

143rd Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board May 27, 2020

Minutes

The 143rd Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board was held via Zoom Conference.

Participants:

EB Members

Khosrow Adeli	(KA)	President
Maurizio Ferrari	(MF)	Past-President
David Kinniburgh	(DK)	Secretary
Tomris Ozben	(TO)	Treasurer
Adekunle Bashiru Okesina	(ABO)	African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC)
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

Rolf Hinzmann	(RH)	Corporate Members Representative (Roche)
Abderrazek Hedhili	(AH)	Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB)
Rosa Sierra-Amor	(RSA)	Latin-American Conf of Clin Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI)

1.0 Preliminaries

1.0 Apologies for absence

RH and AH were not able to attend the meeting. RSA encountered internet difficulties and could not stay connected to the meeting.

1.1.142 Minutes of the Zoom meeting of April 29, 2020

The Final and Summary minutes have been circulated.

IFCC Functional Units: Consultation and Meeting Schedule

Zoom meetings have been held with CPD and C-CC (see below). Meetings will be held with the other Divisions and Task Forces in the next month. KA will ask all groups to hold meetings via Zoom this year and next year. KA will review the aspects of the Strategic Plan that relate to each group. Chairs will be asked to raise issues where they have difficulties or need input or assistance from the EB.

Strategic Plan:

The proposed 2020-2023 Strategic Plan will be discussed with the incoming EB and the division chairs/functional units, via Zoom meetings.

There will be wide consultation with IFCC membership via eNews articles over the next few months, with the first article by KA in June 2020.

A special session on the Strategic Plan could be conducted at the Seoul Congress.

13.0 Special Projects and Task Forces

IFCC Task Force on COVID-19

KA reported that the TF is functioning very well with 5 publications accepted or submitted and others in preparation. The weekly update of COVID literature references is very popular and has significantly increased visits to the IFCC Website. KA prepared an Editorial on COVID-19 for June issue of eNews.

13.15 Task Force Corporate Members (TF-CM)

Letters to CVS and MedTech Europe Code regarding Entertainment have been sent.

7.0 Committee on Congresses and Conferences (C-CC)

7.1 Congresses and Conferences Executive Committee

A Zoom meeting was held with J. Wesenberg, Chair C-CC. Minutes will be distributed.

7.2 International Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (ICCLM)

IFCC WorldLab Congresses

The guidelines for WorldLab 2026 are being modified with JW and will be sent out with the Request for Proposal for WorldLab 2026. These will be approved by the EB and distributed as necessary.

7.2.24 IFCC WorldLab 2020, Seoul (KR)

The EB agreed that it was too early to make alternate plans for the Seoul meeting and feel that the meeting should go forward even as a smaller meeting and perhaps as a combined in-person and virtual meeting. Alternate options will be developed so as to be ready if needed. It is too soon to make any final decisions but a decision should be made by September.

Currently WorldLab is held every 3 years and this creates gap years when there is not a major congress. One option would be to hold WorldLab every 2 years or to hold a specialty congress during the gap years.

7.8.1 Congresses with IFCC Auspices

The guidelines for granting auspices were modified to include webinars submitted by corporations. These will be approved by the EB and distributed as necessary.

7.20 Membership

The EB approved J. Wesenberg's recommendation for Paivi Latinin to become the new Chair for C-CC when his term ends in December 2020. J. Wesenberg will be asked to become a consultant for the C-CC for a one year term. No financial support is provided to consultants.

9.0 Education and Management Division (EMD)

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

All of the Pearls of Laboratory Medicine will be translated into Spanish and Rosa is arranging for volunteers to provide the voice over narration.

AH previously inquired if the Pearls could be translated into French. Permission will have to be obtained from AACC. Bernard Gouget was contacted and said that he would provide assistance to accomplish this, if required.

10.0 Communications and Publications Division (CPD)

10.1 CPD Executive Committee

A Zoom meeting was held with T. Pillay, Chair CPD. Minutes will be circulated.

10.40 Other business

An updated proposal with respect to the Global Radio was received from Hernan following discussion with RSA. Discussion on this matter was deferred until RSA can be available.

12.0 IFCC Awards

12.1 Awards Committee

The sponsor (Yashraj Biotechnology Ltd.) has approved the change in the name of the award to the IFCC Howard Morris Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award.

19.0 Meetings

19.80 Executive Board Meetings

An EB meeting in the Milan area or Canada may be held in October 2020, depending on the COVID situation and member's ability to travel safely. It is not possible to identify specific dates at this time.

The EB meeting in Seoul is scheduled for Jan 10, 2021 (1/2 day pm) and Jan 11 and 12 (full days).

16.0 Organisational Matters

16.40 Other business

A letter from Croatia regarding Professional recognition of laboratory professional was received by the IFCC. This matter is not something that the IFCC can comment on and was referred to the EFLM.