

SUMMARY

114th MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD Milan, Italy Nov 19-21, 2011 IFCC Office Via Carlo Farini 81

Members:			Term and Time of Office	
Dr G Beastall	(GB)	President	1 st	2009 01 – 2011 12
Prof J Hicks	(JH)	Past President	2 nd	2009 01 – 2011 12
Dr G Shannan	(GS)	Treasurer	2 nd	2009 01 – 2011 12
Dr P Laitinen	(PL)	Secretary	2 nd	2009 01 – 2011 12
Mr J Lopez	(JL)	Member	2 nd	2009 01 – 2011 12
Dr B Gouget	(BG)	Member	1 st	2009 01 – 2011 12
Dr U Tuma	(UT)	Member	1 st	2009 01 – 2011 12
Dr T Brinkmann	(TB)	Corporate Rep	1 st	2009 01 – 2011 12

Excused: Prof C Lam (CL) Vice President

In attendance:

- Ms P Bramati (PB)
- Prof I Young (IY)
- Ms J Smith (JS)
- Prof E Jacobs (EJ)
- Prof H Morris (HM)
- Prof S Bernardini (SB)
- Prof L Kricka (LK)
- Prof V Steenkamp (VS)
- Prof M Ferrari (MF)

INFORMAL SESSION

EB had an informal session to discuss the following topics:

1. Point of Care Testing

EB DECISION: EB approves in principal the formation of the Steering Committee for Point of Care Testing (13.10.05) to increase IFCC activity in this field.

2. Possible new voting system

EB DECISION: EB decided to implement the Alternate Vote system for the EB, but not to implement electronic voting for Divisions. Electronic voting for the EB should be carried out in two sections, first Officers and then Members. The voting system has to be explained to make it clear the importance of the second and third preference. Hard copies of the results of the voting have to be produced. The result of the voting has to be checked by an independent observer.

3. Distance Learning

EB DECISION: IFCC should expand its activity in distance learning

2. MEMBER SOCIETIES

2.2 APPLICATIONS

The Association of Clinical Biochemistry Zimbabwe (ACBZ) has sent an application for IFCC Full Membership. The documents are attached. The deadline for voting is Jan 31, 2012.

3. CORPORATE MEMBERS

3.1 CORPORATE MEMBERS

Corporate Member at the Congress organizing committee of Milan EuroMedLab 2013. A representative from Menarini is now a consultant for the Milan congress COC..

Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co. Ltd., Nova Biomedical Corporation, Immunodiagnostic Systems (IDS) and Response Biomedical Corporation are new Corporate Members.

Corporate Members' role on committees and working groups as corresponding members was discussed

The Corporate Members voted for the following option: "Only IFCC Corporate Members can be involved in the origination, design and optimisation of IFCC projects. However, once a project has reached the implementation level then companies that are not IFCC Corporate Members will be able to participate in the study on payment of an increased participation fee appropriate to the project."

EB noted that collaboration with companies is now on a fruitful basis with good exchanges, and two-way equal discussions.

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4. AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Association of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine of Ukraine and Association of Medical Biochemists of India are new Affiliate Members of IFCC.

5. REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

5.1 APFCB (ASIA-PACIFIC FEDERATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE)

APFCB has 16 Ordinary (voting), 14 Corporate and 2 Affiliates. The new Executive Board will serve till Dec 31, 2013. Resolutions were approved by the Registrar of Societies, Singapore on Sept 19, 2011. Based on the change of statutes APFCB has changed its name so that "Laboratory Medicine" is now included in the name of the federation: Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (APFCB).

5.4. EFCC (EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CHEMISTRY and LABORATORY MEDICINE)

EFCC has 38 member countries and 2 Affiliates. EFCC had its General Assembly at the IFCC Wordlab-Euromedlab 2011 in Berlin, where a new Executive Board was elected. The General Assembly also voted for the venue of Euromedlab 2015 and Paris was selected.

5.12 AFMB (ARAB FEDERATION OF CLINICAL BIOLOGY)

ArabMedlab will be held in Marrakesh during May 2012.

5.14 AFCC (AFRICAN FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY)

At present eight countries belong to the AFCC. The AFCC for the first time has a full Board which was elected at the congress in Kenya. ASLM is a society of individual members. It was launched in March 2011. ASLM has wide representation; there has been exchange of contacts between AFCC and ASLM.

EB DECISION: EB agreed to draft a memorandum of understanding with African Society of Laboratory Medicine (ASLM).

6. INTERNATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

6.22. BIPM

A 24th General Conference on Weights and Measures was held on Oct 17-21, 2011.

EB DECISION: EB approved the appointment of Xavier Fuentes-Arderiu (ES) as the new IFCC representative to VIM.

7. COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSES AND CONFERENCES

7.2. International Congresses of Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine (ICCCLM)

7.2.1. Berlin WorldLab 2011 ICCCLM 15 –19 May 2011

The IFCC WorldLab Berlin 2011 (XXI ICCCLM) was held concurrently with the IFCC – EFCC EuroMedLab from 15 – 19 May 2011 in Berlin, Germany. This congress was hosted by the German Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (DKGL).

GENERAL FIGURES	
Posters	1.307
Plenary Lectures	13
Scientific Sessions	54
Workshops	44
Sq mt exhibition area	3.612
Sponsors	96
Platinum sponsors	6
Gold sponsors	2
Bronze sponsors	11

7.2.2. IFCC-WorldLab 2014-Istanbul, Turkey

The congress will be held in the new Congress Center of Istanbul.

7.2.3. ICCCLM WorldLab 2017

The official announcement of the venue for 'IFCC WorldLab 2017' was made during the IFCC Council meeting in Berlin. The congress will be held in Durban, South Africa in October, 2017.

7.3. Regional Congresses of Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine

7.3.2. EuroMedLab (EFCC), Milano, May 19-23, 2013

The congress, will take place from 19th to 23rd May 2013 (Sunday – Thursday). The web site of EUROMEDLAB MILANO 2013 Congress is as follows: www.milan2012.org

7.3.5 EuroMedLab 2015

Six National Societies submitted their applications to host the EuroMedLab 2015:

GREECE - Athens

IRELAND - Dublin

FRANCE - Paris

CZECH REP. - Prague

SPAIN - Seville

SWEDEN - Stockholm

The IFCC Congresses and Conferences Committee (C-CC) and the EFCC Education and Training Committee (C-ET) evaluated the submitted applications according to the EuroMedLab Guidelines

(http://www.ifcc.org/pdf/congresses/guidelines/EuroMedLab_guidelines.pdf).

The venue for the IFCC-EFCC EuroMedLab Congress in 2015 was selected by ballot at the EFCC General Assembly in Berlin on Sunday, May 15th. According to the results of the ballot, EuroMedLab 2015 will be held in Paris.

IFCC SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES

7.4.1 ROCHE BERGMEYER CONFERENCE

The 13th Roche Bergmeyer Conference is scheduled for March 5-7, 2012. The title of the conference is: "Vitamin D in Health and Disease".

ORTHO CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS (OCD) CONFERENCE

EB DECISION: EB approves continuing OCD conferences.

7.8 CONGRESSES WITH IFCC AUSPICES

A list of congresses with IFCC auspices is available on the website.

7.20 MEMBERSHIP

EB DECISION: EB approved the appointment of Joseph Lopez (MY) as a new member of C-CC.

8. SCIENTIFIC DIVISION

8.2. COMMITTEES

8.2.6 C-NOMENCLATURE, PROPERTIES AND UNITS (C-NPU)

EB DECISION: EB will discuss the business plan in the next EB meeting.

8.3. WORKING GROUPS

8.3.33 WG–STANDARDIZATION OF THYROID FUNCTION TESTS (WG-STFT)

EB DECISION: EB approved the establishment of the new Committee "Thyroid Function Tests" and that Linda Thienpont would be a good choice for Chair if she agrees

8.3.37 WG - STANDARDISATION OF CYSTATIN C (WG-SCC)

EB DECISION: EB approved the WG to be closed having successfully completed its objectives

8.3.38 WG – STANDARDIZATION OF GFR ASSESSMENT (WG-GFRA)

EB DECISION: EB approved the WG to be closed having successfully completed its objectives

8.3.41 WG – GROWTH HORMONE (WG-GH)

EB DECISION: EB approved to close the WG. A new WG may be considered in the future depending on the outcome of harmonization initiative.

8.3.49 WG-CSF-Proteins

EB DECISION: EB approved to establish the WG-CSF with Anders Larsson as Chair.

8.3.50 **WG-STANDARDIZATION OF BONE MARKER ASSAYS**

EB DECISION: EB approved to establish the WG as a joint project with the International Osteoporosis Foundation

8.20 **MEMBERSHIP**

EB DECISION: EB approved the appointments for the second term.

9. EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION

9.2 **COMMITTEES**

9.2.4 **CLINICAL MOLECULAR BIOLOGY CURRICULUM (C-CMBC)**

EB DECISION: EB approved the re-appointment of Evi Lianidou and Kenji Izuhara for the second term.

9.2.7 **EVIDENCE-BASED LABORATORY MEDICINE (C-EBLM)**

EB DECISION: EB approved the re-appointment of Rob Christenson, Chris Florkowski and Diler Aslan for second terms.

WORKING GROUPS

9.4.3 **DEVELOPING QUALITY COMPETENCE IN MEDICAL LABORATORIES (DQCML)**

EB DECISION: EB approves the re-appointment of Michael Thomas for the second term as a Consultant and Chair.

9.20 **MEMBERSHIP**

EB DECISION: EB confirmed the appointment of Maurizio Ferrari as new Chair of EMD.

9.40 **OTHER BUSINESS**

Proposal for a Committee on Distance Learning (C-DL)

EB DECISION: EB approved the establishment of the C-DL. EB approved the appointment of Janet Smith as Chair of the Committee for one term. During that time JS will work closely with C-IeL and look for a new Chair.

10. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

10.2 **COMMITTEES**

Proposal to upgrade WG-IDL into a Committee for Internet and e-learning (C-leL)

EB DECISION: EB approved to establish C-leL with Peter Venvaart as Chair. A Corporate Member will be solicited. The former WG will continue as Committee members or as corresponding members.

10.3 WORKING GROUPS

10.7 WEBSITE

EB had received a presentation of new website, which is scheduled to go live on Dec 1

10.9.2 IFCC BOOTH AT AACC CONGRESS

EB DECISION: EB decided to have a booth in the 2012 AACC exhibition in Los Angeles with one person from the IFCC office.

Proposal for a Task Force on the Value of Laboratory Medicine

EB DECISION: EB decided to establish Task Force on the Value of Laboratory Medicine.

10.20 MEMBERSHIP

EB DECISION: EB approved the appointment of Khosrow Adeli as the next Chair of CPD the term starting Jan 1, 2013.

13. SPECIAL PROJECTS

13.7 ETHICS

EB DECISION: EB decided to send the proposal for an IFCC policy on Conflict of Interest to Divisions for comments. They will be discussed further at the next EB meeting.

13.10 INTEGRATED PROJECTS

Chronic Kidney Disease (TF-CKD)

EB DECISION: EB decided to continue this TF. A new Chair may be required.

15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

15.1 TREASURER'S REPORT

DECISION/ACTION ITEM: GB, BG and GS will go to Geneva and meet LGT, who will be informed that they need to improve the performance of IFCC investments. If we are not happy with the LGT response we have to go elsewhere. This topic will be discussed again at the next EB meeting.

DECISION: IFCC will transfer to EFCC a sum equivalent to the amount calculated from the formula in the IFCC/EFCC agreement. This sum will cover the calendar years 2012 and 2013. .

Budget for 2012

EB DECISION: EB approved the budget after discussion and amendment

16. ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

16.0 IFCC OFFICE

IFCC has signed two contracts with Emmezeta Congressi for supporting the IFCC Office and for serving as Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) for IFCC.

16.5. HANDBOOK

EB DECISION: EB agreed to have a CD version of the Handbook, and no printed hard copies.

19. MEETINGS

19.6. GENERAL CONFERENCE

The next General Conference will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during the period 15-20th November 2012. The outline schedule is as follows:

Thursday 15 November – arrival

Friday/Saturday 16/17 November – IFCC closed meetings, including Executive Board

Sunday/Monday 18/19 November – IFCC General Conference

Tuesday 20 November – departure.