The IFCC Task Force of Corporate Members (TF-CM) unite with a passion to elevate laboratory medicine and the IFCC

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For nearly 70 years, the IFCC has long been leading health care advances in laboratory medicine for the betterment of health care worldwide. Healthcare companies are equally as passionate about innovation and the future of laboratory medicine, leading to a joint milestone in 1985 when the first corporate representative was invited to serve on the IFCC Executive Board. Since that time and through today, nearly all IFCC task forces, committees and/or working groups have corporate representation with active full and/or corresponding members from industry. These partnerships are both vital and symbiotic, leading to substantial success across countless, value-added joint initiatives.

Based on the legacy of active funding and contributions by corporate representatives to the IFCC, and with enhanced appreciation for the essential contributions of corporate members across divisions, the IFCC Executive Board created an additional opportunity for enhanced dialogue across leaders. With the goal of further strengthening existing partnerships with the IFCC and its corporate members, the IFCC established and elected corporate members to serve on a unique Task Force for Corporate Members (TF-CM), reporting directly to the IFCC Executive Board. Unlike other Task Forces, the TF-CM is exclusive to Corporate Members, and has the magnanimous aim of elevating key topics and priorities for the betterment of industry collaborations, laboratory medicine and health care.

“The creation of this task force was very special,” comments Joe Passarelli, former IFCC TF-CM chair and current member as well as the current Corporate Representative on the 2021-2023 Executive Board, “this task force gives corporate members the chance to connect with one another and together, propose ideas and projects that align with current unmet needs.” Joe Passarelli is a global advocate for laboratory medicine and Senior Director in Scientific Relations for Roche, a long-time valued partner to the IFCC.

“I am honored to serve as the new chair of this task force,” comments Tricia Ravalico, Director of Scientific Leadership and Education for Abbott. "I encourage all companies who are interested in making a difference to get involved and join the team. The work we do is important with substantial influence to drive healthcare transformation." Tricia has been an active leader within the IFCC for years, currently also serving as the Corporate Representative of the IFCC Communications and Publications Division (CPD), as well as the Executive Lead of the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence program.

The objectives of the TF-CM are lofty, but essential with goals to (1) assist IFCC in promotion of science, innovation, and advancement of the essential contribution of laboratory medicine to health care, (2) to facilitate discussion among Corporate Members and identify common topics of interest and/or concern, (3) to improve the engagement of Corporate Members with the IFCC, (4) to serve as the “voice of industry” and be more accessible to all IFCC teams and leadership, enabling a more diverse understanding and appreciation of needs among corporate members and the IFCC, and (5) to increase awareness with other Corporate Members of IFCC TF-CM and to encourage their participation in IFCC activities.

If your company is a corporate member, and you are interested in learning more about the IFCC or the IFCC TF-CM, please contact us at www.ifcc.org. We welcome everyone wanting to join this exciting journey to advance excellence in laboratory medicine for better healthcare worldwide.

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"The IFCC, in collaboration with its corporate membership, is making a real difference in laboratory medicine. This Task Force, solely for corporate members, provides yet another opportunity to change the lives of the patients we serve. I encourage all companies to join in this endeavor."

Joe Passarelli
Roche

"The IFCC is advancing healthcare worldwide. Join us in partnership with the IFCC and other leading corporate leaders to advance the profession of laboratory medicine."

Tricia Ravalico
Abbott

"As an active member of the IFCC TF-CM for over 2 years, I want to share how valuable it is to enhance the communication across companies and drive change for the industry."

Jordi Trafi
PratsOrth Clinical Diagnostics

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"I learned about the task force in 2020 and joined as a corresponding member. I thought this was a good way to learn more about IFCC initiatives and the task force. It didn’t take long to understand and believe in what the team is aiming to accomplish."

Andy Quintenz
Bio-Rad Laboratories

"The task force is only as diverse as the members themselves. DiaSys is a smaller company compared to some, but our passion and voice in the industry is just as strong. I am an active member on this TF-CM and invite others to learn more about our team and the IFCC."

Jan Gorka
DiaSy

“As interim Secretary to the TF-CM, I’ve been so impressed with the full and corresponding members. This team cares and are comprised of industry leaders who are change champions and advocates for laboratory medicine."

Colleen Strain
Abbott
"This task force (TF-CM) created a great forum for open communications between corporate members, to build a strong voice for the IVD industry and to contribute significantly to the IFCC for this common goal of advancing laboratory medicine worldwide."

Jean-Sebastien Blanchet  
Beckman Coulter

"As a corresponding member of the IFCC TF-CM, I have welcomed the opportunity to contribute to the discussion. This has given me great insight into the way in which the IFCC and industry can work together, with a common goal of demonstrating the true value of laboratory medicine."

Brendan Meyer  
Becton Dickinson

"I am pleased to be part of the IFCC Task Force for Corporate Members and value the mission that we have as a collective team to work together and advance health care."

Vincent Chen  
Snibe