

Chapter 7
Congresses and Conferences Committee

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7. Congresses and Conferences Committee (C-CC)

The Committee on Congresses and Conferences was established in December 2007, and is the continuation of the former Congress and Conference Division (CCD), which was founded in 1996, but with an expanded charter and responsibilities. The C-CC has the major administrative and managerial responsibility within the IFCC for all meetings coordinated by the IFCC.

7.1. C-CC Executive

Name	Position	Country	Term	Time in Office
J. Wesenberg	Chair	CA	1 st	2015 01 – 2017 12
J. Lopez	Member	MY	2 nd	2015 01 – 2017 12
T. Zima	Member	CZ	1 st	2014 01 – 2016 12
P. Yin	Corp. Rep.	US	2 nd	2015 01 – 2017 12
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7.1.1. Mission statement

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

7.1.2. Strategy

The C-CC supports and promotes Clinical Laboratory Sciences through congresses, conferences, specialised meetings, and other professional meetings. The C-CC works closely with the organisers of the various IFCC related conferences to ensure that they achieve organisational and professional excellence.

7.1.3. Projects

- The C-CC formulates and updates as required the guidelines, procedures and practices for IFCC-designated meetings, and also monitors compliance throughout the planning and organisational stages. The C-CC assists the organising groups in the administration and promotion of conferences, and helps these conferences obtain support, and achieve financial efficiency in the various economical aspects of their meetings.
- The C-CC reviews all existing meeting guidelines every three years to ensure their continued applicability and will write new guidelines for those meetings not covered by existing procedures.
- The C-CC maintains a current 5-year listing of congresses and conferences of professional interest to the members of the IFCC, including both IFCC related conferences and those outside the IFCC. This allows members to be aware of these meetings and allows potential conference organisers to plan the dates of their meetings with care.
- The C-CC designates as official IFCC approved meetings those conferences that conform to the requirements of the IFCC as a professional organisation, in order to promote the field of clinical laboratory sciences and protect the interests of the IFCC. Within the framework of the IFCC designated meetings, the C-CC will promote the IFCC and its functional units and discuss the possibility of integration of IFCC units

and members in the programme of the conference.

- The C-CC assists in expanding the list of IFCC Master Conferences on specific scientific and educational topics and promotes the leadership role of the IFCC in the field of Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

7.2. International Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (ICCLM)

I	Amsterdam	NL	1954
II	New York	US	1956
III	Stockholm	SE	1957
IV	Edinburgh	UK	1960
V	Detroit	US	1963
VI	Munich	DE	1966
VII	Geneva/Evian	CH/FR	1969
VIII	Copenhagen	DK	1972
IX	Toronto	CA	1975
X	Mexico City	MX	1978
XI	Vienna	AT	1981
XII	Rio de Janeiro	BR	1984
XIII	The Hague	NL	1987
XIV	San Francisco	US	1990
XV	Melbourne	AU	1993
XVI	London	UK	1996
XVII	Florence	IT	1999
XVIII	Kyoto	JP	2002
XIX	Orlando	US	2005
XX	Fortaleza	BR	2008
XXI	Berlin	DE	2011
XXII	Istanbul	TR	2014
XXIII	Durban	ZA	2017
XXIV	Seoul	KR	2020

7.3. IFCC Regional Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (RCCCLM)

7.3.1. Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (APFCB)

I	Singapore	SG	1979
II	Singapore	SG	1982
III	Bali	ID	1986
IV	Hong Kong	HK	1988
V	Kobe	JP	1991
VI	Melbourne	AU	1993
VII	Bangkok	TH	1995
VIII	Kuala Lumpur	MY	1998
IX	New Delhi	IN	2001
X	Perth	AU	2004
XI	Beijing	CN	2007
XII	Seoul	KR	2010
XIII	Bali	ID	2013
XIV	Taiwan	TW	2016
XV	Jaipur	IN	2019

7.3.2. European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM formerly EFCC)

I	Munich	DE	1974
II	Prague	CZ	1976
III	Brighton	UK	1979
IV	Vienna	AT	1981
V	Budapest	HU	1983
VI	Jerusalem	IL	1985
VII	The Hague	NL	1987
VIII	Milan	IT	1989
IX	Krakow	PL	1991
X	Nice	FR	1993
XI	Tampere	FI	1995
XII	Basel	CH	1997
XIII	Florence	IT	1999
XIV	Prague	CZ	2001
XV	Barcelona	ES	2003
XVI	Glasgow	UK	2005
XVII	Amsterdam	NL	2007
XVIII	Innsbruck	AT	2009
XIX	Berlin	DE	2011
XX	Milan	IT	2013
XXI	Paris	FR	2015
XXII	Athens	GR	2017

7.3.4. Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI)

I	Mar del Plata	AR	1968
II	Porto Alegre	BR	1973
III	Caracas	VE	1976
IV	Bogota	CO	1977
V	San Salvador	SA	1979

VI	Santo Domingo	DO	1981
VII	Rio de Janeiro	BR	1984
VIII	Cartagena de Indias	CO	1986
IX	Caracas	VE	1989
X	Santo Domingo	DO	1991
XI	Acapulco	MX	1993
XII	Buenos Aires	AR	1995
XIII	Caracas	VE	1997
XIV	Puerto Rico	PR	1999
XV	Florianopolis	BR	2001
XVI	San José	CR	2003
XVII	Asunción	PY	2006
XVIII	Panama	PA	2007
XIX	Santiago del Chile	CL	2010
XX	Punta Cana	DO	2011
XXI	Lima	PE	2013
XXII	Quito	EC	2015
XXIII	Punta del Este	UY	2017

7.3.6. Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB)

I	Cairo	EG	1974
II	Faihaa	SY	1976
III	Cairo	EG	1980
IV	Cairo	EG	1983
V	Cairo	EG	1986
VI	Tunis	TN	1991
VII	Faihaa	SY	1994
VIII	Amman	JO	1997
IX	Rabat	MA	2000
X	Monastir	TN	2004
XI	Damascus	SY	2006
XII	Beirut	LB	2009
XIII	Marrakech	MA	2012
XIV	Khartoum	SD	2015

7.3.7. African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC)

I	Ibadan	NG	2009
II	Nairobi	KE	2011
III	Harare	ZW	2015

7.4. IFCC Specialised Conferences

7.4.1. IFCC-Roche Diagnostics Bergmeyer Conferences Goals and Objectives

- The Bergmeyer Conferences founded in 1987 are a collaborative effort of IFCC and Roche Diagnostics focused on issues of standardisation.
- The objectives of these Conferences are:
 - Improving the Comparability and Compatibility of Laboratory Assay results in life sciences;
 - Improving the Clinical Value of Laboratory Data;
 - Discussion of Standardisation Issues and suggesting solutions in order to achieve the first two objectives;
 - Master Discussion of Experts and a Brain Storming Forum for projects to be executed by Scientific Division's Committees or Working Groups.
- Each Conference is devoted to a rapidly developing new area relevant for laboratory science and clinical medicine. The scope of a Conference is to be organised in that manner that besides comprehensive review also future trends, analytical pitfalls and the rationale, clinical use of the diagnostic procedures have to be considered.
- These Conferences are Master Discussions of experts in the respective topic of a Conference. Participation is only possible on invitation.
- The governing body of these Conferences is the Steering Committee consisting of IFCC (3), the editor of the proceedings (1) and Roche Diagnostics (1) representatives.
- Conferences are held in Eibsee, Germany.
- Lectures and contributions presented at the Conferences are published in the Conference proceedings.

Steering Committee

Name	Position	Country	Time in Office
I. Young	IFCC-SD Chair	(UK)	2011 -
J. Passarelli	Roche Diagnostics	(US)	2011 -
A. Kallner	Editor of Proceedings	(SE)	1988 -
L. Lai	IFCC-EMD Chair	(MY)	2015 -
J. Wesenberg	IFCC C-CC Chair	(CA)	2015 -

Terms of Reference

- Organisation of Bergmeyer Conferences:
 - Selection of date and topic;
 - Responsibility for the scientific content and selection of speakers;
 - Appointment of an ad hoc Working Group (occasionally) for the preparation of draft documents to be circulated prior to the respective Conference to the participants;
 - Review of the organisational and financial commitments.
- Review of documents produced in conjunction with each Conference;
- Submission of documents to the Scientific Division for final approval;
- Publication of proceedings - Appointment of editors;
- The Proceedings are published in the The Scandinavian Journal of Clinical and Laboratory Investigation;
- Collaboration with Roche Diagnostics and the local organising group;
- Report to Scientific Division, information to the Congresses and Conferences Committee;
- The Membership to be nominated by SD and approved by EB. The terms of the IFCC members are usually 3 years; re-appointments are possible.

Recent Conferences

VII	1999	Biochemical markers for myocardial damage
VIII	2001	Biochemical markers of autoimmune disease
IX	2003	Nucleic acid markers for bacterial and viral infections in intensive care
X	2005	Diabetes and cardiovascular disease
XI	2008	Markers of kidney disease
XII	2010	Novel biomarkers: from discovery to clinical application
XIII	2012	Vitamin D in health and disease
XIV	2014	Women's health

7.5. Congress Guidelines and other Documents

The following documents have been prepared by the C-CC. They are updated regularly on the website (www.ifcc.org).

- Auspices of the IFCC - Guidelines and Procedures
- Guidelines for International Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (ICCLM)
- Guidelines for IFCC-EFLM European Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EuroMedLab)

7.8. IFCC Auspices

IFCC Auspices designates recognition of a professional conference activity of high scientific and/or educational level.

IFCC is committed to maintaining and promoting a world-wide exchange of information in Clinical Chemistry and all disciplines of Laboratory Medicine. Therefore, a major effort should be made in the academic, clinical and industrial setting to create links of communication for clinical laboratory scientists and physicians through highly qualified professional meetings which the IFCC may support in a variety of ways. According to this, IFCC is interested in granting its Auspices for meetings, conferences and congresses in order to assist conference organising committees to promote their meeting and attract a large professional participation.

The granting of IFCC Auspices, and its involvement in conferences enhancing the field of Laboratory Medicine, furthers the reputation of IFCC.

Specific guidelines (available on the IFCC website) have been prepared to assist groups to apply for IFCC Auspices for their meetings, symposia, conferences and congresses.

The granting of IFCC Auspices does not imply any financial agreement between the organisers of the event and the IFCC. It indicates that the official IFCC logo should be used on all relevant brochures and publications. Moreover, notices of meetings approved for IFCC Auspices will be included in the congress calendar which is part of the IFCC web-site (www.ifcc.org) and circulated by mail to the IFCC mailing list.

IFCC Auspices may be sought by:

- Any IFCC Member Society, Specialty Group or Corporate Member;
- The organising committee of any meeting, conference or congress outside the IFCC in which the meeting topics are directly related to the goals of the IFCC.

7.9. IFCC General Conference

Aim

The aim of the IFCC General Conference is to convene all the IFCC functional units at one time and location, in order to discuss present activities and projects, and to plan and decide on future actions of the organisation.

Responsibilities

- The Committee on Congresses and Conferences (C-CC) of the IFCC bears overall responsibility for the organisation of the General Conference.
- The IFCC Secretary is responsible for the Conference agenda.
- The IFCC Executive Board is responsible for detailed programme content.
- The IFCC Office will carry out the administrative activities in preparing for the Conference in collaboration with the C-CC and a local organising committee from the national society of the country where the meeting is being held.

Time and Venue

- A General Conference is held once during the triennial term of the Executive Board (EB) of IFCC, usually during the second year. The EB decides on the time of the year at which to hold this Conference.
- The EB will decide on the venue for the IFCC General Conference following a recommendation from the C-CC.
- The duration of the General Conference is 2 days, and is preceded by 2 days of an EB meeting and meetings of the Divisions and Committees. This period is required to enable all the IFCC functional units to meet individually and collectively.

Scope

- Prior to the General Conference, all IFCC functional units carry out their own meetings, meet with their immediate and/or Divisional supervisors, and report on the progress of their projects and on project proposals. The Division Executives then meet with the EB to present the status of their Division, and to obtain consent for future and/or continuing activities.
- Representatives from Full Members and Corporate Members join IFCC functional units for the General Conference proper.

Conferences

I	Rungstedgaard	DK	1981
II	Rungstedgaard	DK	1984
III	Monza	IT	1988
IV	Pont-à-Mousson	FR	1992
V	Leipzig	DE	1995
VI	Sevilla	ES	1998
VII	Dubrovnik	HR	2001
VIII	Sousse	TN	2004
IX	Antalya	TR	2008
X	Corfu	GR	2010
XI	Kuala Lumpur	MY	2012
XII	Madrid	ES	2016

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