

## Provisional Minutes

### Members:

Members:	Position	Term	Time in Office
<i>Khosrow Adeli – KA (CA)</i>	Chair	1 <sup>st</sup>	2013 01 – 2015 12
<i>Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)</i>	Vice-Chair / PR Coordinator	1 <sup>st</sup>	2013 01 – 2015 12
<i>Peter Vervaart – PV (AU)</i>	Secretary/ Publications- Distance Learning Coordinator	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2014 01 – 2016 12
<i>Gabor Kovacs - GK (HU)</i>	Editor, eJIFCC	1 <sup>st</sup>	2012 01 – 2014 12
<i>Tahir Pillay – TP (ZA)</i>	Editor, IFCC News	1 <sup>st</sup>	2013 01 – 2015 12
<i>Bruce Jordan – BJ (CH)</i>	Corporate Representative	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2014 01 – 2016 12

### 10.25.1 Roll Call and Welcome

Present: KA; TP; GK; PV, BJ  
KA welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 10.25.1.1 Guests

Ellis Jacobs (EJ) for ED; Janine Grant (JG)  
KA welcomed guests to the meeting.

### 10.25.2 Finalization of Agenda

No additional items

### 10.25.3 Approval of Minutes, Committee Meeting, Istanbul, June 2014

Minutes have been circulated. No changes, can be accepted as written.

#### 10.25.3.1 Review Action Items – completed/pending

**Action:** KA to update EB slide presentation.  
**Status:** Completed

**Action:** CPD EC to provide feedback on presentation

**Action:** KA and ED to meet with Peter Wilding to discuss.  
**Status:** Completed/PW expressed interest in forming a WG

KA met with PW in Chicago. GB not so enthused. KA to take up with new EB (TF History of IFCC)  
**Action:** KA to discuss with new EB in 2015

**Action:** KA to circulate details of AACC meeting.  
**Status:** Completed

Unofficial meeting held at AACC, will be regular event annually.

**Action:** KA to contact GB re CCLM's claim on the website re. IFCC documents  
**Status: Completed**

Recent review of website revealed no longer an issue.

**Action:** KA to write back and ask for formal agreement with Insoft for signing.  
**Status: Completed**

Contract now finalised. PV feels is a good contract. PV/JG to be main contacts. Invoice has been paid.

**Action: Insoft to provide quarterly report on hours used.**

**Action:** KA to contact EB and recommend renewal of GK's term as a CPD-EC member and as eJIFCC editor.

**Status: Completed**

**Action:** ED or KA to contact EFLM to nominate new representative to C-PR  
**Status: Completed. Maria Stella Graziani nominated as EFLM Representative**

**Action:** ED to send suggested changes (tracked) to CPD EC for review.

**Status: The IFCC brochure has been updated by Silvia and ED, sent to C-PR members for comments. Other than the historical background there were little changes. Silvia had provided a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the brochure that could be discussed in Adelaide.**

**Action:** ED to update Lab Medicine slide kit with Mike Hallworth data

**Status: To be completed. ED has talked to MH and is waiting for his input he has prepared a set of slides (1st draft) that he will send MH.**

The Slide kit on IFCC has been updated with the help of Silvia with forthcoming EB names. It is pending until the new EB provides objectives & other information.

**Action:** ED or EJ to raise concerns of CPD EC at next LAV meeting.

**Status: Little action on this front. EJ (& ED) expressed concerns on the low profile of LAV in a diplomatic way at the July 3rd Phone meeting. No news since then on their side. A Telephone Board meeting is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>, which ED will attend.**

**Action:** ED or EJ to write to National Representatives asking that they promote LAV locally.

**Status: Letter yet to come. Because of the low level of feedback from LAV and repetitive problems with the access to the website, it is not easy to promote internally or at national levels.**

**Action:** ED to develop a implementation Action Plan for LAV within IFCC.

**Status: To be completed. ED has contacted both Maurizio Ferrari (as Chair of the EMD) and Ian Watson (as Chair of the SD) to see if there are documents produced by their respective Divisions that could serve as material for PR purposes (PPT presentations and possibly postings on the LAV website or blogs)**

**Action:** PV to ask for new quote from Insoft for the eAcademy.

**Status: Completed**

**Action:** PV to arrange meeting between SK, CM and CPD EC in Adelaide.

**Status: Was not able to arrange a meeting.**

**Action:** GK to follow up with Evelyn Koay re membership of Board.

**Status: Completed**

**Action:** GK to send requirements to PV and KA.

**Status: Completed**

**Action:** GK to contact Ian Young asking for an issue based on SD activities

**Status: Completed**

**Action:** KA, GK to discuss with Maria and Rosa.

**Status: Completed. GK to follow up re COLABIOCLI issue. KA raised issue of English as official language of IFCC. Could run a dual language issue?**

**Action:** GK/SCL to send files to TP/KA for conversion to XML.

**Status: On the agenda below. Doing it ourselves is not an option however commercial vendor in India may be an option. Only willing to pay if PubMed accept XML files. This OK by vendor.**

**Action:** GK to check that IFCC will cover liability by end of September.

**Status: Completed. GK wrote to GB. Discussed with EB and answer was IFCC could not cover as cost would be too expensive. IFCC will support if a contributor is sued.**

**Action:** TP to trial XML conversion using Adobe Acrobat to convert PDF to XML.

**Status: Completed. Covered below.**

**Action:** TP/SCL to ask for update articles from divisions

**Status: Completed.**

**Action:** TP to invite BJ to next meeting as Corporate Rep.

**Status: Completed: Bruce has confirmed he is attending**

**Action:** TP to work with GK to put together an IFCC guidelines document on scientific publications for review by the CPD.

**Status: Completed. To be discussed in report.**

**Action:** JG to move eJIFCC etc. up the list of partners to the top and others below.

**Status: Completed. Change eNewsletter to eNews.**

**Action:** SCL to advertise as welcome in eJIFCC and eNews.

**Status: Completed**

**Action:** SCL to check list of members and contacts.

**Status: Completed**

**Action:** SCL to advertise how to subscribe to publications.

**Status: Completed**

**Action:** SCL to provide copy of eNews to WG-IANT to translate.

**Status: Completed**

**Action:** JS and SCL to add new events to the website.

**Status: Completed & ongoing. New calendar page to be released.**

**Action:** Check whether a CPD symposium or workshop can be arranged during the COLABIOCLI meeting in Quito, Ecuador.

**Status: Completed. EB also meeting there. KA submitted two choices to Maria to be discussed with COLABIOCLI.**

**Action: SCL will continue process of sending out Action Items as a separate document.**

## 10.26. Activity and Annual Reports

### 10.26.1. Report of the Chair (KA)

State of ePublications is very healthy. Website also receiving good feedback. No complaints for last two years. Now have expanded agreements with Insoft including 50 hours of support per year at cost of €4000.00 invoiced annually. Next agreement to be signed with them is for eAcademy to be released in Paris. Now have agreement with EMD (Leslie Lai) for sharing of costs across Divisions.

LAV activities continue.

WG-IANT chaired by Maria.

Guidelines document developed by Tahir following Istanbul editors meeting.

Upcoming EB meeting. EC to review CPD presentation.

Paris symposium accepted on Impact of Lab Medicine.

Article submitted to Clinical Chemistry and presentation this week at VoP symposium.

If Quito symposium not accepted need to consider if we go to Pecs instead.

CPD budget to be discussed at end of meeting. KA asked if there are there any initiatives which need extra funding?

BJ asked if the Clin Chem paper will be a summary paper of an 'official' report from the Task Force? KA answered yes. Mike Hallworth will also work with GK to produce a themed issue of eJIFCC. What happens next?

**Action: KA to discuss with EB but feels could include developing outcome studies of the clinical impact of specific laboratory tests in the clinical setting.**

### 10.26.2. Report of the Vice Chair and Chair Public Relations Committee

#### 10.2.1. Committee-Public Relations (C-PR)

Report received from ED.

##### 10.2.1.1 Membership

The C-PR membership is as follows.

##### Committee Members

Dr. Edgard Delvin (ED) (CA) – Chair	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2013- Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2015
Dr. Ramon Deulofeu (RD) (Spain) –	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2014-Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2016
Dr. Annalise Zemlin (ZA)	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2013- Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2015
Dr. Katherina PSARRA (KP) (Greece)	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2014-Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2016
Dr. Monica Spalvieri (MS) (Argentina)	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2014-Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2016

##### Corresponding members

Dr. Emmanuel Agbedana (EA) (Nigeria)  
Dr. Camelia GRIGORE (CG) (Romania)  
Dr. Magdalena Krintus (MK) (Poland)  
Dr. Curtis Oleschuk (CO) (Canada)

## **Advisors**

Dr. Fouad Harb (FH) – representing the Arab Federation

Dr. Endang Hoyaranda (EH) – representing APFCB

Dr. Maria del Carmen Pasqual Carrera (MC) – representing COLABIOCLI

Dr. Maria Stella Graziani –EFLM Chair of the Communications Committee has been nominated by the EFLM-EB

## **Were present at the Istanbul Meeting:**

Dr. Edgard Delvin (ED) (Canada) – Chair

Dr. Ramon Deulofeu (RD) (Spain) –

Dr. Annalise Zemlin (South Africa)

Dr. Katherina PSARRA (KP) (Greece)

Dr. Monica Spalvieri (MS) (Argentina)

Dr. Emmanuel Agbedana (Nigeria)

Dr. Magdalena Krintus (MK) (Poland)

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### **10.2.1.2.1 Labs are Vital Consortium**

#### **Labs Are Vital Consortium**

There was little activity on the front of the Labs Are Vital Consortium. ED has sent a blog recently but has received no feedback. It was entitled “Reporting of laboratory critical values leads to modification of treatment in over 90% of hospital admitted patients” and inspired by a paper published by Mario Plebani in Clinical Biochemistry.

A telephone Board Meeting is scheduled for November, but ED has not received final confirmation.

EJ provided report including details of activities related to World Pathology Day including photos contest. At this stage 14 photos from Eurasia, 9 from America, 6 from Europe and Africa. LAV e-mails no longer being sent. EJ to take this back to consortium. LAV needs to be more visible at meetings and needs to move further away from Abbott (e.g. colour scheme of LAV). Abbott still have not released all the IP rights to LAV and are holding back on funding. BJ suggested contacting corporate reps re supporting LAV.

### **10.26.3. Report of the Secretary and Chair Internet and e- Learning Committee**

#### **10.2.2. Committee-Internet and e-Learning (C-leL)**

##### **10.2.2.1 Membership**

Name	Family name	Position	Term	Time in Office	Country
Peter	Vervaart	Chair	2nd	2014 1-2016 12	Australia
Eduardo	Freggiaro	Social Media Coordinator	1 <sup>st</sup>	2012 1-2014 12	Argentina
Petr	Kocna	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2012 1-2014 12	Czech Republic
Janine	Grant	Web Editor	1 <sup>st</sup>	2014 1-2016 12	Australia
Hideo	Sakamoto	Member	1 <sup>st</sup>	2012 1-2014 12	Japan
Montserrat	Blanes Gonzales	Corresponding Member			Paraguay
Christine	Collier	Corresponding Member			Canada
Rhena	Delpont	Corresponding Member			South Africa
Endang	Hoyaranda	Corresponding Member			Indonesia
Gustav	Kováč	Corresponding Member			Slovak Republic
Ana	Merino	Corresponding Member			Spain
Barna	Vásárhelyi	Corresponding Member			Hungary
Loralie	Langman	Corresponding Member			USA
Sanjeevi	Rao	Corresponding Member			India

PV requested 2<sup>nd</sup> terms for Eduardo, Petr and Hideo. CPD EC accepted.

**Action: KA to propose to EB after e-mail from PV.**

### 10.2.2.2 Activity Report

The C-leL continues to work closely with the Committee for Distance Learning and Insoft in developing electronic/distance learning materials and access for IFCC members utilising the 'e-Academy'. PV presented Insoft document to EC. CPD EC agreed with proposed budget. PV to continue negotiations (cc to KA) with Insoft.

The IFCC LinkedIn group continues to grow (>2100 members) and we have also set up a company page so that interested individuals can 'follow' the IFCC. The Facebook page is growing at a slower pace but now has >1000 members and >2200 likes. We also have a Twitter account and the Social Media Coordinator continues to tweet about IFCC activities.

## 10.3. Working Groups

### 10.3.1 Electronic Journal of the IFCC (WG-EJIFCC)

#### 10.3.1.1 Membership

No change in membership. GK continues to invite guest editors to editorial board. GK invited PV who has accepted.

#### 10.3.1.2 Activity Report

##### 10.3.1.2.1 Volumes of eJIFCC in 2014

The second volume of 2014 was published since the last meeting of the CPD. This themed issue dealt with modern aspects of point of care testing. The guest editor of this issue was Dr. Ellis Jacobs.

The third issue themed on Ethical issues has been published.

Future issues: Mike Hallworth has agreed to an issue related to his TF. Will be issue 1 for 2014. Rita Horvath has agreed to a themed issue on her symposium in Istanbul (due end of March). Plan to put together a COLABIOCLI based themed issue in Spanish (and ? English). KA feels should have at least an English abstract of each article. GK feels should have a full English translation of each article (agreed by EC). GK to contact Maria and explain this to her and ask if they can arrange

translation. KA suggested a 'Proceedings of the Quito meeting' themed issue. Biomarkers of Neuropsychiatric Disorders (Sergio Bernardini)? Cardiac Markers (TF-Cardiac Markers Alan Jaffe)? Harmonisation

**Action: PV to approach Jill Tate and Garry Myers.**

### **10.3.1.2.2 Joining Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)**

Signing up to COPE shows that eJIFCC intends to follow the highest standards of publication ethics and that will follow the Code of Conduct for Journal Editors. By joining COPE eJIFCC will help support promoting publication ethics. The editor of eJIFCC submitted the application to COPE. eJIFCC was accepted by COPE.

### **10.3.1.2.3 Indexing eJIFCC in PubMed Central**

PubMed Central® (PMC) is a free archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the U.S. National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine (NIH/NLM). In keeping with NLM's legislative mandate to collect and preserve the biomedical literature, PMC serves as a digital counterpart to NLM's extensive print journal collection. Based on the decision of the CPD, the editor of eJIFCC (also on behalf of the publisher IFCC) submitted the application to add eJIFCC to PubMed Central. On March 21, 2014 we received a letter from Robert Barrett (contractor, Pubmed Central) indicating the following:

"Your journal is now ready for the second stage: evaluation of your journal data. To get started on this step, you'll need to review our documentation for publishers at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/pub/pubinfo/>. The section "Evaluation of Sample Files" details all of our data sample requirements. Read the PMC file specifications at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/pub/filespec/>. This page details our XML and image file requirements, and describes how these files must be named and packaged for delivery. We recommend that you use the most recent version of the JATS Journal Publishing DTD (<http://jats.nlm.nih.gov/publishing/>) for the creation of XML files. If you do not plan to use the JATS DTD, please notify us before you generate your data sample. It is critical that we receive a workable XML sample on the first evaluation of your journal data."

We have an ongoing discussion with 2 firms about XML conversion. The offer of Suntec Digital (India) seems to be acceptable. The decision of CPD is needed for final decision. Price of 1.1 Euros per page. Total cost will be approximately 1000 Euros. Insoft will be able to convert all future articles.

**Action: KA would like us to do this ASAP. Invoice to be sent to KA. Payment only if XML files are of acceptable quality.**

### **10.3.1.3 Editorial board meeting of eJIFCC**

The meeting of the EB of eJIFCC took place in Istanbul. The next meeting is scheduled for the Congress in Paris (2015).

### **10.3.1.4 World Association of Medical Editors (WAME):**

Upon the recommendation of Prof. Khosrow Adeli and Prof. Mario Plebani, Gabor L. Kovacs, the editor of eJIFCC was accepted as a member of WAME.

Journals have requested to be on the mailing list of Editors. Only one which seems to fit the requirements is the online journal of microbiological research. GK suggested inviting others as observers. KA supported.

**Action: GK to let Silvia know.**

KA asked about peer review of articles. Usually two reviewers; free submission articles reviewed by two members of editorial board. If sourced articles then reviewed by guest editor and GK. KA concerned of impact on quality of published work and eJIFCC impact factor if we do not peer review papers. GK should not feel pressured by Insoft to publish to schedule.

**Action: KA and GK to speak to Bogdan.**

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

#### **10.3.2.1 Membership**

There are currently 25 representatives in the working group and 9 of them are national society liaisons.

The current members of the eNewsletter working group are:

Xavier Fuentes-Arderiu (**Spain**) Thanh Van Ta (**Vietnam**) Damien Gruson (**Belgium**) Ana Piana (**Uruguay**) Joseph B. Lopez (**Malaysia**) Mabel Charles-Davies (**Nigeria**) **National Societies Liaisons** Spiroula Christou (**Cyprus**) Ann Gronowski (**USA**) Abderrazek Hedhili (**Tunisia**) Dai Duy Ban (**Vietnam**) Rosa Sierra Amor (**Mexico**) Snezana Jovicic (**Serbia**) Grazyna Sypniewska (**Poland**) Anna-Maria Simundic (**Serbia**) Brguljan Meska Pika (**Slovenia**) Andrew Wooton (**UK**) Sylvana Fahel da Fonseca (**Brazil**) Montserrat Blanes Gonzales (**Paraguay**) Layachi Chabraoui (**Morocco**) Nada Majkic-Singh (**Serbia**) Yadav Binod (**Nepal**) Sandra Klingberg (**Australasia**) Tu Ha Hoang (**Vietnam**) Curtis Oleschuk (**Canada**) Rajiv Erasmus (**South Africa**)

The most recent working group meeting took place at the Istanbul Convention Centre at 15h00 on 23 June 2014. The following members attended: Tahir Pillay (chair), Binod Kumar Yadav, Mabel A. Charles-Davies, Rosa Sierra-Amor, Ana Maria Piana, Bernard Gouget,( EFLM News Editor), Damien Gruson, Janine Grant ( Web Editor, by invitation)

Apologies were received from: R. Erasmus, J. Lopez

The next working group meeting will take place in Euromedlab Paris in June 2015

#### **10.3.2.2 Activity report**

1. Report back from the CPD executive committee: Since the last WG eNews meeting held in Milan in 2013, a number of changes have taken place in the newsletter. The proposal from Insoft for the revised digital format was adopted and the format of the newsletter was completely revised. This has greatly facilitated the preparation of each edition of the newsletter. The frequency of 6 issues per year has continued. There has also a decision taken to allow paid advertising in the newsletter and this would increase the revenue from the newsletter.

2. Format and presentation of the newsletter

a. There was a discussion of the uniformity of the layout of the newsletter. The last issue contained a number of items which were in a slightly different layout across the newsletter. It was decided that the newsletter should be divided into sections which may remain constant and that the presentation between sections should be kept uniform.

b. There was a discussion of Spanish articles being presented for the IberoAmerican readers but it was felt that it would be difficult to translate every article but where an interesting article was received in Spanish, it could be published alongside the English version or as a standalone article but this would have to be on an adhoc basis and would be determined by the importance of the article.

c. Content: The newsletter should provide regular updates of the structure and strategy of the IFCC. Working groups and divisions should provide regular reports on a rotational basis for publication in the newsletter. The editor will solicit these from all of the IFCC sections. This would include the



Young Scientist's forum and the chair of this forum would also be involved in this process.

d. Issue of Book reviews: Members felt that this would be a worthy addition to the newsletter, even if it was traditionally the domain of journals.

3. **AFCC:** It appears that many members, especially in the AFCC part of the IFCC, were not aware of when the newsletter was published and released. Notification of the release of the newsletter is sent out to regional representatives and to other individuals who have subscribed to the mailing list. Subscription to the mailing list can be initiated through the appropriate portal on the IFCC website.

4. Corporate opinion should also be sought for the working group.

**Action: Bruce Jordan is currently the corporate representative and will be invited to join the next meeting of the WG eNews.**

5. There was a discussion of whether companies should be profiled. This is a delicate area as many corporate members either advertise or are profiled when they become corporate members.

TP has now completed 22 months of his first term as editor of the IFCC eNews. Thus far there have been 11 issues of the eNews published. We have continued to publish bi-monthly and there is a steady collection of news items, so much so that nowadays some substantial editing is required to reduce the size of the "flipbook" format.-5 issues have appeared so far. The relationship with Insoft is continuing to work very well and there is a very good collaboration between the IFCC office, TP and Insoft. The August issue focussed on the WorldLab meeting in Istanbul and featured a round-up by Graham Beastall, IFCC President.

We have continued to offer the traditional HTML and PDF versions of the newsletter so that readers with low bandwidth can still access the newsletter. Requests for news items are sent out regularly to societies to adhere to the publication deadlines ensuring a steady stream of articles. The reminders go to all eNewsletter WG members, National Societies liaisons and National Representatives (through the IFCC Office). In the 5 issues of 2014, an excellent variety of news items has been featured. TP believes the new format has encouraged people to submit news items. A regular and popular feature of the newsletter is still the IFCC Young Scientists task force and the PSEP reports from awardees, as well as the IFCC Travel Scholarships to attend Worldlab. This has helped to highlight the contribution of the IFCC to international clinical chemistry across the world.

Latest issue was 42 pages which was too long. KA suggested moving to monthly. TP felt this may be too often. TP suggested banking articles for the next issue. May be months where this is a valid option.

**Action: EC decided that name and logo should change to IFCC eNews and also change the banner by removing the yellow colour and making it less 'busy'.**

#### **10.3.4. Ibero-American Nomenclature and Translation (WG-IANT) (MCP)**

##### **10.3.4.1 Membership**

##### **10.3.4.2 Activity Report (e-mail)**

No report received however MCP has been in e-mail contact with KA and SC

##### **10.3.4.2.1 RIA Web page**

EJ felt we should give WG-IANT access to articles and right to translate into Spanish (and ? publish on the RIA web pages).

**Action: KA to check with MCP re RIA webpages which have not been updated since January 2013.**

#### **10.3.4.2.2 Diagnostico in vitro**

#### **10.3.4.2.3 Ibero-American Radio**

Hernan has written an article and has asked for help in where to publish. KA to seek advice from GK and TP. Hernan is asking for continued funding of the radio but is asking for significant financial support from IFCC.

**Action: KA to discuss with EB.**

### **10.6. Publications**

#### **10.6.1. Documents of Committees and Working Groups**

The database (available on the website) continues to be updated as publications are forthcoming. New Publications for 2014 include:

1. IFCC educational materials on selected analytical and clinical applications of high sensitivity cardiac troponin assays. Apple FS, Jaffe AS, Collinson P, Mockel M, Ordonez-Llanos J, Lindahl B, Hollander J, Plebani M, Than M, Chan MH; on behalf of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC) Task Force on Clinical Applications of Cardiac Bio-Markers. Clin Biochem. 2014 Sep 7. pii: S0009-9120(14)00656-0. doi: 10.1016/j.clinbiochem.2014.08.021. [Epub ahead of print]
2. A Progress Report of the IFCC Committee for Standardization of Thyroid Function Tests. Thienpont LM, Van Uytvanghe K, Van Houcke S, Das B, Faix JD, MacKenzie F, Quinn FA, Rottmann M, Van den Bruel A; IFCC Committee for Standardization of Thyroid Function Tests (C-STFT). Eur Thyroid J. 2014 Jun;3(2):109-16. doi: 10.1159/000358270. Epub 2014 May 7. PMID: 25114874 [PubMed] Free PMC Article
3. The role of the IFCC in supporting e-learning through the Internet. Vervaart P. Clin Biochem. 2014 Jun;47(9):761-2. doi: 10.1016/j.clinbiochem.2014.05.049. Epub 2014 May 21. No abstract available. PMID: 24858209 [PubMed - in process]
4. Mass spectrometry-based candidate reference measurement procedure for quantification of amyloid- $\beta$  in cerebrospinal fluid. Leinenbach A, Pannee J, Dülffer T, Huber A, Bittner T, Andreasson U, Gobom J, Zetterberg H, Kobold U, Portelius E, Blennow K; IFCC Scientific Division Working Group on CSF proteins. Clin Chem. 2014 Jul;60(7):987-94. doi: 10.1373/clinchem.2013.220392. Epub 2014 May 19. PMID: 24842955 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]
5. Advancing the education in molecular diagnostics: the IFCC-Initiative "Clinical Molecular Biology Curriculum" (C-CMBC); a ten-year experience. Lianidou E, Ahmad-Nejad P, Ferreira-Gonzalez A, Izuhara K, Cremonesi L, Schroeder ME, Richter K, Ferrari M, Neumaier M. Clin Chim Acta. 2014 Sep 25;436:5-8. doi: 10.1016/j.cca.2014.04.031. Epub 2014 May 9. PMID: 24815033 [PubMed - in process]
6. Harmonization of measurement results of the alcohol biomarker carbohydrate-deficient transferrin by use of the toolbox of technical procedures of the International Consortium for Harmonization of Clinical Laboratory Results. Weykamp C, Wielders J, Helander A, Anton RF, Bianchi V, Jeppsson JO, Siebelder C, Whitfield JB, Schellenberg F; IFCC Working Group on Standardization of Carbohydrate-Deficient Transferrin. Clin Chem. 2014 Jul;60(7):945-53. doi:

10.1373/clinchem.2014.221531. Epub 2014 Apr 1. PMID: 24691685 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

7. Statistical considerations for harmonization of the global multicenter study on reference values. Ichihara K. Clin Chim Acta. 2014 May 15;432:108-18. doi: 10.1016/j.cca.2014.01.025. Epub 2014 Feb 8. PMID: 24518360 [PubMed - in process]

### **10.6.2. Monographs**

There have been no new Monographs produced in 2014

### **10.6.3. Books**

#### **10.6.3.1 Silver Book**

Silver Book V2 is finalised and currently out for public review.

**Action: PV will seek an update from Robert Flatman. KA to request update from EB.**

### **10.6.4. Conference proceedings**

There is no new conference proceedings published in 2014.

### **10.6.5. Annual report**

The 2014 Annual Report will be published by the IFCC Office in early 2015.

### **10.6.6. Handbook**

The 2015-2017 version of the Handbook is currently being developed by the IFCC Office and will be available on both a USB stick and the website.

### **10.6.8. Views and Reviews**

None to report.

### **10.6.10. Electronic Publications**

IFCC Office continues to seek electronic publications of IFCC documents for inclusion in database.

### **10.6.20. Other Publications**

None to report.

## **10.7. Web Site (PV)**

### **10.7.1 Organizational matters**

#### **Website Editor activity report**

Key website development and maintenance activities in the 4 months since the last CPD-EC meeting have been as follows:

July 145 news items published

Twitter button added to home page.

Positions of Key Partners and Top Partners swapped so that IFCC Media sits at the top.

"Index by subject" link moved to the top of the page to allow a "Resources and Downloads" button to be more prominent. This is a linking point to various resource pages which actually live in their appropriate division and should make it easier for visitors to find useful resources without having to know which division and TF etc it falls under.

August 14      2 news items published  
"Subscribe" button added to home page to take visitors to mailing list subscription page.  
Icons for brochures added to CPD-PR resources page

Sept 14        5 news items published  
TFYS web pages consolidated, reorganised and updated  
Spanish version of Lab Med Slide Set added

Oct 14         3 news items published

Calendar re-organisation: We are working with InSoft to improve usability of the IFCC calendar as currently it is only used to display the three meetings on the home page. The list of meetings at <http://www.ifcc.org/ifcc-congresses-and-conferences/> is manually maintained. The planned changes will allow entered events to display as per the following mock up <http://customers.insoft.dk/ifcc/ifcc-calevents-tabs.html> InSoft have also suggested a download feature for major calendar clients (outlook, iCal, google etc) which would enhance the page.

Web traffic:

- As noted in Istanbul total sessions over the past 12 months appear down ~28% on the previous 12 month period – this may, however, result from a change in recording algorithms used by Google Analytics.
- Sessions are up by ~21% from Aug-Oct 2014 compared to same period in 2013.
- Demographic details of visitors remain fairly consistent.
- Pages/session and av session durations have increased.

KA to present data to EB.

**Action: KA to request data on downloads of eNews and eJIFCC from Insoft and include in agreement.**

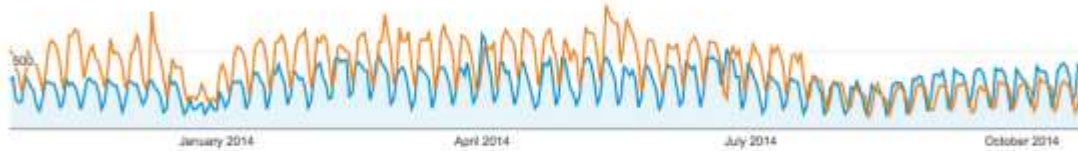
## Audience Overview

**Oct 23, 2013 - Oct 22, 2014**  
 Compare to: Oct 23, 2012 - Oct 22, 2013

All Sessions +0.00%
+ Add Segment

### Overview

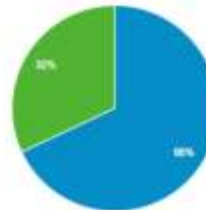
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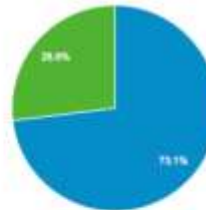
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<b>Pages / Session</b> <b>23.26%</b> 3.12 vs 2.53	<b>Avg. Session Duration</b> <b>29.84%</b> 00:02:38 vs 00:02:02	<b>Bounce Rate</b> <b>-15.27%</b> 58.98% vs 70.81%
<b>% New Sessions</b> <b>-7.04%</b> 67.88% vs 73.02%		

■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor

Oct 23, 2013 - Oct 22, 2014



Oct 23, 2012 - Oct 22, 2013



Language	Sessions	% Sessions
<b>1. en-us</b>		
Oct 23, 2013 - Oct 22, 2014	47,583	45.88%
Oct 23, 2012 - Oct 22, 2013	80,227	55.68%
<b>% Change</b>	<b>-40.69%</b>	<b>-17.62%</b>
<b>2. es</b>		
Oct 23, 2013 - Oct 22, 2014	4,749	4.58%
Oct 23, 2012 - Oct 22, 2013	5,963	4.14%
<b>% Change</b>	<b>-20.36%</b>	<b>10.62%</b>
<b>3. en-gb</b>		
Oct 23, 2013 - Oct 22, 2014	4,039	3.89%
Oct 23, 2012 - Oct 22, 2013	5,502	3.82%
<b>% Change</b>	<b>-26.59%</b>	<b>1.97%</b>

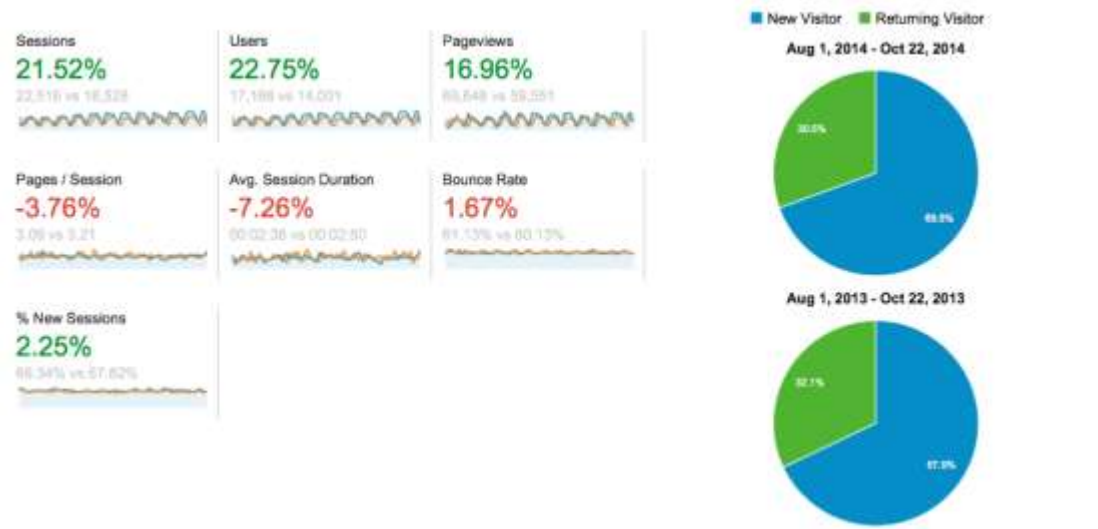
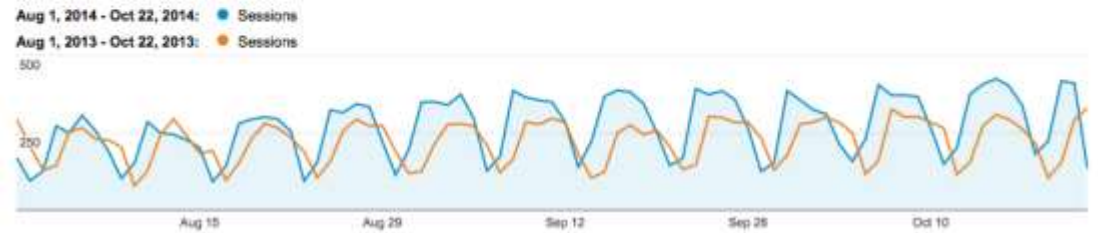
## Audience Overview

Aug 1, 2014 - Oct 22, 2014

Compare to: Aug 1, 2013 - Oct 22, 2013

All Sessions +0.00%
  + Add Segment

### Overview



Language	Sessions	% Sessions
<b>1. en-us</b>		
Aug 1, 2014 - Oct 22, 2014	10,546	46.84%
Aug 1, 2013 - Oct 22, 2013	8,815	47.58%
<b>% Change</b>	<b>19.64%</b>	<b>-1.55%</b>
<b>2. en-gb</b>		
Aug 1, 2014 - Oct 22, 2014	1,015	4.51%
Aug 1, 2013 - Oct 22, 2013	613	3.31%
<b>% Change</b>	<b>65.58%</b>	<b>-36.25%</b>
<b>3. es</b>		
Aug 1, 2014 - Oct 22, 2014	996	4.42%
Aug 1, 2013 - Oct 22, 2013	1,116	6.02%
<b>% Change</b>	<b>-10.75%</b>	<b>-26.56%</b>

### 10.7.2. Bookstore

No update on this item.

### 10.7.3 e-Banners

Nothing to report.

### 10.7.4. Databases

No update on the 'Register of Experts' database or when will this be released to all members?

**Action: KA to ask EB (Sergio) what the status is for this database.**

C-NPU with the Danish Ministry of Health have requested a website. GB has been negotiating with Insoft. Will be operated under C-NPU auspices.

C-AQ and TF-PT have requested a PT database. PV will seek advice from Insoft.

**Action: KA to raise at EB meeting. PV to provide summary to KA.**

### **10.7.5 Distance Learning Programs and eAcademy**

The distance learning pages of the website continue to develop and we are now able to offer access to a significant amount of content which has been reviewed by the C-DL. Jointly the C-leL and C-DL will continue to work on the development of the eAcademy with the aim of releasing Stage 1 of the eAcademy at the EuroMedLab meeting in Paris.

## **10.8. Related Journals (KA)**

### **10.8.1. Meetings of Editors**

Productive meeting held in Istanbul. Minutes now available. KA to request a larger meeting room for the next meeting in Paris. Major recommendation was Guideline document which has been prepared by TP. GK concerned that material has come from a number of different sources and thus needs to be referenced. Still in draft form and needs to be edited. GK's document should also be included. Should also discuss with EB the need for some form of insurance of authors. KA would also like a section on peer review and ethics. To be published on the IFCC website somewhere as a resource. To be edited by GK and KA and AN. Should also be vetted by the TF-E.

**Action: Guideline edited by May for presentation at the editors meeting in Paris.**

### **10.8.2. Journals**

#### **10.8.2.1. Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)**

Probably doesn't need to be on the agenda.

#### **10.8.2.2. Clinica Chimica Acta (CCA)**

#### **10.8.2.3. Labmedica International (LMI)**

TP reported we have continued to supply Arda Turac at LabMedica International (LMI) with a regular supply of newsletters-all the newsletter information is sent to LMI and selected articles are printed from the original newsletter. As always, the layout has been excellent. Following TP's visit to the Labmedica booth at the AACCC meeting in Chicago, TP was invited by Marc Gueron to join the editorial board of LabMedica. Other members include Jocelyn Hicks, Gerard Siest, Christopher Price, Bernard Gouget, Claus Christensen, Rosa Sierra-Amor and Andreas Rothstein. Membership in the board carries no obligation, but facilitates communication or input regarding various aspects of the publication's and website's editorial content. LabMedica is also starting a series of viewpoint columns where, a few times a year areas of significance can be addressed.

## **10.9. Public Relations**

### **10.9.1. PR Brochures**

## Brochures and PowerPoint Presentations

ED has sent every member and advisor the brochures “Understanding Laboratory Medicine” and the IFCC Brochure, as well as the “Laboratory Medicine” slide kit for their comments and editing. Following their comments and those raised at the C-PR Meeting in Istanbul, the 2 brochures and the PowerPoint presentations have been edited. They are tables for discussion during the Adelaide Meeting. The part on the history of IFCC has been edited to closer reflect, to ED’s understanding, the events that have led to the today IFCC. It is included in the slide presentation “The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine” The Silver Book should be looked at in this respect.

### IFCC Public Relations Brochure

The requests for translation of the 2015-2017 IFCC brochure will be initiated once the new version is accepted by the CPD-EC.

#### **10.9.4. Publicity**

##### IFCC Young Scientist TF

There has been no development in this sector. ED met with Damien’s successor during the meeting in Istanbul. ED will get back to him to obtain recent information on the TF.

##### Worldwide visibility of IFCC

ED has spoken to and later written to both Ian Young and Maurizio Ferrari to obtain their collaboration in increasing IFCC Committees, WG and task forces worldwide visibility. The idea is to produce brochures, PowerPoint presentations and other form of documents that could be posted on the web and/or be the subject of blogs. So far he has not received feedback. They could also be proposed to National Societies & Regional Federations that could use them for presentation to local professional associations & decision makers.

ED has proposed that C-PR Committee Members be assigned to liaise with National Societies or Associations that are within their broad geographical region and/or linguistic realm to make known the activities and services of IFCC. This is taking place in Canada, Curtis Oleschuk being the liaison with CSCC.

#### **10.9.5. Miscellaneous PR Projects**

Taskforce on the Impact of Laboratory Medicine on Clinical Management and Outcomes (TF-ICO). ED has contacted Mike Hallworth to inquire on the progress of the article on the impact of clinical laboratory on patient care and on cost/benefits stemming from the research that the group had performed. He told ED that the paper had been submitted to Clinical Chemistry and was waiting for the response. Based on the text, ED has prepared a 1st draft of a PowerPoint presentation that he has sent Mike for his comments and completion. He has agreed to complete the slide kit and agreed that it could be later translated.

Proposal of policies for advertising on IFCC communication tools

Advertising rates for eNews have been published.

#### **10.10. Corporate Member Activities (BJ)**

BJ has been supporting the work of the IFCC

- Hosting the IFCC CPD in Rotkreuz March 2014 & and IFCC presenting at a Lunch & Learn
- Supporting IFCC CPD meeting logistics at F2F in Adelaide
- Supporting the eJIFCC with an article for Vol 4 2014
- Supporting the IFCC Specialized Conference on Biomarkers in Alzheimer Disease (Rome, November 2014)



KA would like any news from Corporate members meeting to be published in IFCC media. Next meeting at EuroMedLab. GB keen to expand corporate members but need to have something to offer. BJ to follow up with Sergio encouraging him to publish proceedings in eJIFCC.

## 10.19. Meetings & Symposia (KA)

### 10.19.1 CPD Symposia

#### 10.19.1.1 Paris, France; EUROMEDLAB 24 Jun 2015

Value and Impact of Laboratory Medicine in Healthcare:

What is the Evidence?

(ACCEPTED/Scheduled)

1st presenter Mike Hallworth

Followed by EJ, ED and BJ.

Need to compare notes re content (Abstracts due in February).

**Action: KA to organize Conference call prior to this. EJ has not received any notifications, need to check with SCL.**

### 10.19.2 Future CPD EC Meetings

10.19.2.1 Paris, France (EUROMEDLAB) 20 June 2015

10.19.2.2 Quito, Ecuador (COLABIOCLI) 23 Sept 2015

Have suggested symposia for Quito but if unsuccessful then could move meeting to Pesc otherwise Pesc in Spring 2016 but the General Conference in Madrid may be then.

## 10.20. Membership

Members:	Position	Term and Time of Office		
<b>Khosrow Adeli – AD (CA)</b>	Chair	1 <sup>st</sup>	2013 01 – 2015 12	
<b>Edgard Delvin - ED (CA)</b>	Vice Chair/ PR Coordinator	1 <sup>st</sup>	2013 01 – 2015 12	
<b>Peter Vervaart – PV (AU)</b>	Secretary/Publications-Distance Learning Coordinator	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2014 01 – 2016 12	
<b>Gabor Kovacs – GK (HU)</b>	Editor, eJIFCC	1 <sup>st</sup>	2012 01 – 2014 12	
<b>Tahir Pillay - TP (ZA)</b>	Editor IFCC News	1 <sup>st</sup>	2013 01 – 2015 12	
<b>Bruce Jordan - BJ (DE)</b>	Corp. Rep.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2014 01 – 2016 12	

### 10.30. Budget

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Proposal 2013</b>	<b>Proposal 2014</b>
	<b>CHF</b>	<b>CHF</b>
Income from Com. Publ. Div. (CPD) Endorsement	5,500	16,500
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Proposal 2013</b>	<b>Proposal 2013</b>
	<b>CHF</b>	<b>CHF</b>
Committee on Public Relations	10,000	10,000
Committee on e-Learning	10,000	10,000
WG e-Journal	3,000	3,000
WG e-News	3,000	3,000
WG Ibero-American nomenclature & translations	3,000	3,000
WG Ibero-American Radio - El Microscopio	25,000	15,000
Publications + reprints CD, posters, exhibition	20,000	22,000
Internet and web content	20,000	22,000
CPD Contingency fund	0	0
CPD Meetings	30,000	30,000
WG Meetings	0	0
CPD Office	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124,000</b>	<b>118,000</b>
Net Budget (expenses - income) =		101,500

**Action: KA issues to be discussed with EB include increasing publications budget and also El Microscopio costs.**

### 10.40. Other Business

Question was asked whether SCL should be attending all EC meetings.

**Action: KA to clarify with EB/MZ Congressi contract.**