

142nd Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board April 29, 2020

Minutes

The 142nd Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board was held via Zoom Conference.

Participants:

EB Members

Maurizio Ferrari	(MF)	President
Khosrow Adeli	(KA)	President-Elect
David Kinniburgh	(DK)	Secretary
Tomris Ozben	(TO)	Treasurer
Rolf Hinzmann	(RH)	Corporate Members Representative (Roche)
Adekunle Bashiru Okesina	(ABO)	African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC)
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)

1.0 Preliminaries

1.0 Opening remarks from President

A remembrance for Howard was posted on IFCC Website for the month of April. A remembrance was also published in the enews.

1.1.141 Minutes of 141st EB Zoom meeting of March 31, April 1, 2020

The final approved minutes have been circulated to the EB and posted on the website.

Strategic Plan:

Review and discuss the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan

Activity on the Strategic Plan has been slowed due to the COVID pandemic, and projects will be initiated with an awareness of the IFCC finances. Initial discussions on the EQA project have started. There is optimism that one positive outcome from the COVID pandemic will be increased funding to laboratory medicine, and hopefully greater recognition. One of the new strategic objectives is to encourage studies that demonstrate value of lab medicine. COVID has presented an opportunity to do this.

13.0 Special Projects and Task Forces

13.16 IFCC Task Force on COVID-19

Update on COVID Task Force

A lot of work has been done on the membership for the TF, focusing on those with international expertise, including individuals from Corporate Members and Regional Federations. The TF is very active now. The webpage information is being updated regularly and reference documents are being prepared. An article on lab biosafety is almost ready to be submitted for publication. There is a lot of COVID information being provided by various groups and individuals. However, the role of the IFCC TF is to screen information and provide a consolidated, single source of reliable information, particularly relating to the laboratory. SSE suggested that one potential area of importance for the TF is serology testing. KA and Giuseppe Lippi are making a presentation for the CSCC, including serology testing, and KA will make the slides available to EB. It was suggested that the COVID TF could be converted to focus on emerging Public Health threats in the future.

13.15 Task Force Corporate Members (TF-CM)

Letter to CVS response to Entertainment question

The questions to send to CVS and MedTech Code for Ethical Practice have been drafted and reviewed by the TF-CM. They will be shared with the EB.
Joe Passarelli will join the FEN Board to represent Corporate Members.

7.0 Committee on Congresses and Conferences (C-CC)

7.2.24 IFCC WorldLab 2020, Seoul (KR)

Seoul, January 1-10, 2021

Update on planning for rescheduled Seoul congress

No corporate sponsors have cancelled and 2 new companies have agreed to sponsor. Most speakers have agreed to present and only a few delegates have cancelled their registration. The congress looks promising but we cannot ignore the possibility that there will be a second wave of COVID in the fall or winter that will impact the meeting.

19.0 Meetings

19.80 Executive Board Meetings 2020, 2021:

Face to face meetings:

- AACC Chicago July: cancelled
- Milan area, Oct 2020 – dates to be defined
- Seoul, January 2021:
 - January 10th ½ day pm, after the Congress closing
 - January 11th - 12th full days.

Zoom conference calls planning (last Wednesday of each month, up to 2 hrs):

- April 29
- May 27
- June 24
- July 29
- August 26
- September 30

Meetings for KA and DK with Division Chairs will be scheduled via Zoom

6.0 International and Professional Organisations

6.1 World Health Organisation (WHO)

To receive update from SSA

Nothing to report on IVD activities at this time.

9.0 Education and Management Division (EMD)

9.1 Division Executive Committee

EMD EC proposal for Chair and Vice-Chair.

The EB approved the EMD EC proposal for N. Rifai as Chair and V. Steenkamp as Vice-Chair. DK to advise Leslie.

New Business

TO reported that 2/3 of Corporate Members have not paid their membership dues. The EB agreed to apply the surcharge as previously established.