

# Inter-laboratory exchange of knowledge and technology around our Sea – a lab surfing project

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## LETTER

There is a need for stringent relationships between young scientists in laboratory medicine from all over the world and networking is the key to ensure a good communication and to encourage participation of young scientists.

In this aim, the task force for young scientists developed some ways of communication to extend the young scientists network and uniting young scientists globally.

Our community includes the five core members ensuring geographical representation, one corporate member, corresponding members nominated by thirty-six different National Societies and also more than thousand members through our different media. Thanks to our regular workshops for young scientists organized worldwide within the framework of IFCC&LM international or regional meetings, the community grows every year.

Different kinds of social networking media are easily accessible on the web. More than six hundred people follow us on our Facebook page, Twitter account and our LinkedIn group, where we share our activities (@ifccYOUNG). We communicate through our webpage (<http://www.ifcc.org/task-force-young-scientists-web-pages/>) and mailing list which is a Google group

including more than 280 members ([ifcc-task-force-ys@googlegroups.com](mailto:ifcc-task-force-ys@googlegroups.com)).

All these ways of communication are devoted to establish formal and informal networks to facilitate the communication between young scientists who are involved in laboratory medicine.

Our social medias facilitate regular exchange of information dealing with activities of the task force, moreover young scientists can submit interrogations to the community when they are faced to a problem in their clinical practice.

Our best way of inter-laboratory exchange is the Lab-surfing project initiated in 2016. A successful evening event dedicated to young scientists was conducted at EuroMedLab Paris congress in 2015. Strong relationships between young delegates have emerged.

That's how the two founders of the Lab-surfing project, Marie Lenski (France) and Santiago Fares Taie (Argentina) have met. They both like travelling and discovering foreign countries by themselves, meeting new people. They were

interested in connecting young scientists and facilitating opportunities for them to share their experiences.

The Lab-surfing website (<https://www.lab-surfing.com/>) was created the next year with the support of IFCC&LM through the task force for young scientists. Today, more than six hundred users are registered at the website.

For those interested in networking with young scientists from foreign countries, once registered, Lab-surfing is a tool where you can find a contact from the country of interest with only two clicks. You will find some information about the contact and can reach him directly by email. Last year, a discussion forum was created for improving fast and easy communication about the fields of laboratory medicine.

Lab-surfing project encourage young scientists to exchange knowledge and to contribute to advances in our field of work. Our community aims at helping you to face the ongoing challenges in laboratory medicine. Join us!