be looking into revitalizing the bookstore with the addition of new products and enhancing the e-payment functionality .

10.10 Corporate Member Activities (FB)(see separate report)

- a) FB reviewed with the EC a PowerPoint presentation on CPD activities that he will be giving at a corporate members meeting in Innsbruck.
- b) FB reported about the meeting with SD chair MP on preparation for the next Bergmayer Conference in Eibsee 2010 on novel biomarkers.
- c) The CPD benchmarking program that FB and ED are working on will require the website statistical reports

10.19 Meetings

10.19.1 Symposia

10.19.1.2 APCB Congress, Seoul, Korea, October 2010 - "Electronic Communication and Distance Learning" approved ; Presentations:

Website as an Educational Portal - Prof Jacobs

eJournals & eNewsletters - Prof Sypniewska

On-line educational/training modules - Prof Adeli

Webinars, streaming media, blogs, and other e-communications - Prof Ta

10.19.1.3 WorldLab Congress, Berlin, Germany, May 2011 - joint with EMD " Distance Learning and the IFCC" - submitted

10.19.2 Future CPD EC Meetings

10.19.2.1 Bydgoszcz, Poland 24-25 Oct 09

10.19.2.2 Corfu, Greece (General Conf) 16-20 Apr 10

10.19.2.3 Seoul, Korea (APCCB) 2-3 Oct 10

10.20 Membership

No change

The meeting was adjourned at 17:25.