



# ZACB Zimbabwe Association of Clinical Biochemists

The Zimbabwe Association of Clinical Biochemists (ZACB) was formed in 1992 and was an IFCC member from 1996-1999. ACBZ rejoined IFCC again in 2012 after a 12-year lull. ZACB is fully entrenched in developing Clinical Chemistry in Zimbabwe from undergraduate to doctoral level. We pioneered the MSc Clinical Biochemistry in Sub Saharan Africa which has since produced close to 100 graduates over 15 years. Our graduates are currently working in all continents and over 10 have advanced to PhD level.

ZACB members have landed important positions in both private and public institutions with appointments as founding Dean of Studies of the second College of Health Sciences in Zimbabwe, two Deans at the University of Zimbabwe' College of Health Sciences, Pro Vice Chancellor of University of Zimbabwe, Founding Vice Chancellor of Great Zimbabwe University, Leading research fellows in South Africa, Switzerland, USA and France, and CEO of a suprareferal hospital in Chitungwiza.

We also pioneered an external quality assurance programme which has since blossomed into a national quality assurance programme headed by one of our graduates. Our association has also had various consultancy appointments nationally and regionally.

As a full board we hold a wealth of expertise in:

- Clinical epidemiology
- Lipidology
- Cancer studies
- Water quality and sanitation
- Mining health
- Enzymology
- Liver disease
- Quality assurance
- Thyroid disorders
- Kidney diseases



We are currently developing expertise in clinical chemistry of infectious diseases including Tb, HIV and malaria but require support, collaboration and training in:

- Immunoassay reagent development
- Molecular diagnostics
- Postgraduate training and research
- Clinical Laboratory equipment

Fig. 1. Zimbabwe Association of Clinical Biochemists Committee Members from left to right  
Kudzai Mutsaka- Committee Member,  
Olive Gudza- Secretary General,  
Witmore Mujaji – Vice President, Hilda Matarira – President and National Representative, Cuthbert Musarurwa – Committee Member, Constance Samuwi – Treasurer