

Meeting of the 140th Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board, February 27, 2020

Minutes

The 140th Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board was held via Zoom conference call with some members in attendance at the Milan Office.

Participants:

EB Members

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| Maurizio Ferrari | (MF) | President |
| Khosrow Adeli | (KA) | President-Elect |
| David Kinniburgh | (DK) | Secretary |
| Tomris Ozben | (TO) | Treasurer |
| Rolf Hinzmann | (RH) | Corporate Representative (Roche) |

IFCC Regional Federation Representatives

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| Abderrazek Hedhili | (AH) | Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB) |
| Sunil Sethi | (SSE) | Asia-Pacific Fed for Clinical Biochemistry and Lab Med (APFCB) |
| Sverre Sandberg | (SSA) | European Fed of Clin Chem and Lab Med (EFLM) |
| Rosa Sierra-Amor | (RSA) | Latin-American Conf of Clin Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI) |
| Ann Gronowski | (AG) | North American Fed of Clin Chem and Lab Med (NAFCC) |

Apologies

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| Adekunle Bashiru Okesina | (ABO) | African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC) |
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1.0 Preliminaries

1.0 Change to venue

The planned EB meeting at Lake Maggiore was cancelled due to concerns with the COVID 19 outbreak in Italy. It was decided to hold a Zoom conference with MF, KA, TO and PB attending in the Milan office.

1.1.139 Minutes of 139th EB Meeting, Jaipur, India, November 20, 21 and 22, 2020

EB has approved the Full Minutes and the Summary Minutes from the 139th Meeting. The minutes of the 138th EB Meeting, Barcelona, were revised. Section 3.0: "For the Barcelona meeting still 46% were sponsored by industry and most of these were not company employees".

Action List from 139th EB Meeting

The Action List from 139th EB Meeting was reviewed and addressed.

Strategic Plan:

Review of the current IFCC Executive Board Strategic Plan was deferred to the next EB meeting.

KA presented an overview of the proposed strategic plan for the next EB. The new plan will be discussed in detail at a meeting including current and next EB members, possibly in the summer.

2.0 Full Member Societies

2.2 Applications for Full Membership

Laboratory Medicine Association of Georgia was approved as a Full Member

2.3 Withdrawal – Suspended Members:

“*Belarus Society of Clinical Laboratory Diagnosticians – BSCLD*”, suspended as of January 2020

4.0 Affiliate Members

4.4 Annual Dues for Affiliate Memberships

The EB agreed to continue with the current modification to Affiliate dues. We are prepared to respond to individual situations where there is a dramatic change in dues for a particular member. In future we will discuss possible ways to simplify the dues process.

5.0 Regional Organisations

Written reports were provided by SSE and RSA.

Other regional reports and discussion were deferred until the next meeting.

7.0 Committee on Congresses and Conferences (C-CC)

7.2 International Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (ICCCLM) IFCC WorldLab Congresses

New rules for WorldLab 2026 were negotiated with MZ. The EB approved the new agreement.

7.2.24 IFCC WorldLab 2020, Seoul (KR), Seoul, May 24-28, 2020

The EB agreed to investigate the possibility of rescheduling the Seoul congress and all associated meetings until Sept, Oct or Nov of this year, as recommended by the COC. MZ will investigate the availability of congress facilities and determine if the congress can be accommodated in the fall. It was agreed that the decision must be communicated as quickly as possible when all information is available, as corporate sponsors, speakers and delegates need to know as soon as possible. It is understood that sponsors, speakers and delegates may not be able to participate in the fall and the impacts on all parties will need to be addressed. If the congress cannot be moved to the fall, it will be cancelled, creating many more issues to deal with.

7.2.25 IFCC WorldLab 2023, Rome (IT), Rome, May 21-25, 2023

MF, KA and James Wesenberg will sit on the COC, KA will be Chair. Philippe Gillery, Barnali Das and Kostas Makris will represent IFCC on the SPC and Ana-Maria Simundic (EFLM) will be Chair.

7.3.6.15 Arab Federation of Clinical Biology – AFCB

The EFLM/AFCB Laboratory Medicine in Mobile Societies meeting, Tunisia, October 7-9, 2020. IFCC auspices will be requested.

7.9.13 IFCC General Conference:

It was agreed to hold the GC in Europe due to better attendance, lower costs and attractive tax advantages. It was agreed that it would be better to plan for March of 2022. Options for a location will be explored by MZ.

7.40 Other Business

There have been some complaints from Corporate Members regarding the entertainment at the Opening Ceremony in Barcelona. MZ has advised the EB that the entertainment was included in the program sent to the CVS and the congress program was approved. CVS will

be asked to respond in writing to the question of what is acceptable entertainment at a congress.

8.0 Scientific Division (SD)

8.2 SD Committees

The EB approved the following SD positions:

SD-EC: Corporate representative, M Rottmann (Roche)

C-NPU: S. Devaraj (US)

C-MD: Young Scientist, A.F. Vacaflares Salinas (BO)

C-RIDL: Young Scientist, Y. Kataria (US)

C-STFT: V. Raverot (FR)

8.3.35 Standard of Hemoglobin A2 (WG-HbA2)

The Joint Working Group with ISCH was approved via email. The existing WG-HBA2 will continue.

8.3.36 Standard of Carbohydrate-Deficient Transferrin (WG-CDT)

EB asked for more information on request to prepare position paper by WG-CDT.

8.3.43 Standard of Troponin I (WG-TNI)

Philippe to explore if WG-TNI can merge with C-CM.

8.3.51 Commutability (WG-C)

Proposed creation of "WG on Commutability in Metrological Traceability - (WG-CMT)". The EB supports the creation of a new WG, under Greg Miller as Chair.

8.16 International Consortium for Harmonization of Clinical Laboratory Results (ICHCLR)

IFCC ICHCLR Symposium at WorldLab Seoul

This Symposium will be rescheduled with the WorldLab Congress.

8.40. Other Business

The proposal for a Joint WG with ISTH to work on PT/INR was approved via email. WHO has been contacted to identify a member for the WG.

The SD is concerned about the leadership role of IFCC and SD among other organizations involved in standardization and suggests a greater presence for IFCC. The EB approved the additional funds to allow Philippe to participate in a National Metrology meeting in China and a session on IFCC-SD activities at the AACC meeting in Chicago.

A special CCA issue on SD activities is being prepared for 2021.

9.0 Education and Management Division (EMD)

9.2.10 Committee on Internet and Distance Learning (C-DL)

Update on the Pearls of Wisdom translation into Spanish (AG)

The agreement between AACC and IFCC is ready to be signed. The draft agreement with the translation service is nearly completed. The EB agreed to move this project along as soon as possible

10.0 Communications and Publications Division (CPD)

10.40 Other business

EI Microscopio project

Hernan Fares Taie is developing a plan for a Global Radio, including a budget. Funds for EI Microscopio run out this year and EB feels the Global Radio project should be a priority.

12.0 IFCC Awards

12.1 Awards Committee

The list of award winners will be released soon.

13.0 Special Projects and Task Forces

13.1.01 Task Force on Ethics (TF-Ethics)

The training module on Ethics is completed and ready to be posted to the system.

13.1.06 Task Force for Young Scientists (TF-YS)

S. Fares Taie and G. Sancesario were approved as Chair and Co-Chair by email.

15.0 Financial Matters

TO presented the Budget for 2020-2021 and the EB approved.

TO reviewed the current income and expense summary, and the IFCC Investments, and no issues were identified. The 2019 Audit is ongoing.

16.0 Organisational Matters

16.3 Procedures Manual

The review of the Procedures Manual review is awaiting feedback on some issues, but is nearly complete. The Finance Committee role will be taken over by the IFCC Executive. The EB will now only approve the appointment/reappointment of Chairs, for the EC members but not members of the Committees or Working Groups. Annual Report
The Annual report for 2019 will be prepared as per usual deadlines.

16.40 Other business:

The transition of KA to the role of President was discussed but later revised with an email discussion and vote. The EB agreed on the following: Upon ratification by the IFCC Council, Khosrow Adeli will assume the role of IFCC President, effective May 15, 2020, until the end of December 2023. Council will be asked to approve the EB recommendation via an electronic ballot that will occur from April 10th to May 10th, 2020.

The necessary documents will then be registered by our lawyers.

A statement has been added to the on-boarding letter that advises new offices that they must comply with the IFCC policy on conflict of interest, and they are responsible to purchase their own travel medical insurance, but are provided a fixed amount of funds for each expense claim to offset the cost. Further discussion on insurance for the EB will occur a later meeting.

19.0 Meetings

19.1.24 Council Meeting: Seoul, 2020: 24-28 May, 2020.

The Council meeting scheduled for May will be postponed to the rescheduled congress.

19.6 General Conference:

It was agreed to hold the GC in Europe due to better attendance, lower costs and attractive tax advantages. It was agreed that it would be better to plan for March of 2022.

19.80 Executive Board Meetings 2020

The next EB meeting will be arranged as soon as possible, depending on the COVID 19 situation, so members can make plans. Zoom meetings may be planned in the near future to deal with important issues.

Meetings with Divisions' Chairs:

The EB was not able to meet with Philippe to review the SD operations but a Zoom meeting and perhaps a face to face meeting with KA and others will be scheduled when possible. Additional meetings for the EB with Division Chairs will be scheduled as possible.