

SUMMARY

111th MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD Coex, Seoul, South Korea Oct 2-3, 2010

Members:		Term and Time of Office	
Dr G Beastall	(GB)	President	1 st 2009 01 – 2011 12
Prof J Hicks	(JH)	Past President	2 nd 2009 01 – 2011 12
Prof C Lam	(CL)	Vice President	1 st 2009 01 – 2011 12
Dr G Shannan	(GS)	Treasurer	2 nd 2009 01 – 2011 12
Mr J Lopez	(JL)	Member	2 nd 2009 01 – 2011 12
Dr B Gouget	(BG)	Member	1 st 2009 01 – 2011 12
Dr T Brinkmann	(TB)	Corporate Rep	1 st 2009 01 – 2011 12

Apologies:

Dr P Laitinen	(PL)	Secretary
Dr U Tuma	(UT)	Member
Mr. Glen Fine	(GF)	CLSI

In attendance:

Ms Janet Smith	(JS)	Chair, EMD
Prof Ellis Jacobs	(EJ)	Chair, CPD
Prof Khosrow Adeli	(KA)	Vice Chair, CPD
Dr Andrew Lyon	(AL)	Website Editor

CONSULTATION WITH FULL MEMBERS

EB reviewed the responses and detailed comments received from 31 Full Members to the consultation on membership and governance arrangements. EB agreed to produce a summary of the consultation responses to be sent to Full Members. Draft proposals for the IFCC Council in Berlin in May 2011 will also be produced.

2. MEMBER SOCIETIES

ANNUAL DUES

EB noted non-payment of annual dues for 2009 by 16 countries. These payments are being pursued by the Treasurer and the IFCC Office.

3. CORPORATE MEMBERS

3.1 CORPORATE MEMBERS

Biocrates (Austria) has become a new Corporate Member.

Olympus and Hitachi have ceased to be Corporate Members.

4. AFFILIATE MEMBERS

4.2. APPLICATIONS

The Philippine Council for Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratories (PCQACL) was accepted as a new Affiliate Member.

5. REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

5.1 APFCB (ASIAN-PACIFIC FEDERATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY)

The Memorandum of Understanding and Working Agreement between the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine and the Asian and Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry has been signed.

5.4. EFCC (EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CHEMISTRY and LABORATORY MEDICINE)

EB DECISION: EB approved the Memorandum of Understanding and Working Relationship between IFCC and EFCC and recommended signing by the Presidents of both organisations. It was noted that the date of implementation would be 1 January 2012.

EB DECISION: EB approved the revised Guidelines and Rules for Organising the IFCC-EFCC EuroMedLab Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, and recommended signing by the Presidents of both organisations. This document would be used in the process of soliciting bids to host EuromedLab 2015.

5.12 AFCCB (ARAB FEDERATION OF CLINICAL BIOLOGY)

The next AFCCB congress will be held in Morocco in 2012.

5.14 AFCC (AFRICAN FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY)

The second AFCC Congress will be held in Mombasa, Kenya from 16-19 September 2011.

Prof Rajiv Erasmus had succeeded Vanessa Steenkamp as President of the South African Society.

6. INTERNATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

6.1 WHO (World Health Organisation)

IFCC President visited WHO Headquarters in Geneva on 31 August and met with Dr Gaby Vercauteren, Coordinator of the Diagnostics and Laboratory Technology Team and the Designated Technical Officer (DTO) within WHO for IFCC. Dr Vercauteren explained the procedures required for a working relationship between WHO and its non-governmental organisations (NGO) according to the document entitled 'Non-governmental Organizations in Official Relations – A Guide'. It was agreed that the WHO-IFCC project for 2010/11 is:

Promoting best practice. In collaboration with WHO, compile, update and utilise examples of best practice to illustrate the added value of laboratory medicine that puts it at the centre of health care. The project will gather evidence of how accurate laboratory results have led to correct medical intervention decision, and thus have in a cost-effective way contributed to quality of life and reduced medical expenses. Time period 2011-2012

This project has now been registered with WHO and a annual progress report from IFCC will be required.

From this discussion it emerged that small amounts of WHO funding may be available to support future joint WHO-IFCC projects.

6.2. CLSI (Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute)

EB DECISION: EB agreed to the content of the revised CLSI-IFCC partnership agreement. IFCC President was empowered to sign this document for IFCC. Once signed the document would become effective immediately and expire on 31 December 2011.

6.13 WASPaLM (World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)

A Memorandum of Understanding between IFCC and WASPaLM has been agreed and signed by the Presidents of both organisations.

6.22 BIPM (Bureau International des Poids et Mesures)

EB DECISION: EB approved via email the nomination of Dr Georges Ferard as the IFCC representative to CCU (Consultative Committee on Units).

6.50. ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation)

A Memorandum of Understanding between IFCC and ILAC has been approved and signed by the Presidents of both organisations.

7. COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSES AND CONFERENCES

7.4.1 ROCHE BERGMEYER CONFERENCE

The 12th Bergmeyer Conference proceedings are available at the IFCC Office. The electronic version of the proceedings, it is also published on the IFCC web site, and may be downloaded by clicking following link: [http://www.ifcc.org/index.asp?cat=Scientific Activities&scat=Proceedings of the 12th Bergmeyer Conference on Novel Biomarkers&rif=4&dove=1](http://www.ifcc.org/index.asp?cat=Scientific%20Activities&scat=Proceedings%20of%20the%2012th%20Bergmeyer%20Conference%20on%20Novel%20Biomarkers&rif=4&dove=1)

ORTHO CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS (OCD) CONFERENCE

The second OCD Conference will be held in Paris on February 25-26 2011. The title of the conference is "Pregnancy Related Disorders: Present Perspectives and Emerging Challenges". The scientific programme is complete and is posted on the IFCC website.

7.8 CONGRESSES WITH IFCC AUSPICES

A list of congresses with IFCC auspices is available on the website.

7.20 MEMBERSHIP

EB DECISION: Tomris Ozben, James Wesenberg and Vanessa Steencamp were appointed into a second term on the Corfu EB meeting. The second term will start on Jan 2011.

8. SCIENTIFIC DIVISION

8.2 COMMITTEES

8.2.21 C-RSE

C-RSE has published two papers:

1) "IFCC reference procedures for measurement of the catalytic concentrations of enzymes: corrigendum, notes and useful advice". Clin Chem Lab Med 2010; 48(5):615-621

2) "Traceability of values for catalytic activity concentration of enzymes: a Certified Reference Material for aspartate transaminase" Clin Chem Lab Med 2010; 48(6), in press

8.3 WORKING GROUPS

8.3.19 WG-HbA_{1c} (Working Group on HbA_{1c})

Garry John (Chair of WG-HbA_{1c}) represented IFCC at a multi-stakeholder meeting at the International Diabetes Federation. Resulting from this meeting the "2010 Consensus Statement on the Worldwide Standardization of the Hemoglobin A_{1c} Measurement". This consensus was devised and endorsed by several international organizations (ADA, EASD, IDF, IFCC and ISPAD). A request has been made for this statement to be published in the following journals:

Annals of Clinical Biochemistry
 Clinical Chemistry
 Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
 Diabetes Care
 Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice
 Diabetologia
 Diabetic Medicine
 Pediatric Diabetes

8.3.33 WG-STFT (Working Group on the Standardisation of Thyroid Function Tests)

The WG-STFT has published three articles in the June 2010 edition of Clinical Chemistry: "Report of the IFCC Working Group for Standardization of Thyroid Function Tests"

- Part 1: Thyroid-Stimulating Hormone
- Part 2: Free Thyroxine and Free Triiodothyronine
- Part 3: Total Thyroxine and Total Triiodothyronine

These articles were accompanied by an editorial and a front page cover picture

8.3.37 **WG-SCC (Working Group on the Standardisation of Cystatin C)**

EB noted with pleasure that the work of the WG-SCC had led to the release of a serum based certified reference material ERM-DA471/

<https://irmm.jrc.ec.europa.eu/rmcatalogue/detailsrmcatalogue.do?referenceMaterial=DA471%2B%2B%2B%2B%2B%2B%2B>

8.20 MEMBERSHIP

EB DECISION: Following the resignation of Mauro Panteghini as Chair of SD the EB endorsed the recommendation of SD for replacement as follows:

Chair	Ian Young (UK)
Vice Chair	Philippe Gillery (FR)

9. EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION

9.2 COMMITTEES

9.2.4 C-CMBC (Committee for Clinical Molecular Biology Curriculum)

EB DECISION: EB confirmed a second term for Michael Neumaier (DE) as Chair and Laura Cremonesi (IT) as member of C-CMBC.

9.2.5 C-AQ (Committee for Analytical Quality)

EB DECISION: EB approved the revised terms of reference for C-AQ and these will be incorporated into the electronic version of the website.

EB DECISION: EB confirmed Janice Gill (AU) and Egon Amman (DE) as co-chairs of C-AQ. EB also confirmed second terms of membership for David Bullock (UK) and Anne Vassault (FR).

9.2.8 C-ECD (Committee for Education and Curriculum Development)

EB DECISION: After detailed discussion EB determined to close C-ECD and to seek to establish a new committee that better meets the needs of the IFCC strategic plan

9.2.9 C-CLM (Committee for Clinical Laboratory Medicine)

EB DECISION: EB confirmed a second term of office for Elizabeth Frank as Chair of C-CLM and for John Krahn as a member of C-CLM. Two vacancies will exist in C-CLM and these will be advertised.

9.3 WORKING GROUPS

9.3.8 WG-LEPS (Working Group on Laboratory Errors and Patient Safety)

39 clinical laboratories, from 19 countries, have been enrolled into the WG-LEPS project looking at quality indicators in the pre-analytical, analytical and post-analytical phases of clinical laboratory processes.

9.3.9 WG-BMS (Working Group on New Bone Marker Standards in Osteoporosis)

The WG-BMS met with representatives of the International Osteoporosis Foundation in Florence in May 2010. The combined IFCC-IOF WG is preparing a paper on the use of bone markers in fracture prediction and/or monitoring therapy, which will include a recommendation on the need for reference standards. The aim is to publish the paper in Osteoporosis International and in CCLM.

9.4.1 IFCC-ABBOTT VISITING LECTURER PROGRAM (VLP)

The VLP continues to provide excellent support to developing countries. Six VLP programmes were approved for 2010 and a further two have been approved for 2011. David Armbruster of Abbott has recently joined the VLP approval team. Abbott have agreed to a further three years of support to the program at the same level as currently (40,000 euros per year).

EB DECISION: EB confirmed a second term for Leslie Lai as Chair of the VLP.

9.20 MEMBERSHIP

EB DECISION: EB approved the EMD recommendations that:

- Leslie Lai (MY) was appointed for a second term as Vice-Chair of EMD and as Chair of the VLP
- Maurizio Ferrari (IT) was appointed for a second term as a member of EMD and then assume the Chair of EMD from January 2012

10. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

10.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EB DECISION: An IFCC Identity System regarding use of the IFCC logo and official typeface/formatting for IFCC documents was approved and recommended to the EB.

EB DECISION: EB approved Bruce Jordan (Roche)as the CPD EC Corporate Rep.

10.2 COMMITTEES

10.2.1 C-PR (Committee on Public Relations)

The C-PR has updated the IFCC promotional brochure and translated it into nine languages. The IFCC Powerpoint presentation has been updated. A new PowerPoint entitled 'Understanding Laboratory Medicine' is being developed for non-professionals, including the general public. A project on the development and distribution of good practice guidelines for IP has commenced. The Regional Federations have all nominated a liaison person for C-PR.

EB DECISION: EB agreed to appoint Susan Matthews (AU) and Loralie Langman (US) for second terms and to seek two new members to fill vacancies.

The Labs Are Vital project has established an advisory board that includes Khosrow Adeli and Susan Matthews from C-PR.

10.3 WORKING GROUPS

10.3.1 WG-eJIFCC (Working Group of the Electronic Journal of IFCC)

EB noted significant improvements to eJIFCC including changes in format, better editorial instructions and an editorial board. The attempt to develop themed issues had been replaced by the inclusion of best practice articles and audits. These improvements had contributed to eJIFCC being one of the most visited areas of the website and will help with the re-application for Medline indexing.

10.3.2 WG IFCC News (Working Group for IFCC News)

EB noted that six issues of IFCC News had been maintained with good content. However, the editor would like to see more opinion, position papers and letters as evidence of active readership. LabMedica International continues to include a hard copy version of IFCC News.

10.3.3 WG-IDL (Working Group on Internet and Distance Learning)

The presentations from the General Conference in Corfu have been placed on the IFCC website.

Siemens-IFCC Distance learning programme. The French and Spanish versions of the distance learning program on B-Natriuretic Peptide (oral lecture with PowerPoint slides) have been released.

10.3.4 WG-IANT (Working Group on Ibero-American Nomenclature and Translations)

A new RIA section on the IFCC website has been introduced.

13. SPECIAL PROJECTS

13.5 PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

EB agreed that some flexibility may be applied to the age criterion in the case of candidates from developing countries; in such cases successful applications should be debited to the developing countries budget line.

New application

EB DECISION: EB approved the application from Jorge Ordonez Llanos (ES) for a new integrated project on the reporting and interpretation of cardiac markers. The project will go forward for consideration at the 2011 budget setting meeting.

Integrated Project Management Group

EB stressed the importance of effective communication between the Chairs of integrated projects and Divisions. This could best be achieved by having a representative from each Division as a member of the integrated project but where this is not feasible or appropriate the Division should be included in the circulation list for communication on the project.

13.11 ROCHE/IFCC TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

IFCC had awarded eleven travel scholarships during 2010.

13.12. TF-ICL (Task Force for International Clinical Liaison)

EB reviewed the results from the first survey of IFCC Full Members entitled 'IFCC and You'. The results showed that IFCC was doing a reasonable job of communicating with

Full Members but there was concern that this information was not being passed to individual membership in national societies. The survey revealed a number of areas where Full Members thought that it would be useful to have internal communication and debate and there was strong support for continuation of the initiative.

13.13 TF-YS (Task Force for Young Scientists)

The TF-YS has established a core group of five young scientists who communicate with one another bi-monthly using Skype. A larger group of young scientists is being formed and communication will employ social networking tools. A survey of IFCC Full Members has been completed to establish the involvement and interests of young scientists in the future of laboratory medicine.

15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

15.1 TREASURER'S REPORT

EB noted that a deficit for 2010 was likely but it would be less than the budget figure because of careful management of individual budgets by Divisions, Committees and Working Groups. There had been some recovery in the value of IFCC investments but the global market was still well below its peak. A decision had been taken to close the Banca Intesa account and to create credit card facilities within the existing Credit Suisse account.

15.7 FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The budget for 2011 would be set at the end of November 2010.

16. ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

16.1 AWARDS COMMITTEE

The 2010 IFCC-Abbott Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics was to be presented to Professor Greg Tsongalis (US) during the opening ceremony of the 12th APCCB in Seoul.

Abbott Diagnostics Division has agreed that the IFCC-Abbott Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics should become a triennial award after 2011. Abbott Diagnostics Division agreed to sponsor the IFCC Award for Distinguished Contribution in Education. Beckman Coulter had agreed to sponsor the IFCC Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award.

A call for nominations for the seven IFCC Awards had been issued with a closing date of 31 October 2010.

16.1 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

A call for nominations of the Executive Board for 2012-2014 was sent on February 15, 2010 to National Societies with a deadline of July 31, 2010 and Corporate Members with a deadline of August 31, 2010. There were no nominations for the post of Secretary and so a second call for nominations for this post was made with a closing date of 30 September, 2010.

16.4. ANNUAL REPORT

The 2009 Annual Report is available on the IFCC website.

16.5. HANDBOOK

The Handbook 2009-2011 is finalized and has been distributed. It is available on the IFCC website

19. MEETINGS

19.1 COUNCIL MEETING

The Council meeting will be held on Sunday on **May 15 2011 at 9.00am**. The meeting agenda includes reports from President, Treasurer, Vice-President, Corporate Representative, Division Chairs, Regional Presidents and the election of the next EB. After a lunch break there will be interactive discussions with the Members.