



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 FIGHT 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: 5TH 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	€ 100
CORPORATE/INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES	€ 100
YOUNG SCIENTISTS/TRAINEES (= / < 40 YEARS)	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.