



COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

Meeting of the CPD Executive Committee
 Milan, Italy, 21 Jan 2012: 09:00 – 17:00 h and 22 Jan 2012:
 09:00 – 13:00 h

PROVISIONAL MINUTES

Members:

Members:	Position	Term	Time in Office
<i>Ellis Jacobs - EJ (US)</i>	Chair	2 nd	2010 01 – 2012 12
<i>Khosrow Adeli – KA (CA)</i>	Vice-Chair / PR Coordinator	2 nd	2010 01 – 2012 12
<i>Peter Vervaart – PV (AU)</i>	Secretary / Publications- Distance Learning Coordinator	1 st	2011 01 – 2013 12
<i>Gabor Kovacs - GK (HU)</i>	Editor, eJIFCC	1 st	2012 01 – 2014 12
<i>Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)</i>	Editor IFCC News	2 nd	2010 01 – 2012 12
<i>Bruce Jordan – BJ (CH)</i>	Corporate Representative	1 st	2011 01 – 2013 12

Guests: Andrew Lyon (AL) (IFCC Web Editor), Silvia Colli-Lanzi (SCL) (IFCC Office)

10.0 Agenda and Minutes

Present: Ellis Jacobs, Khosrow Adeli, Peter Vervaart, Gabor Kovacs, Edgard Delvin, Bruce Jordan, Andrew Lyon and Silvia Colli-Lanzi.

10.0.1 Role Call and Welcome

All members of the Executive were present, EJ welcomed GK to his first meeting.

10.0.2 Finalization of Agenda

1 additional item: 60th Anniversary activities added under 10.40 Other Business

10.0.3 Approval of Minutes, Committee Meeting, 16-17 Sep 2011

No changes, minutes approved as distributed.

10.0.3.1 Review Action Items – completed/pending

Item Number	Action	Status
10.1.1 Report of the Chair	PV to rewrite C-leL proposal and send to EJ for presentation at next meeting of EB	Rewritten, presented to EB and accepted.
10.1.2.1 Proposal for Task Force on Role of Laboratory Medicine in Healthcare	KA to write proposal using template on the IFCC website	Written, presented to EB and accepted., sent back for refinement and representation
10.2.1.2.1 Labs are Vital Campaign	KA to take concerns back to AIA/LAV group	Completed
10.3.1.2 eJIFCC Activity Report	GS to meet with new editor to handover and outline concerns re Editorial Board.	Completed.
10.3.1.3 Design and Plan for eJournal becoming official journal of IFCC	Tender document to be reviewed and presented to EB	Completed.
10.3.2.2 e Newsletter Activity	ED to publish deadlines for	Completed

Report	each edition of the News	
10.6.6 Handbook	Committee members to provide feedback on Handbook by mid October	Completed.
10.7.1.1 Status of New Website Development/ Website Statistical Report	AL to provide feedback to InSoft re changes and timelines.	Completed.
10.7.1.1 Status of New Website Development/ Website Statistical Report	AL and SCL to review Umbraco tutorial and manual and also ask InSoft re on-site training in CMS	On-site training yet to be organized/undertaken.
10.7.4 Databases	AL to provide receipts and expense from InSoft attendance at NPU meeting	Completed.
10.8.2.3 LabMedica International (LMI)	ED to check that LabMedica International is publishing e-News content without editing.	Completed.
10.9.1. Brochure	SCL to send out PDF to CPD EC for review by mid October	Completed.
10.9.1. Brochure	SCL to give 200 copies of Spanish translation to EJ to take to COLABIOCLI meeting.	Completed.
10.10 Corporate Member Activities	SCL to provide a list of corporate members to BJ	Completed.
10.19.1.3 PR and the Value of Laboratory Medicine, AFCB, Marrakech, Morocco	EJ to submit titles to organising committee	Completed.
10.19.1.4 PR and the Value of Laboratory Medicine, EuroMed Lab 2013, Milan, IT	EJ to submit titles to organising committee	Completed.
10.30 Budget	EJ to contact MB to outline rules on attendance of WG Chairs at CPD EC meetings	Completed.

10.1 Activities and Reports

10.1.1 Report of the Chair

EJ reported that the EB was held in November. At the meeting approval was given for the formation of the C-leL with PV as chair for next two years. EMD C-DL was also approved. KA was also appointed as next chair of CPD. Budget was set and approved for 2012 as distributed. The new taskforce on value of lab medicine was also approved and there were discussions on formation of the task force and the chair. Request for publisher for eJIFCC was also distributed. There were some concerns expressed at EB but it was decided to send out the requests to see what happens. There are currently calls for nominations for Vice Chair and publisher eNews which close at the end of March for review at the Marrakech meeting. There has been one nomination received for Vice Chair so far which needs to be filled by the end of the year with KA transitioning to Chair. The new website development was on going (PV, AL, SCL) but there had been a very positive response so far.

10.1.2 Report of the Vice-Chair

KA reported that the bulk of his report would be under his C-PR report.

10.1.2.1 Proposal for Task Force on Role of Laboratory Medicine in Healthcare

KA reiterated that this had been discussed at Toronto meeting and was formally presented at the last EB meeting. The process is outlined in the taskforce proposal. The aim is to establish the taskforce by the next EB meeting in Marrakech and for the taskforce to provide its 1st report by the end of year. Initial work has been on identifying a chair who will then fill the Taskforce. There would also be Industry and Regional Federation representation. In response to a question EJ stated that taskforces do not always need a call for nominations as in some cases they can be filled via recommendations.

10.1.3 Report of the Secretary (Liaison with EMD)

PV reported that the bulk of his report would be provided under his C-IeL and Publications reports.

10.2 Reports from Committees

10.2.1 Committee on Public Relations – (KA)

See report Appendix A

10.2.1.1 Membership

Committee Members:

Dr. Susan Matthews (SM) (Australia)	2nd Term	2011-2013
Dr. Loralie Langman (LL) (USA)	2nd Term	2011-2013
Dr. Ramon Deulofeu (RD) (Spain)	1st Term	2011-2013
Dr. Tahir Pillay (TP) (South Africa)	1st Term	2011-2013
Dr. Khosrow Adeli (KA) (Canada; Chair)	2nd Term	2010 -2012

Regional Federation Advisors:

Dr. Endang Hoyaranda – representing APFCB
Dr. Fouad Harb – representing the Arab Federation
Dr. Ana Leticia de Maselli – representing COLABIOCLI
Dr. Mariam Klouche – representing EFCC

Corresponding Members:

Dr. Camelia GRIGORE (CG) (Romania)
Dr. Katherina PSARRA (KP) (Greece)
Dr. Magdalena Krintus (MK) (Poland)
Dr. Monica Spalvieri (MS) (Argentina)

AL asked if KA is working on a succession plan for his position. New Vice Chair will fill this position.

10.2.1.2 Activity Report

KA reported that the next meeting of the C-PR would be at the GC in KL. There was more discussion on the Taskforce. KA reported that the aim of the taskforce is to generate evidence for the role/value of the laboratory in medicine and use this for PR purposes. One of the difficulties discussed was that the review may find different data for different areas e.g. ED vs. Surgical Ward and may also vary by Lab i.e. Chemistry vs. Anatomical Pathology. It was felt by the EC that Lab Utilisation was a different issue. KA reported that the Labs are Vital group were coming to the same conclusion. ED stated that the taskforce needed to include some economic analysis. In response KA requested input from the CPD EC on the Terms of Reference for the taskforce. KA then outlined the experience of the Chair suggested by GB, Mike Hallworth, in this area as a former ACB president and member of the board of AACC. KA outlined proposal (attached Appendix B) and reported that the EB had asked that the proposal be 'fleshed out' and that possible member names be presented to the EB in February. It was suggested that MH as probable Chair should have a role in developing the Terms of Reference for the taskforce. BJ also felt that there would be an

opportunity for industry support. The EC also felt that metrics existed which could be used for the data analysis e.g. Cochrane. ED asked about funding, there were a number of suggestions e.g. WHO, Industry.

Action: CPD EC to provide input into Terms of Reference and Membership of Taskforce

10.2.1.2.1 Labs are Vital Campaign

KA reported that the IFCC Members of the group were not to change. He further reported that the name change to 'Analysis in Action' had not been successful so they have gone back to the LAV title. KA reported that a new LAV director has been appointed (Dr. Simon Shorter in Chicago). A new PR person has also been hired in Canada (Andrea Anonychuk) and she has also initiated a review to assess clinical outcomes and to find evidence for the value of laboratory medicine. Therefore there was an opportunity for collaboration with the task force. EJ felt that the focus should be on promoting laboratory medicine as a career pathway.

10.2.1.2.2 Publicity at Meetings

KA reported that the newly updated brochures, posters, and presentations were recently used at the COLABIOCLI meeting in DR, and that they would also be used at the upcoming meeting in Marrakech.

10.2.1.2.3 IFCC Booth

KA reported that C-PR continues to provide materials for IFCC booths including the IFCC milestones brochure.

10.2.1.2.4 Posters

KA reported that these had all been updated prior to Berlin.

10.2.1.2.5 PR Brochures

KA reported that the brochures had been updated to the new EB term (2012 to 2014) and that the French version had been updated and the Turkish version was in progress. All had been converted to PDF and were available on the website. An 'A' list of brochures (English, French, Spanish) had been printed and were in stock. A 'B' list was available but not printed until required (German, Italian, Farsi, Polish, Portuguese and Russian). EJ suggested that there should also be a 'C' list which could be translated but never printed. PV suggested that KA consider a Bahasa Indonesian translation for the Bali meeting. KA reported that this had been considered for India and Japan as well but felt unnecessary as both countries had English as their official 'scientific language' and therefore not translated. KA reported that the Public brochure was still in development. AL reported he has updated the Wikipedia IFCC page with the PR material and a link to the website. He felt that C-PR should consider this as well. EJ expressed some concern about the control of information and monitoring and correcting information on Wikipedia however AL reported he will be notified if there were any new edits and will check the information and edit/delete as necessary. PV reported he has control of the Facebook and LinkedIn pages.

10.2.1.2.6 PowerPoint Presentations

SCL reported that she would review the IFCC Public Relations Slide Kit every 6 months to keep it up to date.

KA reported that the Public Laboratory Medicine slide kit had been finalized with the input of BJ. EJ asked for a minor change of Committee 'of' to 'on' PR on the opening slide. SCL will make the slides available on the website and available for use by members. The slides will also be presented

in sessions at Marrakech in 2012 and Milan in 2013. PV asked that KA review the social media 'links' on the final slide as we do not have a presence on all of the me only Facebook and LinkedIn. Committee also asked that the content of the slides be phrased for the lay public (e.g. diseased vs. healthy). EJ reported that the EB particularly liked the 'hidden treasure' statement. KA reported that compared to the brochure the slides will not be translated by IFCC but members may want to translate themselves for use in their own countries/regions. AL asked if the slides should be copyright. It was felt that this would be very difficult once it is released however the simplest control may be to add the copyright symbol (© IFCC) to slide master. It was suggested that this may be a question for the EB to clarify and that we should monitor use and query misuse. AL further suggested a voice over and to load the multimedia presentation on to YouTube. KA felt that Mike Hallworth or Graham Beastall may want to do this as part of the taskforce.

Action: KA to edit Laboratory Medicine Slides as indicated in the minutes.

10.2.1.2.7 Key Directory

KA reported, as stated above, that this would be updated when the new EB terms begin.

10.2.2 Committee on Internet & eLearning – (PV)

See report Appendix C

10.2.2.1 Membership

Name	Surname	Position	Term
Peter	Vervaart	Chair	1 st 2011-01 – 2013-12
Andrew	Lyon	Web Editor	1 st 2011-01 - 2013 -12
Andrew	Wootton	Corresponding Member	
Petr	Kocna	Corresponding Member	
Endang	Hoyaranda	Corresponding Member	
Montserrat	Blanes Gonzales	Corresponding Member	
Gustáv	Kováč	Corresponding Member	
Ana	Merino	Corresponding Member	
Kari	Pulkki	Corresponding Member	
Lynn	Allen	Corresponding Member	
Rhena	Delpport	Corresponding Member	
Mariam	Klouche	Corresponding Member	
Lina	Khorovskaya	Corresponding Member	

PV reported that the call for nominations for committee members would close on February 28th, and that a number of old WG members had expressed interest in staying on the committee as corresponding members.

10.2.2.2 Activity Report

10.2.2.2.1 Office Email/IT systems

PV reported there had been no change to the current status of e-mail and IT systems.

10.2.2.2.2 Status of New Website / Website Statistical Report

See Appendix D

Now that the website was up and functional and the office staff had some experience with Umbraco (the CMS) AL and PV would work with the office staff in setting up some onsite training with Insoft based on what components of the website and Umbraco the office staff felt they need to be trained.

PV tabled the Homepage updates provided by Insoft in response to the call from EB to make the website “sexier” by the use color and pictures. After discussion the committee felt that AL should go back to Insoft with the original ‘mock ups’ which allowed for images on the homepage and to ask them for feedback. PV also reported that the 60th Anniversary logo had replaced the ‘official’ IFCC logo on the webpage and official correspondence for the whole of 2012.

The committee fed back to PV, AL and SCL that there were still some issues with eJournal and eNewsletter archiving with links reporting ‘document not available’. SCL reported that a number of the documents had yet to be loaded but that she was working to remedy this from most recent to oldest.

AL raised the issue of the HbA1c Network website which appeared to be an ‘official’ IFCC website but resided outside of the control of the C-leL. EJ suggested that AL should contact the website editor (Cas Weykamp) for this website to get a status update and to ask if they could be placed under the ‘umbrella’ of the IFCC website

There was also general discussion of the Key Partners box and it was felt that the NKDEP logo and link should not site here but it was important that CCLM did. AL promised to review the Key Partners box and add a CCLM logo and link.

Action: AL and PV to set up onsite training for Office staff.

Action: AL to ask that Insoft revert to original ‘mock ups’ of website allowing for the use of images on the homepage.

Action: SCL to complete archiving of eJIFCC and e Newsletters

Action: AL to contact Ces Weykamp re the HbA1c Network website

Action: AL/PV to replace the NKDEP logo with the CCLM logo in key partners box

10.2.2.2.3 Professional Web/IT support

PV reported that web support continued with Insoft and that a new contract had been signed by Danilo Nassaro for IT support within the office.

10.2.2.2.4 Databases/Database Management (NBU, EBLM, ECD)

PV reported that the NPU database search function was under development by Insoft and would be provided to the membership of C-NPU prior to going live.

He further reported that the EBLM database had still not been found. EJ suggested that PV contact the current Chair (Rob Christenson) and/or Rita Horvath and let them know that it has been lost in the transition to the new website and to ask if they have any backup files

PV reported that further to the decision of EMD to discontinue the C-ECD the decision was made not to continue with the ECD database.

Action: Insoft to complete NPU database search function

Action: PV to contact Chair of C-EBLM and/or Rita Horvath re EBLM database

10.2.2.2.5 Open and Closed([private) Forums – Facebook & LinkedIn

Following discussion the decision was made to use these social media forums (in particular LinkedIn) as forum sites for IFCC rather than through the website.

10.2.2.2.6 Distance Learning Programs

PV reported that a new CD presentation had been handed to him on Glucose Monitoring for review from Janet Smith (Chair C-DL) and Rolf Hinmann. He would review and feedback thoughts to Janet and Rolf. There was a general discussion on the IFCC strategy around distance learning. PV reported that the aim was for the C-leL to work with C-DL on strategy for development of distance learning programs. There was also discussion around issues of eNewsletter and eJIFCC providing education with links to relevant material. PV also felt that National and Regional societies had a place in this strategy and he would write a letter to National and Regional societies seeking access to any 'free' e-Learning material they would be willing to share with IFCC. PV also asked that KA to provide slides from his presentation to PV.

Action: PV to review CD and feedback thoughts to Janet Smith and Rolf Hinmann
Action: PV to contact National and Regional Reps re gaining access to eLearning material

10.2.2.2.7 Bookstore

PV reported that this continues to be developed as part of the IFCC store.

10.2.2.2.8 Electronic Voting

PV reported that commercial software packages were being reviewed for presentation to the EB at the GC in KL with the aim of utilizing e-mail distribution of voting links and access control to prevent uncontrolled voting.

Action: PV to review electronic voting packages for presentation to EB at GC in November

10.2.2.2.9 Private/Closed Website areas

PV reported that before we set up controlled areas on the website we needed to decide on who, what, and how access would be controlled (EB, Corporate Memebers, National Reps). AL will request options from Insoft.

In response to concerns about having e-mail addresses on the website the committee decided that the IFCC Office would put together a contact form for website for website users to contact individuals without need for contact details on the website.

Action: AL to request options for access controlled ages on the IFCC website from Insoft
Action: SCL to put together a website contact form for presentation to Insoft

10.3 Reports from Working Groups

10.3.1 Working Group – eJIFCC

See Appendix E

10.3.1.1 Membership

	Position	Term and Time in Office
Gabor Kovacs – GK (HU)	Chair	2 nd 2012-01 – 2014-12
Borut Bozic –BB (SL)	Member	

Rajiv Erasmus – RE (SA)	Member
Nilda Fink – NF (AR)	Member
Evelyn Koay– EK (SY)	Member
Daniel Syed – DS (USA)	Member
Sanja Stankovic- SaS (SR)	Member
Oliver Racz – OR (SK)	Member

GK asked about the Editorial Board: who appointed and for term as a number of members are not active. GK suggested that the editorial board should be reviewed and that members should have terms. EJ replied that the Board members were appointed by CPD as a WG and there was no time limit on WG appointments. Further he stated that it was up to the Chair to decide on appropriateness of members and change as required. GK suggested three new members of eJIFCC (Sypniewska, Vermes and Sierra-Amor) and that he would also like to remove some members (Erasmus, Fink, Koay, Syed). EJ stated that they should be contacted re their inactivity first before removing from the list. GK will write to them outlining the expectations of Board membership and review at end of year. Sypniewska, Vermes and Sierra-Amor were all approved as new members. It was further suggested that SD and EMD have a representative on the Editorial Board as it was felt that increasing the numbers on the Board may also increase activity of the journal. KA stated that he was also concerned about the lack of peer review of articles and that the WG consider a list of reviewers in addition to the editorial board. EJ felt that the Board members should be reviewers unless there was a need for specific expertise. Grammatical review should also be expected as part of the review process.

Action: GK to contact current members of Editorial Board and remind them of their obligations and review performance at end of year

Action: GK to contact Sypniewska, Vermes and Sierra-Amor indicating acceptance as Editorial Board members

Action: GK to contact SD and EMD chairs asking for nominations to the Editorial Board

10.3.1.2 Activity Report

Following discussion it was felt that the scope of the Journal should extend into education. Further the committee felt that certain societies (i.e. those with upcoming significant anniversaries) should be asked to write an article on the history of their society. GK stated that he would write the first editorial for 2012. GK stated that he would also seek guest editorials from chairs/members of ED, SD and the Young Scientists group chaired by Damien Gruson.

GK also reported that he had been contacted by Elsevier about extending the global reach of eJIFCC. EJ stated that he should pass the request for proposal on to his contact and state that Anthony Newman is also aware of the IFCC and the request.

GK asked about software for tracking the editorial process. PV reported that the AACB has software which does this and that he will check and let GK know name of software etc.

EJ asked about themes for the coming year. Currently educational rather than research oriented. Having themes reinforces educational nature. GK will put ideas together and send to EJ. GK reported he has two papers so far for the next issue and has sent them out to reviewers (Editorial Board).

Action: GK to contact potential editorial and article writers

Action: GK to provide copy of Request for Proposal to alternative contact at Elsevier

Action: PV to send details of AACB Editorial Software to GK

Action: GK to send ideas for ‘themes’ to EJ for review

10.3.1.3 Design and Plan for eJournal becoming official journal of IFCC

EJ reported that some concerns expressed, in particular by SD, that becoming 'official' may be restrictive for some groups in terms of publishing articles. However decision had been made by EB to send out and see what responses are received. EJ further reported that none had been received so far. SCL will send out a general reminder. KA also had some concerns re wording of proposal as there appeared to be nothing in it for the publisher. He also wanted the publisher to work with IFCC in developing, promoting, indexing, and building impact factor of eJIFCC. The indexing issues with the eJIFCC were also discussed which requires archiving and referencing of eJIFCC articles. Committee felt that we should consider other publishers e.g. BioMedCentral, PLoS. EJ asked that the committee members send suggestions for publishers to SCL to send RFP to.

Action: SCL to send out reminder re Request for Proposal to publishers

10.3.2 Working Group - IFCC News

See Appendix F

10.3.2.1 Membership

	Position	Term	Time in Office
Edgard Delvin – ED (CA)	Chair	2 nd	2010 01 – 2012 12
Hedili Adderrazek - HA (TU)	Member		
Yadav Binod – YB (NP)	Member		
Layachi Chabraoui – LC (MO)	Member		
Mabel Charles-Davis - MCD (NI)	Member		
Spiroula Christou – SC (GR)	Member		
Rajiv Erasmus – RE (ZA)	Member		
Sylvan Fahel da Fonseca - SF (BR)	Member		
Xavier Fuentes Arderiu –XFA (SP)	Member		
Damien Gruson – DG (BE)	Member		
Tu Ha Hoang – TH (VN)	Member		
Joseph Lopez – JL (MY)	Member		
Ana Piana – AP (UY)	Member		
Brguljan Meska Pika – BP (SI)	Member		
Stella Raymondo –SR (UY)	Member		
Rosa Sierra Amor – RSA (MX)	Member		
Grazyna Sypniewska – GS (PL)	Member		
Dai Duy Ban – DB (VN)	National Society Liaison		
Montserrat Blanes - MB (PY)	National Society Liaison		
Ann Gronowski – AG (US)	National Society Liaison		
Sandra Klinsberg – SK (AU)	National Society Liaison		
Snezana Jovicic – SJ (SRB)	National Society Liaison		
Anna-Maria Simundic – AS (SRB)	National Society Liaison		
Nada Majkic-Singh – NA (SRB)	National Society Liaison		
Andrew Wooton - AW (UK)	Member	National Society Liaison	

10.3.2.2 Activity Report

ED reported he had written to LabMedica re publishing without editing but had not received a reply and that he will follow up. ED asked if there was a written agreement which he could refer to and should there be a formal contract? EJ stated that he would search and try to find any agreement. ED further reported that he has sent all the deadline dates to the membership. EJ felt that this did not need to be published elsewhere but that ED should send out reminders to members. AL promised to provide a small article on the new website to ED for the next newsletter. PV would also provide a small article on social media activity. ED stated that he was also interested in receiving

news from corporate members e.g. new corporate members. SCL would let ED know when new corporate members join so that he can approach them.

Action: EJ to find LabMedica contract and send to ED

Action: AL and PV to provide articles on new website and social media to ED

Action: SCL to send new members details to ED

10.3.3 Working Group - Spanish (Ibero-american) Nomenclature and Translations (MB)

No report received.

10.3.4.1 Membership

Position	Term	Time in Office
Montserrat Blanes – MB (PY)	Chair	1 st 2011 01–2013 12
Carlos Roldan – CR (AR)	Member	
Gabriel Lima-Oliveira - GL (BR)	Member	
Carmen Cecilia Almonacid - CA (CO)	Member	
Enrique Abraham – EA (CU)	Member	
Fernando Ruiz Cerda – FR (CH)	Member	
Maria del Carmen Pasquel – MP (EC)	Member	
Angel Rodríguez Prieto – AP (GU)	Member	
Rosa Isabel Sierra Amor – RS (MX)	Member	
Graciela Velázquez – GV (PY)	Member	
Antonio Antunez de Mayolo – AA (PE)	Member	
Patrocínio Chuecas – CCH (SP)	Member	
Hernan Fares Taie – HF (AR)	Corresponding member	
Stella Raymondo – ER (UY)	Corresponding member	
Xavie Fuentes Arderiu – XF (SP)	Corresponding member	

Action: EJ will contact MB re procedure for approval and removal of members of the WG and a succession plan for the Chair.

10.3.4.2 Activity Report

Action: EJ to discuss the activity and reporting of the WG with MB.

10.3.4.3 RIA Web page

AL reported that the RIA web pages would be included within the IFCC website. Ion from Insoft has imported the pages into the IFCC website, but there was a need to check links on the website and then move them to the new server. AL was also investigating having MB (or RIA representative) make their own edits via Umbraco.

Action: AL to contact MB to discuss RIA website within IFCC website

10.6 Reports on Publications:

See Appendix C

10.6.1 Documents from Committees & Working Groups

None to report. SCL continues to maintain the database which is now located on the website.

10.6.2 Monographs

None produced in the reporting period.

10.6.3 Books (EMD publications, Silver Book)

EJ reported that he was still waiting for advice on the Silver Book publication.

SCL reported that the new Handbook would be ready for Marrakech.

Action: SCL to complete Handbook in time for Marrakech meeting

10.6.4 Conference Proceedings

AL and PV reported that there had been several requests for papers from CCLM for symposia presented in Berlin but no proceedings yet.

10.8 Related Journals

10.8.1 Meeting of Society Journal Editors & Publishers

EJ reported that there were no meetings currently scheduled for 2012 and that the next meeting will be in Milan in 2013.

10.8.2 Journals

10.8.2.1 Request for Proposal – Official Journal of IFCC - Current Contract expires July 2013 - GK/ED

Discussed above under eJIFCC report. EJ will send a copy of the current contract with deGruyter to GK. SCL to add to the Request for Proposal that we expect a response to acknowledge receipt. Aim will be to reissue if no positive responses and increase list of publishers and consider changing proposal to simple support of the eJIFCC.

Action: EJ to send current contract with deGruyter to GK

10.8.2.2 Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)

PV reported that he had not received any requests to attend meetings etc as representative of IFCC CPD. GK stated that he had been asked to be a member of the board on the CCLM on behalf of Hungarian society and queried if this was a conflict of interest. After discussion it was felt there was a COI and as such GK will ask the Hungarian Society to nominate an alternative.

Action: GK to decline invitation from Hungarian Society to join CCLM Board

10.8.2.3 Labmedica International (LMI)

Covered above under eNewsletter report.

10.8.2.4 Other journals

No issues to report.

10.10 Corporate Member Activities - Report of Corporate Member (BJ)

BJ reported that he was still to send out citations re the Value of Lab Medicine. KA would be grateful if copies of the papers could be sent however citations would be OK if they were pay per view only.

BJ also reported that he was having problems in getting a list of corporate member contacts from Thomas Brinkman. BJ will follow up with Thomas when he returns. EJ stated that Paola may also be able to help. EJ also felt that the GC in KL may be a good opportunity to call corporate members together.

BJ reported that there was strong interest in the POC Taskforce. A call for nominations has been sent out with a deadline of the end of February.

BJ stated that he is happy to contribute to symposia and newsletter. One area where he felt he could contribute was in making the IFCC History pages more interesting: milestones, graphs, photos etc. BJ stated he was happy to have a go at doing this linking IFCC milestones to major milestones in Clinical Biochemistry. He felt that we should consider publishing in the eJIFCC as part of our anniversary year.

BJ also suggested gathering patient/client testimonials in support of the 'Values' project.

He also suggested the idea of IFCC apps which could be reviewed by C-leL.

Action: BJ to obtain list of corporate members from IFCC Office

Action: BJ to review IFCC history pages and make them more interesting

10.19 Meetings & Symposia

10.19.1 CPD Symposia

EJ reported that a successful symposium was held with simultaneous translation in the DR but was lightly attended. He felt there were gaps in understanding of ethics in the developing world which could be a focus of our educational activities.

10.19.1.1 PR and the Value of Laboratory Medicine
AFCB, Marrakech, Morocco 2 May 12

EJ reported that this symposia was confirmed and would be held after the CPD EC meeting (30/4 and 1/5). The symposia would be in the 1st time slot of the meeting and would have ED, KA and PV presenting as EJ was now not available. ED would also Chair.

10.19.1.2 Public Relations and the Value of Laboratory
Medicine, EuroMed Lab 2013, Milan, IT 19-23 May 13

This proposal was submitted and recently approved. EJ, KA, PV and BJ will present in the symposia and ED will chair.

10.19.1.3 Internet and Distance Learning
APCCB 2013, Bali, Indonesia (submitted) 17-20 Nov 13

EJ reported that he had not yet been advised on the status of this submission.

10.19.2 Future CPD EC Meetings

10.19.2.1 Marrakech, Morocco (AFCB) 30 Apr - 1 May 12

Meeting is confirmed. CPD EC attendees should start investigating travel and accommodation for the meeting.

Action: CPD EC to book travel and send details to SCL

The GC had also been confirmed. All functional reps should be there; therefore C-PR and C-leL will also meet. Committee members were funded but not corresponding members. The focus of the meeting would be strategic planning for the next three years. There would also be meetings of WG-eJIFCC, eNewsletter and RIA. WG chairs are funded but not members. Number of funded nights is indicated in expected dates of attendance (arrive 15th and depart 20th).

PV and KA questioned the need for three meetings per year. For next year Milan in May and Bali in November with a web/tele conference in February and/or July should suffice. BJ offered the Roche web meeting system if we wanted. For 2014 WorldLab in Istanbul and potential 2nd meetings in Australia (Sydney?), Hungary or Switzerland.

Action: BJ, AL and PV to test the Roche web conference system

10.20 Membership

Members:	Position	Term and Time of Office	
Ellis Jacobs – EJ (US)	Chair	2 nd	2010 01 – 2012 12
Khosrow Adeli – AD (CA)	Vice Chair/ PR Coordinator	2 nd	2010 01 – 2012 12
Peter Vervaart – PV (AU)	Secretary/Publications-Distance Learning Coordinator	1 st	2011 01 – 2013 12
Gabor Kovacs – GK (HU)	Editor, eJIFCC	1 st	2012 01 – 2014 12
Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)	Editor IFCC News	2 nd	2010 01 – 2012 12
Bruce Jordan - BJ (DE)	Corp. Rep.	1 st	2011 01 – 2013 12

10.20.1 – Call for nominations for News Editor

ED's 2nd term will be completed at the end of 2012. Call for Nominations closes March 31st for voting at the Marrakech meeting.

10.20.2 – Call for nominations for Vice Chair/PR Coordinator

KA has been approved by the EB as the new Chair CPD EC at the end of EJ's term. 1 nomination has been received to date with a closing date of March 31st for voting at the Marrakech meeting.

10.30 Budget

EJ had previously sent out the approved 2012 budget. KA stated that he felt the budget looks good with minimal increase. EJ stated this was due primarily to the fact we spent less on the website than budgeted. There was also allocated funding for Silver Book which had not yet been spent. KA requested expenditures. EJ stated that the Office can supply this information. EJ reported that the EB likes that we under spend rather than over spend; we usually over run travel line but overall we keep to budget.

10.40. Other Business

10.40.1 60th Anniversary activities

SCL asked a question about whether we wanted to undertake any extra activities. BJ offered to prepare a story book for the history of the IFCC. SCL also suggested historical items for the eNewsletter and presentations at the GC in KL. SCL reported that the draft program for the GC includes a session on history of IFCC. She further suggested a competition for historical images etc

related to IFCC and industry. Another suggestion was interviews with past presidents etc with visuals to be presented at GC. BJ felt there was probably not enough time to put this together for GC. Another option was to update the 50th anniversary book; SCL will contact the editor to ascertain if an electronic copy exists. BJ to investigate putting together an historical presentation for GC in KL and website. Other 60th anniversary activities:

- Collage of WorldLab Congress posters (if available)
- CDP-EC to write editorials for publications (Clinical Chemistry, Clinical Biochemistry, CCLM, Annals, CCA, etc)
- Work with GB in identifying an IFCC historian (retired past president?)
- SCL to check for electronic copies of historical documents and IFCC Congress posters
- Corporate history of IFCC
- Scanned images of front page of significant papers and JIFCC issues
- GB to write editorial on 60th anniversary of IFCC

Action: SCL to contact history editor(s) to obtain electronic copy of history and coordinate 60th anniversary activities listed above

Appendix A
Committee on Public Relations (C-PR):
Report to the Communications and Publications Division (CPD) – Milan– January 2012

Committee Members:

Dr. Susan Matthews (SM) (Australia) – 2nd Term 2011-2013
Dr. Loralie Langman (LL) (USA) – 2nd Term 2011-2013
Dr. Ramon Deulofeu (RD) (Spain) – 1st Term 2011-2013
Dr. Tahir Pillay (TP) (South Africa) – 1st Term 2011-2013
Dr. Khosrow Adeli (KA) (Canada; Chair)

Regional Federation Advisors:

Dr. Endang Hoyaranda – representing APFCB
Dr. Fouad Harb – representing the Arab Federation
Dr. Ana Leticia de Maselli – representing COLABIOCLI
Dr. Mariam Klouche – representing EFCC

Corresponding Members:

Dr. Camelia GRIGORE (CG) (Romania)
Dr. Katherina PSARRA (KP) (Greece)
Dr. Magdalena Krintus (MK) (Poland)
Dr. Monica Spalvieri (MS) (Argentina)

Most recent update of the PR committee activities as January 16, 2012:

I. Proposal for a New IFCC Taskforce on Value of Laboratory Medicine in Healthcare and in Clinical Outcomes:

- Based on the discussions held at the Toronto meeting of the CPD, KA put together a taskforce proposal (copy attached) which was reviewed by EJ and then presented to the EB at its November meeting. EB expressed significant interest in this proposal but suggested that it be further developed with the assistance of Mike Hallworth. KA has recently contacted Dr. Hallworth and invited him to serve as the chair of this taskforce. A positive response has been received pending additional clarification of the role and mandate of the taskforce. New terms of reference for the taskforce are being developed and a new proposal submitted to the EB for discussion at its upcoming February meeting. Feedback from CPD members will be sought at the January Milan meeting.

II. IFCC PR Brochure:

- All translations of the IFCC brochures need to be updated to reflect changes in the Executive Committee and terms of office. Thus far, the following brochures have been updated for 2012-2014: English, Spanish, Chinese, and Arabic
- The brochure was also recently translated into the Turkish language with the help of the Turkish society, in preparation for the next ICC congress in Istanbul in 2014.
- The updated brochures are being printed brochures and will be available in the IFCC office for distribution at different meetings.
- Current plans are to also update the following brochures: French, Italian, German, Russian, and Portuguese.

III. IFCC Public Brochure:

- A draft public brochure was developed by LL and KA and was discussed at the C-PR conference in Berlin. A number of changes are being made to this brochure and it should be completed in the near future. The brochure is not yet completed. A priority in 2012.

IV. IFCC Public Relations Slide Kit:

- The PR slide presentation was recently updated, and been made available to all PR committee members and all IFCC member countries for future presentations at local, regional, and international conferences, to promote the IFCC organization.

V. IFCC Laboratory Medicine Slide Kit:

- A draft slide kit was developed by SM and KA and presented to the CPD chair and division at the recent CPD and C-PR meetings in Berlin. Based on the suggestions received, further revisions were made to the slide kit and a new version was presented at the CPD meeting in Toronto. Dr. Bruce Jordan has been very helpful in arranging, through a media company in Switzerland, reformatting of the brochure into a more professional slide kit.
- Following the suggestions made at the Toronto meeting, the Lab Medicine slide kit was revised and a final version has now been developed and was recently presented to the EB by Dr. Ellis Jacobs.

VI. IFCC – Labs are Vital Collaborative Activities:

- The PR committee has been interacting with managers of the Labs are Vital campaign, Brenda Luna and Doreen Tho. Two of the committee members (KA and SM) are also members the KOL board of the LAV program
- At a recent conference call, it was announced that there will be another reorganization of the LAV program with a new director appointed as of January 2012 (Dr. Simon Shorter).
- The new mission of the LAV program will have a particular emphasis on developing the evidence for the vital role of the clinical laboratory medicine in healthcare delivery. This is in line with the current strategic direction of the IFCC and the development of a Taskforce
- A member of the LAV program (i.e. director) will be invited to serve on the Taskforce.

VII. Committee Membership

The membership of the committee is now complete with 4 main committee members, 4 regional representatives, as well as several corresponding members. A call for new members will be posted in Fall 2013.

VIII. Meetings of the PR committee:

May 2011 - Berlin, Germany

The fourth meeting of the PR committee was held at the ICC Berlin - Internationales Congress Centrum on Sunday July 24th. Happily, all full members (except SM), all 4 regional representatives, and a few corresponding members were in attendance. The meeting lasted a total of 5 hours and included discussion of various PR tools as well as new strategic direction of the PR committee. In the afternoon, a joint meeting was held with representatives of the Labs are Vital campaign. Further details on items discussed at the PR committee meeting are provided below.

Informal Meeting; July 2011 - Atlanta, USA

An informal meeting of the C-PR was arranged during the upcoming AACC conference in Atlanta in July at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Some of the CPD and C-PR members who were present in Atlanta also participated in the meeting. The main topics of discussion were the Lab Med Slide Kit and the discussions with the Labs are Vital campaign.

IX. PR plans for 2012:

Current plans for the PR campaign for implementation over the coming year include:

- Further development of a Taskforce proposal (IFCC Taskforce on Clinical Outcomes) for final review and presentation to the EB. Assist in the formation of the taskforce and its terms of reference
- Completion of the new PR brochure targeted to the general public, governments, industry, etc. A new draft of the IFCC-Public brochure was discussed at the two recent meetings of the CPD. Further revisions are being made and the target date for completion is mid 2012.
- Initiation of Joint IFCC/Labs are Vital activities in 2012:
 - Work more closely with the LAV in preparing PR tools such as slide kits; webcasts; news releases
 - Special booths at major clinical/medical/lab management conferences
 - Collaboration with regional federations/national societies
 - Identify PR-LAV ambassadors in each region that help sustain LAV activities/promotional campaigns

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND
LABORATORY MEDICINE**

PROJECT PROPOSAL



For use with Project Proposals other than those to the Scientific Division

(for completion by proposer)

1. Title of Project:

2. Submitted by:

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Last name

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First name

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Address

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City

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Country

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Zip Code

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Phone

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Fax

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E-mail

3a. Aims of project (*definition of problem*)

3b. Objectives

- 3c. Background to problem** (*may be supported by additional documentation*)
- 3d. Proposed plan of action** (*including details of research efforts, experimental work and a time-scale for its completion*)
- 4. Indicate users or beneficiaries of the product resulting from the project**
- 5. Indicate existing Committee or Working Group to undertake the project or whether a new unit needs to be created**
- 6. Identify international or regional organizations who might be appropriate partners in the project** (*including any likelihood of Corporate interest which might lead to industry contributions*)
- 7. Indicate in detail the financial needs of the project, including number and cost of meetings, and, if appropriate, where resources may be obtained**

8. Indicate key personnel involved in project (*name and contact details*) and any additional requirements

9. Indicate a maximum of three referees from whom opinions could be sought on this proposal (*name and contact details*)

This project proposal should be sent to the IFCC Secretary (secretary@ifcc.org):

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Applicant signature

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PART II

For completion by evaluator

1 Is this proposal similar to or related to a completed or ongoing programme of the Division or one of its Committees or of another professional organisation?

.....Yes No Unknown at this time

If yes, describe the project or programme (*use an attached sheet if necessary*)

2 Will this project require the creation of a new Committee, Working Group or Task Force?

.....Yes No

3 Are the aims and objectives reasonable?

4 Is the plan of action feasible?

5 Are the timeframe and evaluation mechanism feasible?

6 Are the beneficiaries of the project appropriate, and are there others not identified?

7 Are the financial proposals reasonable?

8 Are the personnel to be involved appropriate?

9 Should the opinion of additional referees be sought and , if so, whom?

10 Identify liaison person

11 Estimate for budget preparations

- a)** Number of members to be involved
- b)** Number of anticipated meetings per year
- c)** Time for completion of project
- d)** Anticipated cost for 1st year (exclude publications)
- e)** Anticipated cost for total project (exclude publications)
- f)** Anticipated cost of publication

12 Recommendations

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Chairholder or person

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Division/Committee

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Signature

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Date

PART III
For completion by Executive Board

1 Decision

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Approved

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Not approved

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More information requested

Give details of additional information requested.

2 If approved, give title and project number to be used

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President or Vice President of
IFCC Executive Board

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Date

Appendix C
Report from the Secretary, Publications and Distance Learning Coordinator and Chair
Committee-Internet and e-Learning.

January 2012

10.3.3 Committee – Internet & e-Learning

10.3.3.1 Membership

Name	Surname	e-mail	Position
Peter	Vervaart	<i>peter.vervaart@dhhs.tas.gov.au</i>	Chair
Andrew	Lyon	<i>Andrew.Lyon@cls.ab.ca</i>	Web Editor
Andrew	Wootton	<i>ANDREW.WOOTTON@aintree.nhs.uk</i>	Corresponding Member
Petr	Kocna	<i>kocna@lf1.cuni.cz</i>	Corresponding
Endang	Hoyaranda	<i>endang.hoyaranda@prodia.co.id</i>	Corresponding
Montserrat	Blanes Gonzales	<i>mblanes@ips.gov.py</i>	Corresponding
Gustáv	Kováč	<i>gustav.kovac@szu.sk</i>	Corresponding
Ana	Merino	<i>amerino@clinic.ub.es</i>	Corresponding
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Lina	Khorovskaya	lina_khorov@mail.ru	Corresponding

10.3.3.2 Activity Report

Approval was given for the formation of this new committee by the last meeting of the IFCC EB and a call for nominations was sent on November 30 2011 with a closing date of February 28 2012. The first meeting of the committee will occur at the General Conference in Kuala Lumpur in November.

10.3.3.3 Office Email/IT systems

There have not been any changes or updates to the office e-mail and IT systems which are still under the control and operation of the Milan office. A new contract was recently presented to Danilo to continue in this role.

10.3.3.4 Open and Closed([private) Forums – Facebook & LinkedIn

The Facebook and LinkedIn groups are slowly increasing in membership but are fairly inactive. Most recent statistics from the Facebook group are shown below:

International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine

17 members of the group

170 people like the IFCC Facebook page

3 wall posts or comments

14 visits this week

LinkedIn group has 49 members but similarly suffers from lack of activity.

10.3.3.5 Distance Learning Programs

We lost access to the two webinars from Siemens AP (UoM by Ken Sikaris and HbA1c by Ian Goodall) as the agreement they had with the webinar vendor expired and they did not renew it. The ISO 15189 webinar is still being reviewed by Janet Smith and the new C-DL of the EMD before formal release to the IFCC membership.

10.6 Publications:

10.6.1 Documents from Committees & Working Groups-Report of Publications Coordinator

There have not been any new publications reviewed by the Publications Coordinator. The Publications database compiled by Silvia is on the website.

10.6.2 Monographs

There have been no new Monographs produced.

10.6.3 Books (EMD publications, Silver Book)

There is no update to the IFCC Books.

10.6.4 Conference Proceedings

I understand WorldLab conference proceedings are being developed but am unsure of their status.

10.6.10 Electronic

Now that the new IFCC website is up and running we will move to stage 2 with Andrew and investigate and Electronic publications repository on the new website.

10.6.20 Other Publications

Feedback was sought on the CPD pages for the IFCC handbook. Unsure of when the new handbook will be available.

10.7 Website

10.7.1 Organisational matters

10.7.1.1 Status of New Website Development/ Website Statistical Report

The new website was released on 1st December 2011. Andrew will provide a report on usage of the new website.

10.7.1.2 Professional Web support

Content management of the new website has been primarily by the IFCC Office, Andrew and I. We have had minimal involvement with Divisional Liaisons but with time (and confidence) will expand

some content management functions out to them. Professional support for the website remains with Insoft who, by and large, have been responsive to our needs. Training is an issue still to be decided once we are certain of what training the IFCC Office needs.

10.7.2 Bookstore

The bookstore is another area which will be developed as part of Stage 2 of the development of the new website.

10.7.3 Banners

The IFCC office received a large number of image files for the website banners and these are all now on the website. A number of corporate members are still to provide images even after a number of reminders being sent by the IFCC office.

10.7.4 Databases

Extensive discussions about the NPU database and the consequences for IFCC continue. The Danish Board of Health continues to supply the IFCC Office with a monthly update of the relevant file in English from the NPU database which is incorporated into the new website. A quote has been received from Insoft for a search function for this file however until the longer term issues related to the database (usefulness, ownership, possible merge with SNOMED-CT) are resolved I will keep this on hold.

There is no update to the EBLM database or the ECD database. As mentioned above a Publications database has been compiled by Silvia and now appears on the website.

Appendix D Website Editor Report to the Communications and Publications Division Executive (CPD-E) and the Internet and e-Learning Committee (C-leL), Milan - January, 2012.

Summary:

The first phase of the new IFCC website was launched on December 1st 2011. Initial response to the website design has been quite favourable. We have successfully sustained ongoing edits and revisions to the website for several weeks, but need to clearly identify topics for staff training, so that we can sustain and develop the website into the future.

During the Milan meeting, it is proposed to review the current website structure and note the additional tasks to be accomplished in Phase 2 (schedule and budget). Review website maintenance practices, new homepage versions from Insoft and the list of requests to the website.

Website Traffic Report: During December (relative to Nov) website visits decreased by 25%. The new website was re-indexed by Google and other search engines within the first week, but traffic volume dipped slightly over Christmas week. It is my impression that website traffic has resumed our previous hit rate with ~70% of visits derived from search engines. A Wikipedia entry for the IFCC was created in December in English and now acts as the second major contributor of website traffic (after search engines). Search Engine terms often pertain directly to the IFCC (e.g. IFCC, IFCC Berlin, ifcc.org, etc) although many medical & biochemical topics also appear in the top 50 search terms (e.g. kidney disease, troponin, ganglioside etc).

Summary Statistics for 2011: (detailed Analytics report attached).

104,552 Visits (73,773 unique visitors: 31.5% were returning visitors. This shows the impact of single visits.....largely from Search Engine links. 66% of visits do not go past the first page (Bounce rate). We also have an audience of return visitors that do go beyond the first page (daily averages: 2.5 – 4 pages per visitor).

2.94 pages per visit

2 minutes per visit

~2% of visits are now on mobile devices.

Jan 2012 Website Report:

1. New website was launched, December 1st 2011 after a flurry of last minute edits and changes. Thanks to Silvia Colli-Lanzi and Peter Vervaart and the staff at Insoft.

Suggestion: Brief tour of the new website for feedback from the CPD-E. Show the Umbraco interface for website editing and support.

2. We need to establish policies and work guidelines, roles & responsibilities for the website. A thorough discussion may be conducted separately, but these topics should be addressed:
Workflow (tracking, delegation)
People (office staff, editor(s), etc)
Approval process (criteria for approval, process)
Standards and Policies for the IFCC Website
(File naming, use of pdf documents, Use of images, Content guidelines for Divisions, Committees and Workgroups, Schedule of prioritized tasks).
Organization of IFCC “news” into: eNews (newsletter), website news
3. Website – Umbraco Training.
 - Insoft is willing to provide onsite training in Milan.
 - The website group should determine what type of training is needed / wanted.
 - The training could be customized to the needs of the IFCC website
 - (e.g. Handling images, customizing the homepage, etc)
 - Generic Umbraco website training modules are available for modest subscription rate (in English, Italian, etc).

4. Phase 2 of the Website:
 - a. IFCC Digital Library
 - b. NPU database query engine
 - c. IFCC Store
 - d. Forum
 - e. Protected Area (IFCC website users)

Budget and timeline for deliverables.

5. IFCC EB Request for advise on Internet – Voting

Various options/software (via Email, Secure website area, voter registration requirements, audit capability etc).

6. Change Request for the IFCC Website Homepage – More colourful &sexier !

Review suggestions provided by Insoft (recent AND original website design)
I suggest we adopt an option an enables IFCC office staff to edit and insert photos and images into the Homepage.

Appendix E
WG - eJIFCC (GS)

Membership

	Position	Term and Time of Office
Grazyna Sypniewska - GS (PL)	Chair	2 nd 2010 01 - 2011 12
Borut Bozic -BB (SL)	Member	
Rajiv Erasmus - RE (SA)	Member	
Nilda Fink - NF (AR)	Member	
Evelyn Koay- EK (SY)	Member	
Daniel Syed - DS (USA)	Member	
Sanja Stankovic- SaS (SR)	Member	

Dr. Sanja Stankovic has been approved as a new member of the Editorial Board (January 2011)

CPD EB has approved a new eJIFCC Editor-in-chief - professor Gabor Kovacs from Hungary during CPD meeting in Berlin in May 2011.

Professor Oliver Racz (Sk) agreed to join the Working Group from 2012. Prof. Grazyna Sypniewska accepted the proposal to stay in the eJIFCC WG from 2012.

During the meeting in Pecs at November 2011 the former Editor-in-chief GS has suggested prof. Gabor Kovacs to change the WG membership and to exclude those members who have been not active from 2010 : dr R.Erasmus, dr N.Fink, dr E.Koay, dr D.Syed.

Activity Report

2011, vol 22, issue 1 - completed

published March 15th 2011

**1. CALL FOR ENROLLING MORE PROFESSIONALS IN THE IFCC PROJECT ON
LABORATORY ERRORS AND PATIENT SAFETY**

Mario Plebani, Laura Sciacovelli (I)

**2. THE CARDIAC MARKERS AND OXIDATIVE STRESS PARAMETERS IN
ADVANCED NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER PATIENTS RECEIVING CISPLATIN
– BASED CHEMOTHERAPY**

Urszula Demkow¹, Beata Białas-Chromiec², Anna Stelmaszczyk-Emmel¹, Elżbieta Radzikowska²,
Elzbieta Wiatr², Piotr Radwan-Rohrenscheff², Monika Szturmowicz²

(PL)

3. GENDER ASSOCIATED LIPID AND APOLIPOPROTEIN PROFILE IN PATIENTS WITH AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

Emina S. Colak¹, Nada T. Majkic-Singh¹, Sanja S. Stankovic¹, Natalija G. Kosanovic-Jakovic², Lepsa D. Zoric², Aleksandra P. Radosavljevic², Dragana D. Terzic¹, Jecka Z. Stojanovic¹ (SR)

4. PROCALCITONIN and OTHER BIOMARKERS of SEPSIS IN NEWBORNS in the INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Daniela Bartolovic, Svetlana Ignjatovic, Sanja Stankovic, Nada Majkić-Singh (SR)

5. OPINION LETTER: VITAMIN D - ANALYTE OF THE MILLENNIUM

Alex Chin (CA)

6. Letter to the editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: WHY ARE CHLAMYDIA AND HPV MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS?

Dzintars Ozolins (Latvia)

2011, vol 22, issue 2 - completed

published June 25th 2011

1. ASSOCIATION BETWEEN VITAMIN D DEFICIENCY AND ALLERGIC DISEASES

Gabriele Fulgheri, Bartosz Malinowski, Katarzyna Bergmann (PL)

2. EFFECT OF OXIDATIVE STRESS IN HEMODIALYSED PATIENTS

Attila Peti¹, Botond Csiky², Eszter Guth², Peter Kenyeres³, Emese Mezosi³, Gabor L. Kovacs¹, Laszlo Bajnok³ (HU)

3. Letter to the editor

MEASURED VALUES INCOMPATIBLE WITH HUMAN LIFE

Eduard Clot-Silla, Ana Argudo-Ramírez, Xavier Fuentes-Arderiu (ESP)

From three articles that were expected to the issue 2nd two were not submitted.

1. "Support vector Machines (SVM), and their usefulness in the diagnosis and prognosis of various cancers" ???

Hans Fritsche (D)

2. Etienne Cavalier – article on vit D standardization

3. Howard Morris- article on vitamin D – late submission. The article has been included in the issue 3.

2011, vol 22, issue 3 - completed

published September 25th 2011

1. VITAMIN D STATUS : CURRENT OPINION ON CRITICAL LEVELS for PLASMA CALCIUM and BONE MINERAL HOMEOSTASIS

Howard A Morris (AU)

2. The REFERENCE LEVEL of SERUM S-100B PROTEIN for POOR PROGNOSIS in PATIENTS with INTRACRANIAL EXTRACEREBRAL HEMATOMA

Ancykowski Grzegorz., Kaczmarek J., Jankowski R., Guzniczak P. (PL)

Two more articles expected were not submitted.

3. Serum resistin levels are reduced by immunomodulatory treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis. Michalak S., Jernas L., Tokarz E., Wygladalska-Jernas H., Kozubski W (PL)

4. Copper levels and oxidative stress in Alzheimer disease. Lopez N., Tormo C., De Blas L., Belmonte A., Linares L., Alom J (ESP)

2011, vol 22, issue 4 - completed

published December 23rd 2011

EDITORIAL

1. NANOPARTICLES: IS TOXICITY A CONCERN?

Ramakrishna D, Pragna Rao (India)

2. PENTRAXIN 3 AS A NOVEL MARKER IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES?

Bartosz Malinowski, Grzegorz Grzesk, Elzbieta Grzesk (PL)

3. PREVALENCE OF HELICOBACTER PYLORI IN DIFFERENT SURGICAL DISEASES: A PRELIMINARY REPORT

Mirka Ilic, Nada Popovic (SR)

4. THYROID-STIMULATING HORMONE WITHIN NORMAL RANGE DOES NOT AFFECT BONE TURNOVER IN EUTHYROID POSTMENOPAUSAL WOMEN WITH OSTEOPOROTIC FRACTURE - A PRELIMINARY REPORT

Agnieszka Pater, Wieslaw Nowacki, Grazyna Sypniewska (PL)

5. SIGNIFICANCE OF K(L/V)WX(I/L/V)P EPITOPE OF THE β 2GPI IN ITS (PATHO)PHYSIOLOGIC FUNCTION

Urška Žager, Mojca Lunder, Vesna Hodnik, Gregor Anderluh, Saša Čučnik, Tanja Kveder, Borut Božič (SLO)

6. "2011 YEAR OF THE CHEMIST" - Phil Gold

Elisabeth Hooper (CA)

7. LETTER TO THE EDITOR: "TAXONALITY: A USEFUL NEOLOGISM"

Xavier Fuentes Arderiu

Two additional articles have been submitted to the eJIFCC, however late after the deadline that was prolonged till December 15th 2011 :

1. **Severe hyponatremia with hypouricemia in a patient with medullary hemorrhage: A case report"** for consideration in your prestigious journal eJIFCC. **Sutirtha Chakraborty** (India); arrived December 23rd 2011
2. **Reference Intervals of Common Clinical Chemistry Analytes for Adults in Hong Kong. YC Lo, David A.Armbruster (Hong Kong)**; arrived January 1st 2012

They have been resent to prof. Gabor Kovacs for consideration.

Other issues

- Week response (almost no response) from the authors of posters presenting during IFCC WorldLab-EuromedLab or IFCC award winners to submit papers.
- Problems with the content and consistency of PSEP reports. As the period of PSEP was reduced to a maximum of three months its is quite possible that insufficient scientific achievement will result from the exchange visit to justify a paper in eJIFCC.

Correspondence between GB, ED, GS (below)

(ED) "Within a 3 month period it is sometimes difficult to obtain valuable results ready for a publication in eJIFCC. Also, the team that hosts the trainee may want to publish their result in peer reviewed journals. However, if a trainee goes to a laboratory, we could ask that he or she be assigned a small project on a specific subject of interest to the hosting lab and that upon completion of the training period the candidate write a short review paper that could or could not include preliminary data. In this way we would increase the chance of have papers for the Journal."

(GB) "We are all trying to say the same thing. In applying for a PSEP the applicant has to state what they wish to do. If things go well this should result in a scientific advance worthy of publication. However, sometimes this may not happen. Perhaps we need to direct the need for an eJIFCC article to the host as well as to the applicant. That may encourage him/her to find something related as a suitable mini-project."

- We should include instructions on 'how to cite eJIFCC' on the website (in process)
- We may need more information on how to apply for indexing in Scopus, index medicus (in process)
- Repeating the requests, every two weeks, for submitting manuscripts to all National Representatives at IFCC and the WG members may bring some effects in collecting manuscripts.
- During my visit in Pecs we have discussed with prof. Kovacs all the important issues concerning eJournal, the tender for a publisher and the future possibilities that eJournal may become an official journal of the IFCC.
- Current eJournal IFCC Editor-in-chief (GS) has got several very nice emails from the Readers of different countries worldwide (Chile, Ecuador, India, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Slovenia, Serbia, US, Spain) with the best wishes for the New Year 2012.

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Appendix F WG-eNewsletter Report

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In an effort to stimulate the incoming of news, the deadline dates were sent to all eNewsletter WG members and National Societies liaisons.

From September till today, I received 2 Editorials from the President of IFCC, a report on the 10th Anniversary of Lab Tests Online, news from members as varied as Latvia, Greece, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Vietnam, Nepal and Argentina among others. I also received reports from the IFCC Young Scientists Task Force and the PESP IFCC travel awardees. CLSI has also contributed some news on their activities.

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