



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

# CRITICAL ROLE OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

IFCC GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON COVID-19  
(VIRTUAL PLATFORM)

FEBRUARY 15-17, 2021

IFCC Scientific Symposia will be presented in the morning.  
Afternoon will be mostly dedicated to industry Educational Workshops.

**TIME SCHEDULE: PROGRAMME WILL START AT 08.00 AM, US EASTERN TIME  
(CORRESPONDING TO: 14.00 ROME; 21.00 BEIJING)**

All sessions will be recorded and fully available for registered people.



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

### PLENARY SESSION

Value & Impact of Clinical Laboratories in the COVID-19 Crisis

### IFCC TASKFORCE ON COVID-19 – UPDATED GUIDELINES & FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Update from the IFCC COVID-19 taskforce on their most recent updated guidelines on laboratory biosafety and testing modalities, new initiatives and planned future directions

### CLINICAL LABORATORY EXPERIENCE IN COVID-19 – GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Presentations from representatives of 6 regional federations across the world on their experience in COVID-19 testing and management

### COVID-19 MANAGEMENT – FOCUS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND REGULATION

Presentations from key public health and regulatory authorities (e.g. WHO, CDC, FDA) and panel discussion on COVID-19 management from a public health and regulatory perspective

### TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FLIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Scientific and industry presentations on *in vitro* diagnostics (latest advances in molecular diagnostic assays, serological and antigen assays, and biochemical/hematological testing of hospitalized patients), POCT new advanced therapeutics and vaccine development and planned implementation.

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS (OCCUR CONCURRENTLY)

Invited experts from around the world in key areas of interest. Draft potential sessions include:

- Antigen and Molecular Testing: Supplement or Replacement?
- Serology Testing and Immunity: What's next?
- Encountered Pre-analytical and Analytical issues: What to watch out for
- Role of Biochemical and Hematology testing in novel treatment monitoring
- Pediatric management of SARS-Cov2 viral infection or exposure and multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children
- Laboratory Management and Laboratory Safety
- Analytical and Clinical Validation Methods; Relationship between prevalence and test performance
- Therapeutic drug monitoring (e.g., anticoagulants, antiplatelet agents, etc) and drug interferences
- Point of care or Home testing
- Models for predicting positivity and severity

VIRTUAL NETWORKING  
ONLINE CHAT ROOM





## ABSTRACTS

**ONLINE SYSTEM FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION WILL BE OPENED IN NOVEMBER.  
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR PAPERS: 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

### **YOUNG INVESTIGATOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

Call for submissions for COVID-19 related oral presentations.  
Diverse and high ranking proposals will be selected  
(can be data-driven or content-based)

**VIRTUAL E-POSTER SESSION:** for presentation by IFCC members and young scientists



## REGISTRATIONS

Online registrations will be opened in November, with the following fees

**IFCC NATIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS  
CORPORATE/INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES  
YOUNG SCIENTISTS/TRAINEES (=/ $<$  40 YEARS)**

**€ 100 + 22% ITALIAN VAT  
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FREE OF CHARGE**

Registrations will include the possibility to:

- enter all sessions of the programme (both plenary and parallel)
- ask “live” questions and interact with the speakers
- visit industry virtual booths and attend educational workshops
- get the Certificate of Attendance
- enter the recorded sessions for 12 months after the conference date

## VIRTUAL INDUSTRY EXHIBITS AND WORKSHOPS

Opportunities for both live and recorded exhibits and workshops by corporate members, IVD manufacturers and other member and non-member industry partners.

More information will be sent soon directly to companies’ representatives.