

Meeting of the EMD Executive Committee

Meeting room: STRAUSS

Hotel Novotel Budapest City – *Budapest, Hungary*

November 8th- 9th 2018 – h. 9.00-17.00

MINUTES



Participants:

Leslie Lai	(MY)	Chair
Nader Rifai	(US)	Member, VLP Chair
Vanessa Steenkamp	(ZA)	Member
Silvia Cardinale	(IT)	IFCC Office

Apologies:

Ana Leticia Maselli	(GT)	Member
André Ziegler	(CH)	Corp. Rep. And Secretary

1. Welcome and introductions

LL welcomed all present and VS to her first EMD EC meeting

2. Notification of other business and finalization of the agenda

Nothing added

3. Review of Minutes of EMD-EC meeting - Milan, January 2018

IFCC EMD-EC Mins 2018-01 (Milan) (paper 1)

Minutes have been accepted and circulated

4. Report from Executive Board

Summary minutes - EB Rome (paper 2)

Strategic Plan, Area C noted

Point 9.0 – more funding for VLP requested from Abbott. No applications have been received for 2019 as yet. All applications declined for 2018 since July 2018 due to lack of funding. We have approved 12 VLP applications from member societies and a total of 25 lecturers in 2018.

All VLP lectures are to be recorded using new presentation software of IFCC and made available on line for all.

Look at possibility of translating transcripts.

Current questionnaires of VLP are not adequate - these need to be revisited. The questionnaires were preliminarily revised and will be completed by NR after which NR will circulate to all to peruse before final approval.

5. Review of Committees and Working Groups

2018 November Report - EMD (paper 3)

2018 VLP Table (paper 4) Concluded in previous point

Committees

- **9.2.4 Clinical Molecular Biology Curriculum (C-CMBC)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Evi Lianidou	Chair	GR	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Ettore Capoluongo	Member	IT	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Verena Haselmann	Member	DE	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
N. N.	Member				VACANT
Andrea Ferreira-Gonzalez	Consultant	US			

- Report noted. One publication produced

- **9.2.5 Analytical Quality (C-AQ)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Annette Thomas	Chair	UK	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
David Grenache	Member	US	2nd	2016 01 - 2018 12	
Alexander Haliassos	Member	GR	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Qing Meng	Member	CA	1st	2016 04 - 2018 12	
Lina Khorovskaya	Member	RU	1st	2017-01 - 2019 12	

- Report noted. Achieved all tasks in work plan for 2018 with two workshops conducted
- Committee has performed well.

- **9.2.7 Evidence-based Laboratory Medicine (C-EBLM)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Annalise Zemlin	Chair	ZA	1st	2018 01 - 2020 12	
Andrew Don-Wauchope	Member	CA	1st	2018 01 - 2020 12	
Julien Wils	Member	FR	2 nd	2018 01 - 2020 12	
Karina Rodriguez-Capote	Member	CA	2 nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Nuria Giménez Gomez	Member	ES	1 st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Chris Florkowski	Consultant	NZ			

- Report noted. Committee has performed well.

- **9.2.9 Clinical Laboratory Management (C-CLM)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Sedef Yenice	Chair	TR	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Matthias Orth	Member	DE	2nd	2018 01 - 2020 12	
Ed Randell	Member	CA	1st	2016 04 - 2018 12	
Aye Aye Khine Wamono	Member	ZA	1st	2016 04 - 2018 12	
Praven Sharma	Member	IN	1st	2017 03 - 2019 12	

- Report noted. Performed well, many publications and workshops.

- **9.2.10 Internet and Distance Learning (C-IDL)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Loralie Langman	Co-Chair	US	1st	2018 01 - 2020 12	EMD
Eduardo Freggiaro	Co-Chair	AR	1st	2018 01 - 2020 12	CPD
Rojeet Shrestha	Member	NP	1st	2017 05 - 2019 12	
Janine Grant	Web Editor	AU	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Hideo Sakamoto	Member	JP	1st	2018 02 - 2020 12	
Krystyna Sztefko	Member	PL	1st	2018 02 - 2020 12	
Ronda Greaves	Consultant	AU			
Janet Smith	Consultant	UK			
Nader Rifai	EMD Liaison	US			

- Report noted. Performed satisfactorily. NR is the EMD liaison to the committee.

- **9.2.11 Education in the Use of Biomarkers in Diabetes (C-EUBD)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Garry John	Chair	UK	1st	2016 01 - 2018 12	
E. English	Member	UK	1st	2016 01 - 2018 12	
Rajiv Erasmus	Member	ZA	1st	2016 01 - 2018 12	
David Sacks	Member	US	1st	2016 01 - 2018 12	
Cas Weykamp	Member	NL	1st	2016 01 - 2018 12	

- Report noted. Performed well.

- **9.2.12 Cardiac Biomarkers (C-CB)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Fred Apple	Chair	US	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Peter Kavsak	Member	CA	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Guillaume Lefevre	Member	FR	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Kari Pulkki	Member	FI	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Amy Saenger	Member	US	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Richard Body	Member	UK	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Su Ping Carolyn Lam	Member	SG	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Torbjørn Omland	Member	NO	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Paul Collinson	Consultant	UK			
Allan Jaffe	Consultant	US			
Jordi Ordoñez-Llanos	Consultant	ES			

- Report noted. Very active group. Performed beyond expectation.

- **9.2.13 Chronic Kidney Disease (C-CKD)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Flavio Alcantara	Chair	BR	1st	2016 02 - 2018 12	
Pradip Datta	Member	US	1st	2017 05 - 2019 12	
Anders Grubb	Member	SE	1st	2017 05 - 2019 12	
Michele Mussap	Member	IT	1st	2017 05 - 2019 12	
Vanja Radišić Biljak	Member	HR	1st	2017 05 - 2019 12	
Takashi Wada	Member	JP	1st	2017 05 - 2019 12	
John H. Eckfeldt	WASPaLM Nominee	US			

- Report noted. All the activities conducted in 2018 were done solely by the Chair. The EC had a concern regarding focus and goals. Rather than chronic kidney disease the focus of the committee should include acute kidney injury which also includes biomarkers.

- **9.2.14 Point of Care Testing (C-POCT)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Rosy Tirimacco	Chair	AU	extra	2018 01 - 2018 12	
Michel Vaubourdolle	Member	FR	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Adil Khan	Member	CA	extra	2018 01 - 2018 12	
Julie Shaw	Member	CA	1st	2018 05 – 2020 12	
Markus Schwertfeger	Corp Rep	CH	1st	2017 04 - 2019 12	Roche
Ellis Jacobs	Corp.Rep	US	1st	2018 05 – 2020 12	Abbott

- Report noted. New chair from 2019 as Rosy's second term comes to an end. The committee has performed well.

- **9.2.15 Proficiency Testing (C-PT)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Alexander Haliassos	Chair	GR	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Berna Aslan	Member	CA	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Anna Carobene	Member	IT	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Armand Perret-Liaudet	Member	FR	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Cas Weykamp	Member	NL	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Jian Dai	Corp.Rep.	US	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	Siemens
Michael Rottmann	Corp.Rep.	DE	2nd	2017 01 - 2019 12	Roche

- Report noted. Active committee that has published together with C-CMBC.

- **9.2.16 Value Proposition for Laboratory Medicine (C-VPLM)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Andrew St John	Chair	AU	1st	2018 01 - 2020 12	
Maurice O’Kane	Member	UK	1st	2018 03 – 2020 12	
Paul Juelicher	Member	DE	1st	2018 03 – 2020 12	
Robert Christenson	Member	US	1st	2018 03 – 2020 12	
Francesco Curcio	WASPaLM Rep.	IT			
Michael Oellerich	WASPaLM Rep.	IT			
Ida Parwati	WASPaLM Rep.	ID			
Nairo Massakazu Sumita	WASPaLM Rep	BR			
Roberto Verna	WASPaLM Rep	IT			
Chris Price	WASPaLM Rep	UK			

- Report noted. New committee which started this year, many activities in the planning stage and to be executed soon.

Working Groups

- **9.3.8 Laboratory Errors and Patient Safety (WG-LEPS)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Laura Sciacovelli	Chair	IT	2nd+	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Mario Plebani	Past chair	IT			
Keila Furtado Veira	Member	BR			
Isabel Garcia del Pino Castro	Member	ES			
Agnes Ivanov	Member	EE			
Giuseppe Lippi	Member	IT			
Zorica Sumarac	Member	RS			
Jamie West	Member	UK			
Vincent De Guire	Member	CA			

- Report noted. Active working group that has published a lot. Expanding activities to Canada and Beijing.

- **9.3.10 Harmonization of Interpretive Comments (WG-ICQA)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Samuel Vasikaran	Chair	AU	2nd	2018 01 - 2020 12	
Mario Plebani	Past chair	IT			
Eric Kilpatrick	Member	UK			
Tony Badrick	Member	AU			
Ken Sikaris	Member	AU			
Jane French	Member	UK			
Jacqueline Osypiw	Member	UK			
Magdalena Turzyniecka	Member	ZA			

- Report noted. Performed according to strategic plan and the 2018 work plan

- **9.3.11 Personal Support (WG-PS)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Graham Beastall	Chair	UK	1st	2018 01 - 2020 12	
Donald Young	Member	US			

- Report noted. Achieved all targets in 2018 work plan. It was noted that Graham will be receiving feedback to develop the programme further.

Special Projects

- **9.4.1 Visiting Lecturer Programme (VLP)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Nader Rifai	Chair	Us	1st	2018 01 - 2020 12	

- Already provided feedback above,

- **9.4.2 Flow Cytometry (WG-FC)**

NAME	POSITION	COUNTRY	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Ulrich Sack	Chair	DE	extra	2017 01 - 2018 12	
Claude Lambert	Member	FR			
Andreas Spittler	Member	AU			
Katharina Psarra	Member	GR			
Cecilia Rodriguez	Member	AR			
Andrey M. Ivanov	Member	RU			
Matthias Schiemann	Member	DE			
Z. Suleimenova	Member	KZ			
Mesude Falay	Member	TR			
Maria E. Schroeder	Member	UY			

- Active working group – extended activities with three countries in South America in the planning stage for 2019. Committee chair has requested for more funding from 2019 – 4000 Euros per year.

- 9.4.3 Developing Quality Competence in Medical Laboratories (DQCML)

NAME	POSITION	COUNTR Y	TERM	TIME IN OFFICE	NOTES
Egon Amann	Chair	DE	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12	
Janet Smith	Corresp. Memb.	UK			
Ronda Greaves	Corresp. Memb.	AU			
Victor Daka	Corresp. Memb.	ZM			

- o Many activities, very active. The EC is very happy with progress.

6. EMD input for EB strategic plan

Done

7. EMD strategic plan (paper 5)

Visited. Plan mid-term review of the three year strategic plan (2018-2020) in EuroMedLab 2019

8. EMD contributions to IFCC News

Many articles contributed monthly. Committees and working groups congratulated on contributions.

IFCC eNews March 2018

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The IFCC Curriculum, Phase one

J.Smith, R.Greaves (C-IDL)

IFCC eNews April 2018

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IFCC Committee on Clinical Laboratory Management (C-CLM) presents interactive case scenarios

S.Yenice (C-CLM)

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IFCC WG-GMECC: how should glucose meters be evaluated in critical care

C.Bowman, S.Cunningham (WG-GMECC)

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The 9th Beginner's Course in Molecular Diagnostics

E.Lianidou (C-CMBC)

IFCC eNews May 2018

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The new IFCC Committee on Clinical Applications of Cardiac Bio-Markers (CB) plans its activities for 2018.

F.Apple (C-CB)

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C-VPLM: changing the agenda from cost to value

A.St.John (C-VPLM)

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DQCML visit to Malawi – a field report

E.Amann (DQCML)

IFCC eNews June 2018

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Report r the IFCC VLP Tunisian Society of Clinical Biology (STBC), JNBC 2018

S.Sethi (Executive Board Member)

IFCC eNews July/August 2018

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IFCC Developing Quality Competence in Medical Laboratories (DQCML)

Visit to Nepal - 28-30 May, 2018"

E.Amann, R.Bais, A.Thomas

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European trial assesses HbA1c testing in more than 2,000 labs across 17 countries: an interview with Cas Weycamp.(C-EUBD)

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Results of an international survey of the reporting of protein electrophoresis and serum free light chains, and quantification of small monoclonal proteins

Jill Tate

IFCC eNews September 2018

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The WG-GMECC organizes a symposium in cooperation with the AACC Critical and Point of Care Testing Division (Speakers Cynthia Bowmann, WG-GMECC Chair and Sean Cunningham, WG-GMECC Member)

IFCC eNews October 2018

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Educational workshop on leadership and management in the PathCape 201 – Hosted by the Committee on Clinical Laboratory Management.

Sedef Yenice (C-CLM Chair)

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C-CLM survey results on laboratory leadership

Sedef Yenice (C-CLM Chair); Edward Randell (C-CLM Member)

IFCC eNews November 2018 (being published)

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VLP Report: Philippine Council for Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratories (PCQAACL)

Khosrow Adeli

9. EMD sessions at IFCC congresses:

Colabiocli Congress, Panama, September 2019:

EMD Symposium:

Haemoglobin A1c: a measurement that continues to evolve

Chair: G. John (UK); S. Raymondo (UY)

1) Haemoglobin A1c Measurement: an overview

Speaker: G.John (UK)

2) Can HbA1c be used for to diagnosis Diabetes

Speaker: E. English (UK)

3) Quality targets HbA1c Lessons learnt from Eternal Quality Assessment

Speaker: C. Weycamp (NL)

4) HbA1c in Clinical Practice; current thinking and future perspectives

Speaker: D. Sacks (US)

APFCB Congress, Jaipur, India Congress, Panama, November 2019:

EMD Symposium

The Liquid Biopsy approach: Following the tumor in peripheral blood

Chair: E. Lianidou (GR)

1) CTC analysis: an overview of CTC technologies and clinical significance

Speaker: E. Lianidou (GR)

2) Liquid Biopsy: the new frontier in the war against cancer

Speaker: A. Babayan (DE)

3) Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA): detection systems and clinical significance in cancer

Speaker: D. Hoon (US)

ICCLM Congress, Seoul, Korea, May 2020:

EMD Symposium

Achieving Healthcare Excellence: the UNIVANTS Awards 2019

Chairs: Andrew St John and Howard Morris

1) 'The value of laboratory medicine; improving health outcomes'

Speaker: A. St. John

2) UNIVANTS Awardee 1: Title to be advised

3) UNIVANTS Awardee 2: Title to be advised

4) UNIVANTS Awardee 3: Title to be advised

10. Links with other Divisions

Collaboration with SD

EMD-SD Joint WG (C-EUBD and Scientific Committee liaison K. Makris

Collaboration of SD C-MD and C-CMBC.

Collaboration with CPD

EMD-CPD Joint Committee C-IDL – Co-Chairs: L. Langman - E. Freggiaro

Better communication required between CPD and EMD.

11. Any other business

Budget (paper 6): For noting. To obtain expenditure of budget for 2018.

Appointments of new Chairs and appointments for second term (paper 7)

WG-GMECC Chair to be extended for one year, then work will be completed.

All renewal of members terms supported, subject to EB approval.

12. Date and location of future meetings:

Barcelona, May 18 and 19, 2019

Madrid, October 18 and 19, 2019 **-tbc**

EMD EC meets the Chairs of EMD Committees/WG/Special Projects

**Meeting room: LISTZ 3
November 9th 2018 – h. 9.00-17.20
Novotel Budapest City – Budapest - Hungary**

(15 MIN EACH)

9.00 - 9.15 - C-CLM – S. YENICE

Refer to report. Three workshops; 2 symposia; 2 publications (IFCC eNews); 4 submitted (monograph; leadership qualities). To produce webinars from modules by end of December 2018. Two training programmes: leadership; case scenarios. Leadership programme to be accredited by Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemists (CACB). Attendees will each obtain a certificate on completion of the modules. YS and leadership – to work with Pradeep Dabla. Request money generated from workshops held in Durban IFCC WorldLab 2017 to host workshops in 2019. Silvia Cardinale will investigate to see if the income generated in 2017 and be carried forward to 2019.

9.15 – 9.30 – C-CMBC – E. LIANIDOU

Refer to report. Three requests going forward: Bolivia; Malawi; Turkey, one country per year for the next three years. Contract to be signed in advance with the host society. To prepare a paper which is to be written by YS. Currently basic course, planning to have a more advanced course starting 2019 – will need more funding to hold both a basic course and an advanced course each year. The EC requested for presentations for the eAcademy from C-CMBC – Evi replied that there could be 4 presentations. Evi to liaise with Loralie Langman who will decide whether the proposed presentations are suitable for the eAcademy.

9.45 – 10.00 – C-AQ - A. THOMAS

Refer to report. Resource table is a live document and is continually updated. Many presentations to submit to eAcademy – hoping to get 4 done by the end of 2018. Monographs being prepared based on Quality ladder: Basic, intermediate, advanced levels.

10.00 – 10.15 – WG-ICQA – S. VASIKARAN

Refer to report. Sam Vasikaran could not attend for health reasons.

10.15 – 10.30 - C-VPLM – A. ST. JOHN

Refer to report. Writing paper on tools that can be used and will be expanded to workshops. Will contribute to eAcademy.

10.30 – 10.45 - C-IDL – L. LANGMAN

Refer to report. Align curriculum and website. The website for the eAcademy will be totally revamped soon. Sources for talks: VLP, committees and working groups. Necessary to keep information updated and will check for duplication. There needs to be a go-to person – Silvia Colli-Lanzi in the IFCC Office.

Coffee Break : 10.45 -11.15

11.15 -11.30 - C-PT – A. HALIASSOS

Refer to report.

11.30 – 11.45 – C-CKD – F. ALCANTARA

Refer to report. Guidelines on kidney disease required for each country – some are close to completion .The remit of the committee should be broadened to include acute kidney injury. An important goal is to foster collaboration between countries. Falvio agreed to prepare presentations for the eAcademy.

11.45 – 12.00 – WG-GMECC – C. BOWMAN

Refer to report. One more project to complete – likely to get involved with AACC and other organizations. on the working group is preparing a living document but there must be someone to update the document after the orking group concludes at the end of 2019. LL suggested that C-POCT could undertake this task.

Lunch : 12.30- 13.30

Coffee break: 15.30 – 16.00

16.00 – 16.15 - WG-FC – U. SACK

Refer to report

16.15 - 16.30 - C-EBLM – A. ZEMLIN

Refer to report. E lectures to be produced.

17.05 – 17.20 - DQCML – E. AMANN

Refer to report