

Approved Minutes

Members:

Members:	Position	Term	Time in Office
<i>Khosrow Adeli – KA (CA)</i>	Chair	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12
<i>Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)</i>	Vice-Chair / PR Coordinator	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 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>Tahir Pillay – TP (ZA)</i>	Editor, IFCC News	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12
<i>Bruce Jordan – BJ (CH)</i>	Corporate Representative	1 st	2011 01 – 2013 12

Guests: Silvia Colli-Lanzi (IFCC Office), Montserrat Blanes (WG-IANT), Hernan Fares (El Microscopio), Anthony Newman (Elsevier) and Ellis Jacobs (Labs are Vital)

10.25. Agenda/Minutes (KA)

10.25.1 Roll Call and Welcome

KA, ED, PV, GK, BJ, SCL, AN, TP, MB were in attendance. EJ and HF joined later in the meeting.

10.25.1.1 Guests

KA welcomed everyone and also indicated that EJ would be in attendance later in the day. Anthony Newman also in attendance as guest observer. KA welcomed TP to his first meeting.

10.25.2 Finalization of Agenda

KA proposed two new items:

1. MB submission for new committee 10.3.4.1
2. Proposal from Insoft re electronic publications.

10.25.3 Approval of Minutes, Committee Meeting, 16 November 2012

No changes to minutes and approved as is.

10.25.3.1 Review Action Items – completed/pending

Action: GK to request report/article(s) from TF-ICO for eJIFCC.

Received 3 items. Completed.

Action: EC to review Publications Coordinator role and procedures for discussion at next meeting.

Completed.

Action: PV to put together Election Buddy based vote with closing date end of November.

Happened and was successful. Completed.

Action: KA/SCL to contact regional representatives re updates.

Completed. ED to follow up. KA utilized individuals but needs Portuguese and German National Reps to update brochures with changes. SCL to provide names to ED.

Action: EJ to meet with Anthony Newman to clarify contractual issues then pass to EB for approval.

Completed.

Action: MB to call for nominations for Chair WG-IANT

Not complete, will discuss at meeting during EuroMedLab.

Action: Suggest HF be coopted to C-DL

Completed.

Action: KA/SCL to set up Meeting of Editors in Milan

Completed. AN asked who was on the list and advised that we need to include both editors of CCA to the list as CCA has two editors.

Action: EC to send ideas for WorldLab Symposia to KA by Jan 13

KA/PV submitted ideas which have been submitted and accepted.

Action: EJ to make changes discussed to budget

Completed. KA reported a reduction to budget of 20% due to IFCC financial situation.

10.26. Activity and Annual Reports

10.26.1. Report of the Chair (KA)

KA reported on a number of activities in 2012:

The Committee membership had been renewed and was in good shape and KA thanked EJ for this. There had been a focus last year on public relations and the C-PR was quite active now with ED in the Chair. C-PR will be meeting Wednesday and the C-PR membership had been renewed. Brochures had also been completed with BJ's help however they still need to be translated and ED will organize this. KA suggested that national societies co-brand on translated brochures and thus we should provide template to societies to add logo and print/publish as needed. BJ will investigate if templates can be created. KA also felt that they should be published more prominently on the website and made easier to find. PV to investigate a Resource page.

The TF-ICO have finished the review of data/evidence and a report has been written and will be discussed during EuroMedLab. Clinical Chemistry has also accepted an article as a special report. ED asked why this was not being published in an IFCC official journal. KA had discussed with the Chair and approved but asked for publication in eJIFCC as well. AN also suggested that articles should be open access and that IFCC maintains copyright.

The C-leL had held their first meeting in KL and were interacting with C-DL. The new website continued to be developed and we were building on content.

The eJIFCC was now in good shape and the 1st issue had been published for this year. eNews has been passed on to TP. Good comments so far on the 2 editions published this year. The Insoft proposal will be discussed during this meeting.

Annual report was published at the end of last year with the input of the CPD EC.

Action: PV to set up Resource page on website.

10.26.2. Report of the Vice Chair (ED)

ED reported that most of what he had to report was covered by KA and in the C-PR report below. All felt that this was a year of transition. KA stated that EJ used to copy KA in all of his correspondence and sometimes asked for help/comments. KA also took on some special tasks such as the TF-ICO. Also come up with ideas and present to EC (for all EC members). BJ suggested using a central repository of CPD EC documents on server/dropbox/website. PV/SCL will investigate with Insoft. There will be a need to ensure version control and use track changes.

Action: PV/SCL to investigate CPD EC repository through website

10.26.3. Report of the Secretary (PV)

PV reported that most of what he had to report will be covered by his reports below. Raised the advertising offer from AACCC @4000USD which was deemed too expensive. KA suggested we ask if AACCC interested in advertising on our website as an exchange.

10.2. Committees

10.2.1. Public Relations (C-PR) (ED)

10.2.1.1 Membership

Committee Members

Dr. Khosrow Adeli (KA) (CA) – Current Chair CPD
Dr. Edgard Delvin (ED) (CA) – Current Chair C-PR
Dr. Ramon Deulofeu (RD) (Spain) – 1st Term 2011-2013 (KA recommendation to offer 2nd term).
Dr. Loralie Langman (LL) (USA) – 2nd Term 2011-2013
Dr. Susan Matthews (SM) (Australia) – 2nd Term 2011-2013
Dr. Anelise Zemlin (ZA) 1st Term 2013-2015

Corresponding members

Dr. Emmanuel Agbedana (EA) (Nigeria)
Dr. Camelia GRIGORE (CG) (Romania)
Dr. Magdalena Krintus (MK) (Poland)
Dr. Curtis Oleschuk (CO) (Canada)
Dr. Katherina PSARRA (KP) (Greece)
Dr. Monica Spalvieri (MS) (Argentina)

Advisors

Dr. Fouad Harb (FH) – representing the Arab Federation
Dr. Endang Hoyaranda (EH) – representing APFCB
Dr. Ana Leticiade Maselli (LM) – representing COLABIOCLI
Dr. Craig Webster (CW) –EFLM Chair of the Communications Committee (replacing Andrew Wooton).

10.2.1.2 Activity Report

There has been no meeting for the C-PR members, but one is planned in Milan. Need to work more closely with National Societies and Regional Federations to ensure they are publicizing IFCC PR activities.

In terms of activities held by some members, Loralie Langman, has used the slide set to discuss the profession of lab med and pathology at local meetings.

Ramon Deulofeu has reported the use of IFCC Brochures during the 2012 Spanish Laboratory meeting held in Barcelona last October at the SEQC booth. The photos illustrate the presence of the IFCC at those events.

Dr. Hernán Fares Taie has provided a detailed and impressive report on the Ibero-American radio program El Microcopio. They were able to attract a Nobel Prize winner among the numerous activities held. HF will be attending the meeting this afternoon. ED suggested he should be connected to C-PR.

Upon Ramon Deulofeu's suggestions the C-PR will discuss the increase of the worldwide visibility of IFCC Committees, WG and task forces, at different levels (National Associations, Regional Federations, Professional Associations, Decision makers)

The C-PR will also have to reassess the role of IFCC within the new Abbott program of promotion of laboratories. EJ to report on Labs are Vital.

Other subjects

An article: The Future of Laboratory Medicine – Article in Clin Chem by Ravi Komatireddy and Eric J. Topol from the Scripps Translational Science Institute was discussed in an e-mail exchange.

The C-PR will seek collaboration with the EMD, its Committees and WGs

10.2.1.2.1 Labs are Vital Campaign

EJ provided a report on the new 'Labs are Vital' program. It is no longer an Abbott program and ASCP are hosting the website and email address. It is now a program driven and managed by a consortium of global professional bodies. The four initial members of the consortium are: International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC), World Association of Societies of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM), American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), and International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists (IFBLS.) EJ has been appointed the IFCC representative on the consortium membership board. EJ recommends that someone from C-PR nominates to volunteer for the Clinical Director position. There was discussion of who EJ should report to and who will fund his attendance at various meetings.

10.2.1.2.2 IFCC PR Brochure

The English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Turkish, Italian, Farsi, Polish, Russian and Arabic brochures have been updated to reflect the 2012-2014 changes in IFCC EB and terms of office. Changes to the German and Portuguese translations were to be completed. GK suggested we need to contact National Societies that brochures were available and if more translations are required. KA stated this has happened but should do again including offer to add logo as discussed above.

10.2.1.2.3 PR Slide Kit

This was available for use by IFCC members to promote the organization and its activities by IFCC member country representatives however a survey was needed to assess the use of this tool by Member Societies & Regional Federations. What should be done to increase usage? The kit also needs to be reviewed annually and updated e.g. Downs Syndrome slide. ED asked about translations. AN asked who to use for translations, where to get them and also have comment form available.

10.2.1.2.4 Lab Medicine Slide Kit

This was completed and is now available. Need to include information from the TF-ICO (and brochures) and to target audiences. AN suggested special website pages for different users (tabs on current website). PV to investigate changing Press Room to 'Resources and Downloads' with pages for downloads, PR tools etc (Action above).

10.2.1.2.5 Current and Future PR plans

Strategic Plan for C-PR for 2013-2015

The following items were raised by C-PR members during the KL Meeting and considered to be important for the ongoing activities of the C-PR:

- 1) Ongoing review and updates to previously developed PR tools (endorsed by all C-PR members).
- 2) Succession planning for 2 C-PR committee members in spring 2013 (endorsed by all C-PR members).
- 3) Establish better communication processes amongst C-PR committee members and regional federation representatives to enable effective update on agreed activities and initiatives (proposed by KA).
- 4) High level communication of the outcomes from the literature review and publication/s of the IFCC TF-ICO and incorporation of these findings into existing IFCC C-PR tools and future IFCC C-PR activities. This requires regular communication with TF-ICO Chair, Mike Hallworth (proposed by SM, endorsed by EJ/KA and all C-PR members).
- 5) Development of an "on-line" submission form within the IFCC website for use by IFCC committees, task forces and working parties to continue to improve IFCC internal communication and articles for publication within IFCC newsletter and eJournal (proposed by SM, in progress via C-PD).
- 6) Continuation and reconciliation of C-PD/C-PR budget (EJ/KA to advise ED via IFCC EB).
- 7) Continue to seek and utilize further opportunities for IFCC promotional activities and prepare and make formal presentations via C-PD within and outside IFCC member countries at local conferences and forums (proposed by LL, endorsed by TP/RD)
- 8) Seek opportunities for IFCC publicity via special booths at major clinical/medical/laboratory conferences in collaboration with IFCC member countries.
- 9) Pending directive from IFCC EB, provide representation on the new LAV campaign steering committee and continue to support and promote LAV initiatives within IFCC member countries. Identify PR-LAV ambassadors in each region that help sustain LAV activities and promotional campaigns (proposed by KA, endorsed by all C-PR members).
- 10) Further utilize the IFCC Young Scientist TF as a vehicle to promote IFCC to younger members of the medical laboratory science profession (proposed by SM, endorsed by KA).
- 11) Work with the IFCC Scientific Division to promote IFCC as the global coordinator of Laboratory Practice Guidelines (proposed by KA).
- 12) Issue "press-releases" via the C-PD to promote laboratory medicine and key initiatives when possible (proposed by EJ, endorsed by KA).

10.2.2. Internet and e-Learning (C-leL) (PV)

10.2.2.1 Membership

Name	Surname	Position	Term	Time in Office	Country
Peter	Vervaart	Chair	1 st	2011 1-2013 12	Australia
Eduardo	Freggiaro	Member	1 st	2012 1-2014 12	Argentina
Petr	Kocna	Member	1 st	2012 1-2014 12	Czech Republic
Andrew	Lyon	Member	1 st	2011 1-2013 12	Canada
Hideo	Sakamoto	Member	1 st	2012 1-2014 12	Japan
Montserrat	Blanes Gonzales	Corresponding Member			Paraguay
Christine	Collier	Corresponding Member			Canada
Endang	Hoyaranda	Corresponding Member			Indonesia
Gustav	Kováč	Corresponding Member			Slovak Republic
Ana	Merino	Corresponding Member			Spain
Barna	Vásárhelyi	Corresponding Member			Hungary
Rhena	Delport	Corresponding Member			South Africa

10.2.2.1 Web Editor

PV reported that Andrew Lyon has indicated he would like to resign as web editor due to time constraints and that a Call for Expression of Interest will be developed at the C-leL meeting and advertised post Milan.

10.2.2.2 Activity Report

The C-leL committee met for the first time at the General Conference in Kuala Lumpur. The committee also met with the recently formed Committee for Distance Learning and will work closely with them in developing electronic/distance learning materials and access for IFCC members utilising an 'e-Academy' approach.

There were over 117,000 visits to the IFCC website during 2012, with 27% being return visitors. The second phase of the website launch is planned to include a: 1) eLibrary and archives, 2) private areas, 3) bookstore 4) CPD tracking and 5) pay pal.

A number of web pages have been developed and/or linked to the IFCC website including pages for the Task Forces Paediatric Laboratory Medicine and Young Scientists as well as the EI Microscopio project out of the RIA. A 'Contact Us' form page has also been developed and is now available on the website.

A trial of electronic voting utilising the Election Buddy platform occurred prior to and at the General Conference and was highly successful.

Other issues not mentioned above over the last few months have included an apparent 'denial of service' attack on the website by two IP addresses in the US (which have now been blocked) and the transfer of our DNS service to Insoft.

10.3. Working Groups

10.3.1. Electronic Journal of the IFCC (WG-EJIFCC) (GK)

10.3.1.1 Membership

Name	Position	Country	Term	Time in Office
G.L. Kovács	Chair	HU	1st	2012 01 - 2013 12
B. Bozic	Member	SI		
R. Erasmus	Member	ZA		
N.E. Fink	Member	AR		
E. Jacobs	Member	US		
E. Koay	Member	SG		
O. Racz	Member	SK		
R. Sierra Amor	Member	MX		
S. Stankovic	Member	SR		
D. Syed	Member	US		
G. Sypniewska	Member	PL		
I. Vermes	Member	NL		

10.3.1.2 Activity Report

Four volumes of eJIFCC were published in 2012.

Volumes 1 and 2 were edited in the old fashioned way; individual articles represented the volume. Seven articles were included from seven countries (Australia, US, France, Slovakia, Poland, India and Hungary).

Vol.3. was the first issue in which the Electronic Journal of IFCC published a thematic issue that was edited by guest editors. The title of this special edition was “Lab-on-Chip Technology for Clinical Diagnostics”. Guest editors of this special issue were Dr. Loes Segerink, Prof. Istvan Vermes and Prof. Albert van den Berg from the MESA+ Institute for Nanotechnology, University of Twente, The Netherlands. Six invited papers were from The Netherlands, US, Germany. Two additional publications were added, they came from the US and Spain.

Vol.4. of the eJIFCC was dedicated to highlight some aspects of clinical flow cytometry. The guest editor was Professor Janos Kappelmayer (University of Debrecen, Hungary). In the past 50 years several techniques have revolutionized laboratory medicine. Undoubtedly flow cytometry is one of those, with a substantial impact on diagnosing and monitoring diseases in laboratory hematology, hemostasis and immunology. The development in flow technology also exerted a considerable effect on the accuracy of testing, as well as on turnaround times and on the objectivity of the reported data. Five articles were devoted to this topic.

Vol. 1/2013 is ready for publishing. The thematic title is “Education and Training of Laboratory Medicine in North America”. The guest editor is Stacy Waltz (USA). Dr. Stacy Walz is the department chair and an assistant professor of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at Arkansas State University, US. As a guest editor Dr. Walz invited several renowned personalities of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine in the US to discuss various aspects of graduate and postgraduate training in North-America.

2nd issue is being developed.

3rd issue is a themed issue on Diabetes being edited by Trefor Higgins from Canada. Guest article writers have been identified and invited to contribute.

4th issue is to be edited by Mike Hallworth and will include articles which will also be published in Clinical Chemistry (KA to request as well).

Still have difficulties obtaining content. EJ suggested asking individuals when they are presented an award by IFCC e.g. Victor Plato, IFCC awards in Istanbul, approach speakers and poster writers about submitting articles, also use satellite meetings e.g. BJ is attending the personalized medicine meeting and could seek articles.

Themes for next year: One could be micro RNA (possible editors Callan, Mattick) Set guidelines (number of words etc.). Another on Women's Health (BJ as guest editor); Men's Health (Ken Sikaris potential guest editor); Children's Health (KA editor); POCT (use TF POCT and EJ as guest editor). Rest of EC can also help with input, suggestions etc.

There was then a general discussion on indexing. Has long history but unsuccessful. Lot of issues which have been resolved with time. All felt it was probably a good time to reapply. Will lead to an impact factor which makes gaining submissions easier. Elsevier has been contracted to help. AN stated that eJIFCC is a platinum open access journal however AN has concerns about current copyright as articles sit on website as individual articles without copyright protections. Copyright should be on each individual article. He suggested we create a CCBY footnote for each article. Usage is with IFCC but need to state the rights of the reader e.g. PLoS has a similar form of copyright. AN to write half page recommendation and send to GK for presentation to EB. AN will also help GK with the Indexing submission and get other editors to write letters of support for editing. AN stated that we need to find the score sheet from previous submissions (?GS or IFCC office). KA could contact and ask for a copy (AN to provide e-mail address). Will take about one year to complete but don't submit until ready to go. Peer review is also important. Aim would be to make an application before Bali.

Also discussions around Index Scopus and PubMed Central listing.

Action: AN to write recommendation re copyright and provide help with indexing.

Action: KA to seek score sheet from previous indexing submission.

Action: PV/SCL to determine number of publications downloads from website.

Action: TP to send Library of Medicine link to ED.

Action: ED to review Creative Commons licenses and provide recommendations to EC and contact National Representatives.

10.3.1.3. Editorial board of eJIFCC

Professor Ellis Jacobs (USA) was invited to join the editorial board.

An unofficial meeting of the editorial board members took place in Kuala Lumpur with those EB members who were otherwise present at the IFCC Conference. Gabor L. Kovacs (HU), Grazyna Sipniewska (PL) and Rosa Sierra Amor (MEX) participated.

The official meeting of the editorial board is scheduled for the EuroMedLab Congress in Milan. The meeting is scheduled for 8.30-10.30 h on Tuesday, May 21st. 50 % of the editorial board members are expected to be present at the meeting.

10.3.2. IFCC eNews (WG-IFCC eNews) (TP)

10.3.2.1 Membership

The members of the eNewsletter working group are:

Xavier Fuentes-Arderiu (Spain),
Damien Gruson (Belgium),
Joseph B. Lopez (Malaysia),

Mabel Charles-Davies (Nigeria),
Spiroula Christou (Cyprus),
Abderrazek Hedhili (Tunisia),
Rosa Sierra Amor (Mexico),
Grazyna Sypniewska (Poland),
Brguljan Meska Pika (Slovenia),
Sylvana Fabel da Fonseca (Brazil).
Layachi Chabraoui (Morocco)
Yadav Binod (Nepal)
Tu Ha Hoang (Vietnam)
Rajiv Erasmus (South Africa)
Thanh Van Ta (Vietnam)
Ana Piana (Uruguay)

National Societies Liaisons

Ann Gronowski (USA)
Dai Duy Ban (Vietnam)
Snezana Jovicic (Serbia)
Anna-Maria Simundic (Serbia)
Andrew Wooton (UK)
Montserrat Blanes Gonzales (Paraguay)
Nada Majkic-Singh (Serbia)
Sandra Klingberg (Australasia)
Curtis Oleschuk (Canada)

10.3.2.2 Activity Report

TP reported that this was his first meeting as editor of the IFCC eNews since taking office in January 2013 and succeeding Edgard Delvin. He has maintained the rate of bimonthly publication, even though some members of the working group suggested a lower frequency. He has found that we are receiving sufficient news items to continue the bimonthly publication frequency. In collaboration with Silvia Colli-Lanzi, the news is compiled first as a word document and then converted into PDF before his approval. We have encouraged news from diverse countries and also letters to the editor. Requests are sent out regularly to societies to adhere to the publication deadlines. The reminders go to all eNewsletter WG members, National Societies liaisons and National Representatives (through the IFCC Office). Thus far in the two newsletters published this year, an excellent variety of news items has been featured. A regular and popular feature of the newsletter is the IFCC Young Scientists task force and the PESP reports from awardees. This goes a long way to highlight the contribution of the IFCC to international clinical chemistry.

TP has also been liaising with Arda Turac at LabMedica international and all the newsletter information is transferred to this publication before printing. He has just approved the first edition by LabMedica International and the layout has been excellent.

We have also been involved in recent discussions about the format and appearance of the IFCC eNews and a number of suggestions and recommendations have come from CPD members regarding the publishing platform. This will be discussed in greater detail at EuroMedLab, with the aim of deciding which format and platform to use in place of HTML web publishing. For simplicity, we continued with the previous format but it has become apparent that much more could be done to modernise the appearance of the IFCC eNews and to take advantage of new technology.

There was discussion about the Insoft offer to publish electronic versions of eJ and eN. The Page flipper versions were received as excellent. Need to get quote from Insoft for undertaking this role vs. running In-house. Suggested a trial contract of a couple of issues before a final decision is made. Include KPIs on contract as well.

Action: KA to write to Insoft and formally ask for a costed proposal.

10.3.4. Ibero-American Nomenclature and Translation (WG-IANT) (MB)

10.3.4.1 Membership/Proposal to form a new committee

No change to membership.

Proposal presented to convert WG to full committee:

Surveys were conducted in the region among colleagues and the results showed only a 30% of knowledge about what IFCC is.

Although the Societies are the ones in charge of the dissemination of the management of IFCC and 70% of their web pages have a link to IFCC web page, the information is not reaching the colleagues. The dissemination about COLABIOCLI is minimal.

We have increased our database for information transference with information of professionals from the university teaching field, research institutes and those working in the private field and other areas of biochemistry.

We could not ignore the language barrier in relation to the knowledge and command of English in our region which does not reach 45%; it is a tool necessary to achieve an efficient communication in the activities of laboratory areas working in chemical sciences

Due to the above mentioned, we proposed that the **Working Group IANT Ibero American Nomenclature and translation becomes part of an Ibero American Committee that will depend on the CPD:**

To disseminate updated subjects of scientific interest and that will be oriented to improve the performance and value of the laboratories of the health system.

To promote activities that add value to the clinical laboratory in the process of health care by using different strategies such as improvement of the use and interpretation of the biochemical information, improvement of quality, traceability, laboratory errors, etc.

To facilitate communication among academic, resident and students fields from Ibero America that are linked to clinical biochemistry.

STRUCTURE of the Ibero American Committee

It will be integrated by:

WG IANT: Specifically dedicated to the more effective and efficient translation of the production from the different areas of IFCC DS EMD CPD C CC.

RIA: Rincón IberoAmericano: Organism for dissemination of activities. It will contribute to a better dissemination of the products of PR, C-IeL and other. Disseminate the scientific activities performed by IFCC in our language that though it has a very good support in the web, the minimum participation of the colleagues from the region is evident.

DIV: Diagnóstico in Vitro. Considering the growing demand of options to publish in our language in IFCC.

There is a difficulty of publishing in Acta Bioquímica Clínica Latinoamericana that depends on COLABIOCLI. It could be seen that about 98% of publications are from Argentinian professionals that belong to 8 to 10 institutions from the same country.

Dr. Rosa Sierra Amor met Anthony Newman, Publisher Life Sciences, Elsevier in Veracruz, Mexico on April 5th, 2013 where he gave a workshop on "How to write a great research paper and get it accepted by a good journal" at the Medical and Biological Sciences Institute of the University of Veracruz, see flyer attached. The WK was well attended, mostly students on training and researchers from this institution: the workshop was accredited by the Mexican Society of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CMCLC, A.C.).

Immediately after the WK, Rosa Sierra-Amor, member of the editorial board of Diagnóstico in Vitro/RIA, and Antony Newman **discussed the possibility of reviewing the status of DIV journal/RIA IFCC, which is written in Spanish for the Ibero American region.**

The idea would be to provide a journal that offers ranking points for publishing articles in DIV/ RIA, and this journal would become the official electronic journal of several Ibero American societies. Also, it should be considered that most of the publications are not in paper but in electronic version in these days. This initiative is very important for the Spanish readers in IFCC.

Therefore, it was suggested to meet Montserrat Blanes, general director of RIA and the editor in chief of DIV, during the Euromedlab congress in Milan.

Radio el Microscopio: IFCC to make official its structure as an organism for dissemination of updated scientific and labor information as well as a tool of knowledge transference. Dr. Hernán Fares Taie will present report No. 4 that will include everything done up to now.

STRUCTURE of the Ibero American Committee

It will be integrated by:

- a) Four members that will be responsible for Working Groups IANT, RIA, DIV, Radio El Microscopio
- b) Four corresponding members with representation of the four large sub-regions of Ibero America.

This draft was made in cooperation with Dr. Rosa Isabel Sierra Amor, Dr. Stella Raymondo and Dr. Hernán Fares Taie.

KA reported the proposal has also been discussed with Graham Beasall and will be discussed with EB. GB is concerned with overlap with COLABIOCLI. This was also the view of CPD EC. A final decision will need to be made by the EB.

10.3.4.2 Activity Report

10.3.4.2.1 RIA Web page

Updated in January and February 2013

10.3.4.2.2 Diagnostico in vitro

Updated in January and February 2013

10.3.4.2.3 Ibero-American Radio

On June 4 2012, we launched the Ibero-American Radio Program of Clinical Chemistry called “**The Microscope**” sponsored by **IFCC**, organized by the **WG IANT Ibero-American Nomenclature and Translations** and the Committee **Evidence Based Laboratory of Medicine(C-EBLM)**.

The idea of the program emerged in the Meeting of the WG IANT in the IFCC International Congress of Berlin held on May, 2011 before the need of improving the communication between all clinical laboratories of Ibero-America and the **IFCC**, disseminating subjects of scientific and strategic interest as well as current subjects. In the COLABIOCLI Congress held in November, 2011the idea was presented to IFCC authorities during a close meeting called by the WG IANT. The first presentation of the online program “The Microscope” was just an idea that then became real with much work and effort.

In April 2012, we had two marathon sessions with Dr. Fares Taie during the SAEGRE Congress in Buenos Aires with previous programming and we planned the program format, duration, thematic blocks and strategies to follow as well as the operative structures, invitations to correspondents, diagramming of posters, banners and mass media materials to be used in the regional events, and communication with potential users. Dr. Rosa Isabel Sierra Amor and Dr. Stella Raymondo joined the working group in January 2012. This working group has been named the Director Board.

Also, Dr. Fares Taie maintained a fluid communication and interaction with the President of the IFCC, Dr Graham Beastall, the Treasurer Dr. Bernard Gouget, CPD Chair Dr. Ellis Jacobs and C-leL Chair Dr. Peter Vervaart. On behalf of the working group, Dr. Fares Taie thanked the support and collaboration given by the IFCC in this project that we consider a new closing bridge between communication and knowledge transfer.

The programs included both written communications and pre-scheduled working meetings by Skype. All subjects were discussed in order to agree the actions and evaluate constantly the lessons learned from the broadcasted programs that have allowed us, during 22 programs, to improve daily the format, sound quality, etc.

At the same time, Dr. Fares Taies worked with the technical staff and started the elaboration of the model of the first program. Several edition adjustments were made and finally the first programs came on the air on June 6.

Thematic programs were defined such as the use and interpretation of laboratory tests, performance of technologies and methods, laboratory management as well as social, legal, political and union problems. Approaches focused on the authorization, accreditation, and certification of Human Resources and problems related to the laboratories operation, national regulation with debates of even three interviewees in only one program with open dialogs.

The chronology of interviewees, subjects to approach, formal communications of contents were elaborated and then interviews were recorded. Several of the interviews were also reinforced with written material.

The interviews were carried out in the native language of the interviewee and then were edited so that they could be listened in Spanish but audio copies in the original languages and voices were kept. This led us to a more ambitious idea: programs in Spanish and their English versions. We have already broadcasted two programs with much success.

A space of promotion of the social and environmental commitment of the laboratories with their communities was generated, aspiring to improve the communication between the health team and the patients.

The Microscope has contributed to promote activities and strategies that add value to the clinical laboratory in the process of health care, disseminate courses and congresses, cultural and social activities within the scope of the clinical laboratories including the touristic and art fields.

It serves a region united by the same language but every country has its own idiomatic and cultural marks that give us the features that characterize us where it is possible to interact harmonically contributing to a common and sustained growth. All experiences are validated and internalized according to the possibilities and opportunities.

The audience was invited to participate in thematic forums to facilitate the communication between academics, residents and students of Ibero-America who are related to the clinical biochemistry.

There has been also interaction with the university field and even some works have been generated promoting the contact between young students that are just beginning their university education in the methodology of scientific research with the best possible evidence. A very successful pilot program was performed with students from the Faculty of Chemical Sciences of the National University of Asuncion in the area of Biochemistry that I coordinate in the subject Seminar I. The results were exhibited in a Sciences Fair focused in the Approach to Aluminum and its effect on health and environment, a very sensitive issue for our society due to some entrepreneurships that are being projected in our country. The quality of the works presented showed the impacts of the works performed in the subject with interaction with the online radio program "The Microscope" and in turn with the access by RIA and other links of the IFCC's website to information with referenced evidence.

Since June 6, 2012 we have accomplished:

- √ The formation of an active team with 22 correspondents, 50% member of the WG IANT and the Editorial Committee of RIA/DIV with whom I communicated in due time and form inviting them to join this entrepreneur.
- √ a number of programs in English
- √ 70% of the lecturers were members of IFCC.
- √ Diffusion of the IFCC, the statistics revealed knowledge of its management area of only 31.6% of the interviewees.
- √ The importance of the elaboration of a solid database of direct access to the mails of the members of the potential audience before starting a new program. This information allowed us to increase exponentially our audience reaching more than 700 people as average per program.
- √ February to May 2013 the audience increased 50%.

This has not been an easy job but is a challenge in which we are completely motivated.

I would like to say that from the WG IANT we have devoted our best efforts to contribute to the planning, implantation and implementation of the online radio "The Microscope".

The extensive update report above was presented by Dr Hernan Fares Taie and his son Santiago during the CPD meeting

HFT has also produced brochures and postcards which will be available at the IFCC Booth.

PV asked about links and collaboration with COLABIOCLI. Difficulties exist. Felt links to El Microscopio, RIA and DIV should also be on COLABIOCLI website.

KA congratulated HFT on the program and offered the support of CPD particularly for English translations.

Funding is currently from IFCC but in long term should be self-funding through corporate sponsorship. BJ to raise at Corporate Members meeting.

KA asked if four programs/per month is ambitious maybe only produce one. HFT felt was achievable with more than one program per topic.

10.6. Publications (PV)

10.6.1. Documents of Committees and Working Groups

The database (available on the website) continues to be updated as publications are forthcoming.

10.6.2. Monographs

There have been no new Monographs produced

10.6.3. Books

10.6.3.1. Silver Book

Revision and updating of the "Silver Book": Compendium of Terminology and Nomenclature of Properties in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (IUPAC and IFCC Recommendations) continues however not sure of the status of this project.

Action: PV to contact Robert Flatman re status of Silverbook.

10.6.4. Conference proceedings

There is no new conference proceedings published.

10.6.5. Annual report

The 2012 Annual Report was prepared by the Office and has been distributed.

10.6.6. Handbook

The 2012-2014 version of the Handbook has been produced in PDF format and a CD the Handbook is also available for download from the IFCC website.

10.6.8. Views and Reviews

No publications in the reporting period.

10.6.10. Electronic Publications

The stage 2 review of electronic publications by Andrew of an Electronic publications repository on the new website is still to be undertaken however initial discussions with Insoft have begun and they believe it will be possible to make the publications database searchable on the website however SCL and PV will work further on sourcing publications so that they are available from a search.

10.6.20. Other Publications

There were no other publications in the reporting period.

10.7. Web Site (PV)

10.7.1 Organizational matters

10.7.1.1 Website Statistical Report

Attached. It is apparent that there has been a significant increase in the number of visits and visitors, especially in the last 6 months.

10.7.1.3 Policy and Procedure for IFCC functional unit web pages

To be developed through the C-leL

10.7.1.4 eJournal/eNews archiving

Silvia C-L has updated all the eJIFCC issues on the website and will finish the available editions of the old website of the eNews prior to the Congress. She will also upload the issues that she received from Ellis Jacobs (even though some of them are incomplete).

10.7.1.5 Status of Phase II launch of website

This will be discussed and developed through the C-leL meeting tomorrow.

10.7.1.6 Social Media

PV mentioned that suggestion of social media coordinator has been made and will be discussed at C-leL as well as suggestion that IFCC have a Twitter account. PV also demonstrated the LinkedIn statistics.

10.7.2. Bookstore

The bookstore will be developed as part of Stage 2 of the development of the new website to be discussed at C-leL tomorrow. Investigate having availability for donations, etc. as 'IFCC Store'.

10.7.3 e-Banners

A number of image files for the website banners are now on the website. These are updated as new corporates come onboard.

10.7.4. Databases

10.7.4.1 NPU Database & Search Function

This is now published and has received excellent reviews, especially when the Danish website was down.

10.7.4.2 EBLM Database

C-EBLM will develop a new database, nothing received as yet.

10.7.4.3 Register of Expertise

A searchable register has been developed by Insoft following a request from the EB. This is now with the EB for review prior to activation on the website.

10.7.5 Distance Learning Programs

Material continues to be added to the DLP pages on the website with the input of C-DL. More recently have received a set of lectures in both English and Vietnamese from Dr Ronda Greaves, via APFCB, which we will plan to catalogue and place on the website in the near future. We are also investigating a Learning Management System (e.g. Moodle) through the C-leL.

Have also held initial discussions with Insoft re the eAcademy concept and they have raised a number of questions which will be discussed at C-leL:

1. The precise purpose and wishes:
 - a. Public or private (members' login based)?
 - b. Teaching/E-learning or information/presentation sharing?
 - c. Audience?
2. Which content types will be needed, e.g. documents, video?
3. How deep the content tree will have to be, e.g. flat categories (one level) or categories with subcategories or infinite subcategories to each branch?
4. Many have mentioned tools like Moodle and similar. While this is a great tool for e-learning, we are not sure it will be fit for IFCC proposes as these tools are built with a teacher-students relation in mind.
5. Is there any connection between eAcademy materials and IFCC publications?

MS asked about translations. KA reiterated that 'official' language of IFCC is English. TP suggested utilizing subtitles. Software exists to do this. PV felt a better option may be voice over.

Also discussed CPD tracking. PV felt that using a Medscape like quiz and certificate is preferred option. Could also add a Q&A blog through presentation.

10.8. Related Journals (KA)

10.8.1. Meetings of Editors

KA reported that there will be a meeting this week. AN asked how many journals does this cover. EJ explained initially was society journals but now includes other journals and publishers. AN mentioned that IFCC consider joining COPE; join as society or eJIFCC join as journal. KA suggested that eJIFCC join and recommend that National Societies also join. AN explained also helps with indexing.

Action: GK to investigate COPE and join on behalf of IFCC

10.8.2. Journals

10.8.2.1. Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)

CCLM is official journal until August. Have booth space with IFCC booth at EML. CCLM and publisher made some complaints re change in official journal. GB replied and also informed EB.

10.8.2.2. Clinica Chimica Acta (CCA)

Contract with CCA begins 1st September. Formal signing of contract will occur at AACC meeting in Houston due to sensibilities with EFLM executive. CCA will be sharing IFCC booth @ AACC. Editorial board to include Chair and Vice-chair of SD and Pubs Coord of CPD.

Action: SCL to add two editors from CCA to editor list.

Action: AN to arrange electronic access for all IFCC officers to CCA and IFCC logo to be placed on journal.

10.8.2.3. Labmedica International (LMI)

TP has been liaising with Arda Turac at LabMedica international and all the newsletter information is transferred to this publication before printing. TP has just approved the first edition by LabMedica International and the layout has been excellent. EJ reiterated that LabMedica does not have any editing rights to the material however EC agreed that they should have right to minimal editing with the approval of the eNews editor.

10.9. Public Relations (ED)

10.9.1. Brochure

Follow-up on the draft brochure viewed and discussed at the KL C-PR meeting with laboratory managers, hospital administrators and government representatives as target audience.

10.9.2. IFCC Booth

ED asked what this item was related to. KA explained was provision of PR materials and manning the booth to promote IFCC. Check materials and update as necessary. EJ explained that this is a leftover item and can probably come off the agenda. CPD used to also decide on giveaways at booth.

10.9.3. Posters

Review and update as necessary

10.9.4. Publicity

C-PR to brainstorm publicity and provide materials to federations and national societies.

10.9.5. Miscellaneous PR Projects

Discussed above. BJ happy to help out as necessary.

10.10. Corporate Member Activities (BJ)

BJ reported that the public PR brochure was major project for this year. EJ requested a copy for his presentation on Tuesday afternoon. ED to discuss at C-PR meeting. Corporate meeting held at KL. Concern about funding requests from SD without prioritization process. BJ about to end term but has indicated he would like to stay on for a further term. Next projects are to guest edit two issues of eJ. GK will send guidelines to BJ. Offer of Lucerne EC meeting @ Roche still stands. PV asked that BJ raise issue of sharing corporate educational content with IFCC. KA asked that corporates provide newsworthy items so that it can be included in Newsletter etc.

10.19. Meetings & Symposia (KA)

10.19.1 CPD Symposia

10.19.1.1 Public Relations and the Value of Laboratory Medicine, EuroMedLab 2013, Milan, IT 19-23 May 13

All ready to go.

10.19.1.2 Internet and Distance Learning APCCB 2013, Bali, Indonesia 27-30 Oct 13

EJ cannot attend therefore need a third speaker from CPD. TP has volunteered. Symposia is on 30th October.

Action: EJ will send Bali presentation to TP

10.19.1.3 Istanbul, Turkey (ICCC) 22-26 Jun 14

Proposed a symposium on Peer Review and Ethics in Publishing. Accepted and will be held Tuesday 24th June 9 to 11 AM. AN suggested recording voice over for the PowerPoint slides and then load onto website. TP suggested Video Studio Pro.

Action: PV to investigate options for website presentations.

10.19.2 Future CPD EC Meetings

10.19.2.1 Bali, Indonesia (APCCB) 26-27 Oct 13

KA cannot arrive until late Saturday therefore need to shift meeting to 27 October. ED concerned about cost of attending for one meeting. There will also be an editor's meeting on the Monday afternoon. All are able to attend.

10.19.2.2 Istanbul, Turkey (ICCC) 21-22 Jun 14

KA, ED and PV speaking at ICPLM therefore need to move CPD meeting to Monday 23rd June. Committee meetings to be also held in Istanbul.

Other meetings:

KA suggested we hold a meeting in March 2014 in Lucerne, Switzerland and October in Pecs, Hungary. Roche may be able to provide some funding if we provide a seminar in Lucerne.

Action: KA to suggest dates for 2014 meetings

10.20. Membership

Members:	Position	Term and Time of Office	
Khosrow Adeli – AD (CA)	Chair	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12
Edgard Delvin – ED (CA)	Vice Chair/ PR Coordinator	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 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
Tahir Pillay – TP (ZA)	Editor IFCC News	1 st	2013 01 – 2015 12
Bruce Jordan – BJ (DE)	Corp. Rep.	1 st	2011 01 – 2013 12

KA thanked BJ and PV and will recommend to EB that PV and BJ be offered 2nd terms.

Action: KA to make recommendation of 2nd terms for BJ and PV to EB

10.30. Budget

KA reported that we have had a reduction for next year as came in under budget for this year. EI Microscopio (not a WG) budget item is to be rolled into the WG IANT budget item. EI Microscopio needs to find sponsors otherwise program is not affordable. Any sponsorship would be an income line in the CPD budget. AN asked where Elsevier income should go.

Action: SCL to provide EFT details to AN.

10.40. Other Business

AN asked when minutes will be presented. PV replied will try to get out in a month but cannot guarantee.

Meeting ended 11:15.