Dr Ian Watson
President
European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
World organization 1955

European branch 1991

EU section 1993

EFCC 2007 (EML Amsterdam)
39 member countries

- Albania
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
EFLM Structure

General Assembly

Executive Board

- Science Committee
- Education and Training Committee
- Profession Committee
- Communications Committee
- Quality and Regulations Committee
Executive Board

President  Ian Watson, UK
Past President  Rita Horvath, AUS
President Elect  Mauro Panteghini, ITA
Secretary  Ana-Maria Simundic, CRO
Treasurer  Peter Schuff-Werner, GER
Member-at-Large  Huibert Storm, NED
Member-at-Large  Tomas Zima, CZE
Professional Name

Clinical chemist; clinical biochemist, medical biochemist, biologist medical, etc.

How do others view us?
Confusing!

Need consistency in description and comprehension
Consulted National Societies:

Large majority for “Specialist in Laboratory Medicine”

Change abbreviation from EFCC to EFLM
National Society Relationships

• Visiting Lecture Programme by EB
• Support for registration of the profession
• Support when profession being undermined
• Develop collaboration with National Societies
• Professional Practice Surveys through National Societies
Legal Entity

• Manage risk to officers and member societies
• Limit Liability
• Tax efficiency
• National Society endorsement given
• Currently in process of enactment
Science Committee

• Responsible for scientific matters within EFLM and projects which further the scientific development of EFLM.

• Activities of the Committee should particularly focus on promotion of research that translates the scientific results of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine to clinical applications and improves patient outcomes through the appropriate use and interpretation of laboratory data in clinical practice.
Science Committee

• WG Biological Variation
• WG Cardiac Markers
• WG Guidelines
• WG Post-analytical external quality assessment
• WG Preanalytical Phase
• WG Test Evaluation
Education and Training Committee

- organises scientific meetings (conferences, educational programs, workshops, courses)
- organises exchange programs, travel grants
- transfers the knowledge via traditional educational programs, videoconferences and webinars
- assists collaboration among different professionals in healthcare
- publishes educational materials
Education

- Different standards for non-medical Specialists in Laboratory Medicine (SLM)

- Standards may be the same or considerably less in comparison with medical SLM
Education

• Work initiated with Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS)
  – EACCME [European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education]
  – CPD through UEMS
  – Comparison of UEMS Blue Syllabus and EC4 Syllabus
Profession Committee

- **Aims:**
  - to achieve **legal recognition** of the Register at European Commission/Parliament level via co-regulation, regulation, an act or a law
  - to **raise the profession’s profile** through lobbying of the European Parliament

- **WG EC4Register Commission** is independently funded

- **EC4RC** is member of **CEPLIS**
  - WG on Healthcare
  - WG on education

- CEPLIS assists in **liaising** with the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee
Professional registration

- Non-medical Specialists in Laboratory Medicine
- Masters level and 9 years post graduation experience
- Many years of work within EU to get recognition of equivalence to enable ‘Freedom of movement’
  – Support from the MEP Rapporter
Professional registration

• Voluntary register

• Netherlands & UK automatic enrolment

• Maximise registrants to benchmark standards
Communications Committee

• Updating and maintaining EFLM contacts
• Generation of EFLM’s corporate image
• Supporting EFLM’s publication activity
• Editing and maintaining EFLM’s website
• Publishing EFLM’s newsletter
Quality and Regulations Committee

- Supports the establishment of effective **accreditation schemes** and **quality management systems** in all European countries.

- **Liaises** with ISO, CEN and the European Accreditation body (EA).
  - WG Accreditation and ISO/CEN, represents EFLM in EA, ISO TC212 and CEN TC140. The WG focuses on influencing ISO/CEN standards and harmonisation of accreditation by international surveys, education and training of assessors related to specific professional standards of ISO 15189.
European Regulatory Engagement

- IVD Directive --- IVD Regulation

- European Accreditation feeds into ILAC

- Variation in medical device regulation
Forthcoming Meetings

March, April 2013
2nd EFLM-BD Conference on Preanalytical Phase, Zagreb, Croatia
www.preanalytical-phase.org

19 – 23 May 2013
EuroMedLab 2013, 20th IFCC-EFLM European Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
www.milan2013.org

For the Future
3rd UEMS – EFLM Congress: Liverpool October 7 – 10th 2014
Euromedlab : Paris 2015

Future Bids will be needed for:
4th UEMS – EFLM Congress 2016
Euromedlab 2017
Recent Meetings

2012: Participation by EFLM in:

- Balkan Meeting
- Baltic Meeting
- Bulgarian Meeting
- Nordic Conference
- Russian Federation Meeting
- Slovakian Meeting
- AACC POCT meeting in Prague

2012: Meetings organised

- Medical Education in Europe: Prague [with UEMS]
- 2nd EFLM/UEMS Congress: Laboratory Medicine at the Clinical Interface: Dubrovnik
Welcome

Dear colleagues and friends, we invite you to the 2nd EFLM–BD European Conference on Preanalytical Phase. The focus of the conference is the management of the quality of the preanalytical laboratory practices. We have designed for you the attractive scientific program with interactive discussions and e-voting sessions to enable the exchange of ideas and knowledge related to some most common issues and everyday problems.
Looking forward to meeting you at

EuroMedLab Milano 2013
20th IFCC-EFLM European Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
45th Congress of the Italian Society of Clinical Biochemistry and Clinical Molecular Biology (SIBioC)

May 19-23, 2013
MiCo - Milano Convention Center

www.milan2013.org