

SUMMARY

117th Meeting Executive Board Marrakech, Morocco, May 5-6, 2012

Minutes

Members:	Dr. G Beastall (GB)	President
	Prof. J Hicks (JH)	Past President
	Prof. H Morris (HM)	Vice President
	Dr. B Gouget (BG)	Treasurer
	Prof. S Bernardini (SB)	Secretary
	Prof. L Kricka (LK)	Member
	Prof V Steenkamp (VS)	Member
	Dr. U Tuma (UT)	Member
	Dr. T Brinkmann (TB)	Corporate Rep
In attendance:	Ms P Bramati (PB)	IFCC Office

2. Full Member Societies

2.2 Applications for Full Membership

The Zambia application for IFCC membership will be sent out to Members for voting.

3. Corporate Members

The application of the Italian Corporation C.P.M. (by Claudio Piermattei) for IFCC membership has been accepted.

5. Regional Organisations

5.01 Asia-Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (APFCB)

APFCB is sponsoring a symposia on Osteoporosis and Bone markers at the EFLM-UEMS joint meeting in Dubrovnik in October. A regional workshop on laboratory automation will be held in Singapore, May/April 2013.

5.02 Latin-American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry

There will be a mutual understanding between COLABIOCLI and IFCC on the working agreement and projects in the area of education and /or communication.

5.04 European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM)

EB noted the change of abbreviation from EFCC to EFLM.

5.05 African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC)

EB noted that progress towards the development of the website of the AFCC has been made. EB noted the conclusion of the MoU with the African Society of Laboratory Medicine to cooperate in various areas to improve the development of laboratory medicine in Africa.

5.06 Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB)

EB noted that Chabraoui Layachi was appointed President of the AFCB Board. The AFCB liaison with IFCC is Dr. Osama Najjar from Palestine.

6. International/Regional Organisations

6.13 World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM)

EB noted that WASPaLM has a new President (Gamze Mocan Kuzey from Turkey).

7.0 Congresses and Conferences Committee (C-CC)

7.3 IFCC Regional Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine

7.3.2.20 EuroMedLab Milano 2013 (19-23 May 2013)

The Congress looks like to be very well organized. The IFCC will promote 8 IFCC-Roche Travel Scholarship.

7.3.2.21 EuroMedLab Paris 2015

Proposed dates: Second week of April-end of May- first week of June; location Palais de Congrès, Pte. Maillot. The definition of the final scientific programme will be in December 2013.

7.3.4.21 COLABIOCLI 2013 Lima, Peru

EB noted that the next COLABIOCLI congress will be held in Lima, Peru from 29 October to 1 November 2013

7.3.6.13 AFCB 2012 Marrakech, Morocco (2-5 May 2012)

EB noted that it has been a successful Congress with 1000 participants coming from 40 countries and a good scientific programme. A very kind hospitality was provided by the host society.

7.4 IFCC Specialised Conferences

7.4.1 Roche Bergmeyer Conference (5-7 March 2012, Eibsee, Germany)

EB noted the outstanding success of this conference on Vitamin D and that the edited Proceedings are complete and will appear in a future issue of Scand J Clin Lab Invest.

7.8 Congresses with IFCC Auspices

EB noted that the list of congresses awarded IFCC auspices is updated and published on the IFCC website

7.9 IFCC General Conference

The organization of the GC is moving ahead smoothly, thanks to the collaboration with MZ. The CPD is working at the celebration for the 60th anniversary of IFCC.

8.0 Scientific Division (SD)

8.2 SD Committees

8.2.6 C-Nomenclature, Properties and Units (C-NPU)

The C-NPU (Chair R. Flatman) sent a call for nominations for two new members, deadline May 4th 2012.

9.0 Education and Management Division (EMD)

9.1 Division Executive Committee Meeting

John Krahn from Canada has been appointed new C-CLM Chair in substitution of Elisabeth Frank (appointed a EMC-EC member); the new membership of EMD C-DL is the following: Endang Hoyaranda (ID), Ronda Greaves (AU), Damien Gruson (BE), Craig Webster (UK), Peter Vervaart will provide a link to C-DL in his capacity as Chair of the CPD C-leL.

9.4 Special Projects

9.4.1 Visiting Lecturer Programme

The approved applications for 2012 include: Chile (Mario Plebani), Cuba (GB and BG), Palestine (Sverre Sandberg), Ecuador (Montserrat Blanes and Gabriel Migliarino), Romania (IY and Maurizio Ferrari), Morocco (Ghassan Shannan, Adel Mastori and Michel Vaubourdolle).

9.4.2 Courses on Flow Cytometry

The Flow Cytometry Course held in Leipzig from 23-25 February 2012 had a very positive feedback, this was the first course under the new management (U. Sack, DE).

10.0 Communications and Publications Division (CPD)

10.2 Committees

10.2.1 Committee for Public Relations (C-PR)

Ramon Deulofeu (ES) has been appointed as the IFCC Office contact for advice on Survey Monkey.

10.2.2 Committee for Internet and e-Learning (C-leL)

Edoardo Feggiaro (AR), Petr Kocna (CZ), Hideo Sakamoto (JP) are appointed new members of the C-leL; Vasarhelyi (Hu) is appointed as a corresponding member. These four individuals are in addition to the Chair (Peter Vervaart), the web editor (Andrew Lyon) and the corresponding members (M. Blanes Gonzales, E. Hoyaranda, G. Kovacs, A. Merino and A. Wooton). No nominations from Corporate members. Janet Smith will provide a link to C-leL in her capacity as Chair of the EMD C-DL.

10.3 Working Groups

10.3.1 e-Journal of the IFCC

The CPD mission is to give to NSs and individuals an Educational Journal free. The proposal has been linked with the official journal status of IFCC (current agreement with De Gruyter expires mid-2013). Tenders have been received from Elsevier and from De Gruyter.

10.7 Website

EB noted the requests from TF-YS, TF-PLM and TF-POCT for additional website facilities to improve visibility and interactivity. Peter Vervaart is preparing with C-leL parameters to allow for such additional facilities whilst preserving the IFCC identity. The EB decision is that the TF websites have to be integrated and well coordinated on the IFCC facilities.

10.9.2 IFCC Booth

EB thanks to PB for the success of the IFCC booth in Marrakech. PB will support the IFCC booth even at the AACC in Los Angeles.

10.40 Other business

Historical Presentation

EB noted the progress on the preparation of an historical presentation for the 60th anniversary celebration in K.L.

IFCC Historian

EB agreed with the terms of reference and funding arrangements for an IFCC Historian presented by GB. PB will advertise to Corporate Members and NS representatives.

11.0 IFCC Awards

11.01 IFCC Awards Committee

The membership of the IFCC Awards Committee is the following: HM (AU, Chair), J.C. Forest (CA), M. Jouma (SY), L. Lai (MY), R. Sierra-Amor (MX), G. Sypniewska (PL).

13.0 Special Projects and Task Forces

13.01.01 Task Force on Ethics

The "Conflict of interest policy" has been distributed and sent to EB, Divisions ECs (all members), TF (all members), WGs (only Chairs) but not all replied, PB will send a reminder. An outstanding paper produced by the Ethics TF on Publication Ethics has been published on the website.

13.01.08 Task Force on POCT (TF-POCT)

The membership of the TF-POCT is the following: Chair Rosy Tirimacco (AU); Members from NSs, Adili I Khan (CA), Pascal Pernet (FR), Gerard Joseph Kost (US); Corporate Members, Anne Skurup (Radiometer Medical Aps), Rolf Hinzmann (Roche), Trevor J. Allison (Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics). The first meeting of the TF will held in KL.

13.01.09 Task Force on the Impact of Laboratory Medicine on Clinical Management and Outcomes (TF-ICO)

EB noted the a call for membership of this new TF (Chair Mike Hallworth, UK) has been distributed to all Full, Affiliate and Corporates Members with deadline April 30, 2012.

13.02 Professional Exchange Programmes

13.02.01 Professional Scientific Exchange Programmes (PSEP)

EB noted that two PSEP have been approved: Dr. Maria Avellanda Diaz (ES) and Dr. Victor Monolov (BU) to study in London.

13.03 Roche Travel Scholarships

EB approved the proposed scholarships for the General Conference (11 countries involved).

16.0 Organisational Matters

16.3 Nominations Committee

The membership of the Nomination Committee is the following: Chair: P Laitinen (FI); members, M. Thomas (UK), J. Hicks (US), L. Burnett (AU), F. Harb (SY), S. Raymondo (UY).

16.5 Handbook

EB noted that the handbook for 2012-14 has been published in electronic format. It will be distributed at the AACCC in LA and at the GC in Kuala Lumpur.