Founded in 1952 as the International Association of Clinical Biochemists, daughter of IUPAC, and renamed the IFCC in 1955, the IFCC serves the public interest in healthcare by providing worldwide leadership in clinical laboratory science to professional societies, the diagnostic industry, governments and non-governmental organisations.

The vision of IFCC is to develop integrated projects, to improve communications, to assist developing countries in achieving high analytical quality, to foster educational activities around the world and to focus actively on areas other than Clinical Chemistry.

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The overall objectives of the IFCC are:

- To complement and enhance the activities of its members;
- To transcend the boundaries of a single nation or a single corporation, or a geographical, cultural or linguistic group of nations in developing the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine;
- To provide a forum for standardisation and traceability, in the broadest sense, at a high technical level;
- To disseminate information on “best practice” at various levels of technology and economic development;
- To promote a vision of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine that extends beyond traditional perceptions of the field.

Our mission is to be the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide.

We aim to communicate effectively with our members, other healthcare providers and the public through a variety of electronic media to ensure knowledge of our excellent scientific and educational achievements. We focus on scientific standards, publications, education, and by building on the professionalism of our members to provide quality services to patients.

The mission of the IFCC

Our mission is to enhance the scientific level and the quality of diagnosis and therapy for patients throughout the world by assuming leadership and innovation in science and education, and by building on the professionalism of our members to provide quality services to patients.

The IFCC carries out its objectives through its Divisions, each with Committees and Working Groups. Their members are volunteers, invited from throughout the world on the basis of their expertise.

Scientific Division (SD)

The mission of the SD is to advance the science of Clinical Chemistry and to apply it to the practice of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine.

The goals to which the Scientific Division is committed are to:

- Identify research areas of relevance to Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine and assist the knowledge transfer to the profession;
- Identify scientific and technological problems in current practice and provide solutions and guidelines on how to resolve them;
- Facilitate the development and transfer of technical innovations to clinical laboratory professionals and clinicians;
- Facilitate the development and implementation of diagnostic strategies;
- Establish standards for the scientific and technical aspects of laboratory practice;
- Respond to the scientific and technical needs of IFCC Members, IFCC Corporate Members and external agencies;
- Participate actively in the scientific programmes of IFCC congresses and other scientific meetings;
- Ensure the quality of IFCC scientific documents;
- Organise Master Discussions.

Education & Management Division (EMD)

The mission of EMD is to provide IFCC members and the health-care community with education relevant to Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine and, in particular, to clinical issues.

EMD is proud of its Abbott Visiting Lecture Programme, which has been expanded to cover all areas of the work on an annual basis. It delivers many courses and workshops in specialised areas. Current projects include:

- Visiting Lecture Programme;
- Clinical Molecular Biology Courses;
- Expanding knowledge in Evidence-Based Laboratory Medicine;
- Managing the Quality of Laboratory Services, including Analytical Quality;
- Courses and workshops in specialized areas;
- Promoting Laboratory Accreditation;
- Raising Awareness of Quality Issues.

Communications and Publications Division (CPD)

The mission of CPD is to provide worldwide communications about the work of the IFCC to clinical laboratory scientists, physicians and health policy-makers, and to provide continuing education materials and services in printed and electronic forms.

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Emerging Technologies Division (ETD)

The mission of ETD is to promote a vision of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine that extends beyond traditional perceptions of the field.

The goals to which the ETD is committed are to:

- Assess the clinical value of each test with regard to addressing unmet clinical need.
- Defining for each emerging technology and method pre-analytical, analytical and post-analytical knowledge transfer to the profession;
- Defining for each emerging technology and method the appropriate infrastructure and laboratory organization;
- Raising awareness of quality issues.

The ETD responsibilities are

- Identifying and assessing emerging and disruptive diagnostic and data analysis procedures from academic laboratories to clinical laboratories and from clinical laboratories to market.
- Providing education on emerging technologies and methods involving mass spectrometry, high-throughput genotyping techniques, mobile health technologies and data analysis to clinical diagnostic protocols for training and accreditation.
- Defining for each emerging technology the clinical needs and criteria of education of specialists in Laboratory Medicine and caregivers.
- Defining for each emerging technology and method pre-analytical, analytical and post-analytical knowledge transfer to the profession;
- Defining for each emerging technology and method quality programs and certifications required to meet criteria for accreditation up to ISO 15189 standards.
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- IFCC Abbott Visitng Lectureship Programme
- IFCC Speakers’ Bureau
- IFCC Travel Scholarships
- Distance Learning Programmes
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- Professional Scientific Exchange Programme
- Professional Management Exchange Programme

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Plan to attend a future IFCC Conference:

- IFCC WorldLab Congress
- IFCC Regional Congresses
- IFCC-EFLM EuroMedLab Congress
- Other IFCC Conferences

Congresses and Conferences Committee (CC-CC)

The mission of C-CC is to provide general administration and management of all IFCC meeting activities (congresses, conferences and symposia) and to review applications for IFCC Aupices from non-IFCC congresses requesting such sponsorship.

The C-CC carries out the IFCC’s policy to promote and sponsor regular international and regional congresses, exhibitions and specialist conferences in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine.

The C-CC meets with meeting organizers to share experiences, liaise with industry and to obtain resources that allow young clinical chemists and those from emerging countries to participate in national and international congresses.

The IFCC has considerable expertise in organizing and providing support for a number of international congresses, conferences and regional conferences organized and/or sponsored by the IFCC.