

**SUMMARY**  
**113th MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**Berlin, Germany May 13-14, 2011**

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

In attendance:

Ms Paola Bramati	(PB)
Mr Glen Fine	(GF)
Dr Barbara Goldsmith	(BGs)
Prof Ellis Jacobs	(EJ)
Dr Khosrow Adeli	(KA)

### 3. CORPORATE MEMBERS

#### 3.1 CORPORATE MEMBERS

Labquality Ltd. is a new Corporate Member.

### 5. REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

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

**EB DECISION:** EB agreed that IFCC will cover the travel and accommodation of the EFCC speakers at EuroMedLab in the same way as all other speakers. Additional accommodation will be charged to EFCC.

### 6. INTERNATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

#### 6.2. CLSI

Glen Fine and Barbara Goldsmith of CLSI attended the EB meeting for the discussion on CLSI-IFCC co-operation. Three major topics were discussed:

1. IFCC should also propose topics.
2. The cost of guidelines.
3. Internationalization

**EB DECISION:** IFCC will encourage the Divisions to promote CLSI projects.

**EB DECISION:** EB agreed to have more communication between IFCC and CLSI.

#### Report on CLSI-IFCC Cooperative Projects

Updated 28 December 2010

1. C28, Defining, Establishing, and Verifying Reference Intervals in the Clinical Laboratory

*Publication date:* November 2008 (C28-A3)  
October 2010 C28-A3c (corrected version)

*IFCC experts:* Ferruccio Ceriotti, MD  
Diagnostica E Ricerca San Raffaele  
20132 MILANO, ITALY

James C. Boyd, MD  
Director of Core Laboratory Automation  
UVA Health System, Department of Pathology  
Charlottesville, VA, U.S.A.

2. C45, Measurement of Free Thyroid Hormones

*Publication date:* October 2004 (Approved)

*IFCC expert:* Linda Thienpont, PhD  
Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry  
University of Ghent  
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Harelbekestraat 72, Ghent B-9000, BELGIUM

3. C48, Application of Biochemical Markers of Bone Turnover in the Assessment and Monitoring of Bone Diseases

*Publication date:* July 2004 (Approved)

*IFCC experts:* Patrick Garnero, Ph.D.  
Scientific Director, Synarc  
11 Rue Guilloud, F-69003 Lyon, FRANCE

Nicholas R. Hoyle, Ph.D.  
Roche Diagnostics GmbH, Department LR-IB  
Nonnewald 2, 82377 Penzberg, GERMANY

Prof. John Graham Ratcliffe  
Carreg Pen-Las, Dinas, Newport, Pembrokeshire SA42 0SD  
UNITED KINGDOM

4. C49, Analysis of Body Fluids in Clinical Chemistry

*Publication date:* April 2007 (Approved)

*IFCC expert:* Andrea Griesmacher, MD  
Inst. of Med. & Chem. Lab. Diagnostics  
University Hospital Innsbruck, Anichstrasse 35, A-6020 Innsbruck  
AUSTRIA

5. C50, Mass Spectrometry in the Clinical Laboratory: General Principles and Guidance

*Publication date:* October 2007 (Approved)

*IFCC experts:* Alan L. Rockwood, PhD  
Scientific Director for Mass Spectrometry  
ARUP Laboratories  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108, U.S.A.

Andrea Urbani, PhD  
Proteomics and Analytical Biochem. Research Unit  
Università Degli Studi Di Chieti E Pescara  
Centro Studi SullInvecchiamento (Ce.SI)  
Via Colle Dell'Ara, Chieti Scalo, 66100, Chieti, ITALY

6. C51, Expression of Measurement Uncertainty in Laboratory Medicine

Project reauthorized February 2008

*Projected publication date:* December 2010 (Proposed-level)

*IFCC experts:* Graham Henderson White, PhD  
Dept. of Medical Biochemistry  
Flinders Medical Centre  
Bedford Park, South Australia SA 5042, AUSTRALIA

Callum George Fraser, PhD, FAACB (Member 9/30/04 – 2/27/06)  
Acute Services Division, NHS  
Ninewells Hospital and Medical School  
Dundee DD1 9SY, Scotland, UNITED KINGDOM

7. C53, Characterization and Qualification of Commutable Reference Materials for Laboratory Medicine

*Publication date:* May 2010 (Approved)

*IFCC expert:* Prof. Dr. Gerhard Schumann (Member)  
Institute of Clinical Chemistry  
Medizinische Hochschule Hannover  
Karl-Neuberg-Strasse , D-30625 Hannover , GERMANY

8. C54, Verification of Comparability of Patient Results Within One Healthcare System  
*Publication date:* May 2008 (Approved)

*IFCC experts:* Ian S. Young, MD, FRCP  
Professor of Medicine  
Queen's University Belfast  
Wellcome Research Laboratories,  
Royal Victoria Hospital, Grosvenor Road,  
Belfast BT12 6BJ, UNITED KINGDOM

Renze Bais, PhD  
Head, Express Laboratory  
Pacific Laboratory Medicine Services  
Royal North Shore Hospital  
Pacific Highway, St. Leonards, Sydney 2065, AUSTRALIA

9. EP17, Protocols for Determination of Limits of Detection and Limits of Quantitation  
*Publication date:* October 2004 (Approved)

*IFCC expert:* Heinz G. Schimmel, PhD  
Scientific Officer  
IRMM, Retieseweg, B-2440 Geel, BELGIUM

10. H56, Body Fluid Analysis for Cellular Composition  
*Publication date:* June 2006 (Approved)

*IFCC expert:* Gregor Rothe, DrMed  
General Manager  
Bremer Zentrum Fuer Laboratoriumsmedizin GmbH  
Oberneulander Landstr. 25, D-28355 Bremen, GERMANY

11. I/LA20, Evaluation Methods and Analytical Performance Characteristics of Immunological Assays for Human IgE Antibodies of Defined Allergen Specificities

(This revision was noted as a joint project; however, the original document I/LA20-A was not a joint CLSI-IFCC project and an IFCC nomination was not received.)

12. I/LA26, Performance of Single Cell Immune Response Assays  
*Publication date:* October 2004 (Approved)

*IFCC expert:* Alberto Orfao de Matos, MD, PhD  
Prof. and Dir. of Cytometry Svcs.  
University of Salamanca  
Avda Mpo Charro S/n, 37007 Salamanca, SPAIN

13. I/LA30, Immunoassay Interference by Endogenous Antibodies  
*Publication date:* February 2008 (Approved)

*IFCC expert:* Steven C. Kazmierczak, PhD, DABCC, FACB

Department of Pathology  
Oregon Health and Science University  
Portland, OR, U.S.A.

14. MM12, Diagnostic Nucleic Acid Microarrays

*Publication date:* May 2006 (Approved)

*IFCC expert:* Maurizio Ferrari, MD  
Department of Laboratory Medicine  
Milan, ITALY

Larry J. Kricka, DPhil  
Dept. of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA,  
U.S.A.

15. MM13, Collection, Transport, Preparation, and Storage of Specimens for Molecular Methods

*Publication date:* December 2005 (Approved)

*IFCC experts:* Christine Mannhalter, PhD  
University of Vienna Medical School  
AKH Wien, Waehringer Guertel 18-20  
1090 Vienna, AUSTRIA

Maurizio Ferrari, MD  
Department of Laboratory Medicine  
Milan, ITALY

16. MM14, Proficiency Testing (External Quality Assessment) for Molecular Methods

*Publication date:* August 2005 (Approved)

*IFCC expert:* Mario Pazzagli, PhD  
Dept. of Clinical Physiopathology  
University of Florence  
Florence, ITALY

17. MM16, Use of External RNA Controls in Gene Expression Assays

*Publication date:* August 2006 (Approved)

*IFCC experts:* Philippe Corbisier, PhD (Member)  
Institute for Reference Materials & Measurements  
European Commission-Joint Research Ctr.  
BELGIUM

Edward W. Khandjian (Observer)  
Head, Molecular Genetics Research Unit  
Research Center, CHUQ  
Quebec City, Canada

18. POCT1, Point-of-Care Connectivity

*Publication date:* July 2006 (POCT1-A2)

*IFCC experts:* IFCC Scientific Division

19. POCT2, Implementation Guide of POCT1 for Healthcare Providers

*Publication date:* May 2008 (Approved)

*IFCC experts:* Andrew St. John (Member)  
ARC Consulting  
Mt. Lawley, AUSTRALIA

Walter Nedetzky (Observer)  
Q- Management & Support, R&D, Near Patient Testing  
Roche Diagnostics GmbH  
Kratkystr. 2, A8020 Graz, AUSTRIA

20. POCT3, Implementation Guide of POCT1 for Manufacturers  
*Projected publication date:* Project did not meet required timelines and was cancelled 31 March 2009.

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Andrew St. John (Observer)  
ARC Consulting  
Mt. Lawley, AUSTRALIA

21. X5-R, Metrological Traceability and Its Implementation

*Publication date:* February 2006 (Report)

*CLSI experts:* Marc Salit, PhD, W. Gregory Miller, PhD, Gary Myers, PhD,

*IFCC experts:* Prof. Mauro Panteghini  
Clinical Chemistry Laboratory I  
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Prof. Dr. Gerhard Schumann  
Institute of Clinical Chemistry  
Medizinische Hochschule Hannover  
D-30625 Hannover, GERMANY

Neil Greenberg, PhD  
Manager, Regulatory Affairs  
Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc.  
Rochester, NY, U.S.A.

Prof. Dr. Lothar Siekmann  
Institute Fur Klinische Biochemie  
University of Bonn  
D-53127 Bonn, Germany

22. POCT6, Method Comparison of Glucose Methodologies  
Project did not meet required timelines and was re-proposed. It was reauthorized 8 October 2008

*Projected publication date:* June 2011 (Proposed level)

*IFCC expert:* Anthony O. Okorodudu, PhD, MBA, DABCC, FACB  
Dept. of Pathology (G-43)

University of Texas Medical Branch  
Galveston, TX, U.S.A.

23. C56, Serum Indices in the Clinical Laboratory  
*Projected publication date:*January 2011 (Proposed level)

*IFCC expert:* Alberto Dolci, MD  
Vice Director, Clinical Chemistry Laboratory  
Hospital "Luigi Sacco"  
Via GB Grassi 74  
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ITALY

24. X5-R, Metrological Traceability and Its Implementation (Report to be revised as a guideline code C59)  
*Projected publication date:*April 2012 (Proposed level)

*IFCC expert:* Prof. Mauro Panteghini  
Dipartimento Di Scienze Cliniche "Luigi Sacco"  
Università Degli Studi Di Milano  
Via G.B.Grassi, 74  
20157 MILANO  
ITALY

25. MM14-A2, Proficiency Testing (External Quality Assessment) for Molecular Methods (revision)  
*Projected publication date:*August 2012

*IFCC expert:* Mario Pazzagli, PhD  
Dept. of Clinical Physiopathology  
University of Florence  
Florence, ITALY

## **7. COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSES AND CONFERENCES**

### **IFCC SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES**

#### **7.4.1 ROCHE BERGMEYER CONFERENCE**

The next Roche Bergmeyer congress will be held in Eibsee, Germany during the first week of March 2012. The topic of the conference will be Vitamin D.

#### **ORTHO CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS (OCD) CONFERENCE**

Sponsorship for the Paris conference has been received. EB needs to consider the scope for future conferences in the series. EB agreed that the commitment needs to be received by the end of 2011. We have to be able to start advertising.

#### **7.8 CONGRESSES WITH IFCC AUSPICES**

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

## **8. SCIENTIFIC DIVISION**

### **8.40 OTHER BUSINESS**

**AACC LED PROJECT ON HARMONIZATION OF METHODS**

**EB DECISION:** IFCC via SD could undertake some of the harmonization projects. SD includes people who are purest in standardization. However, they have to admit that there is a merit in harmonization of methods. The implementation of a few projects could be done via WGs.

**EB DECISION:** IFCC EB is supportive in principle of the harmonization and we like to be involved and continue the discussion. It is a truly international project.

<b>9. EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION</b>
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**EB DECISION:** EB approved the appointment of Dr Ulrich Sack as the Chair of the Working Group for Flow Cytometry (WG-FC) with immediate effect.

### 9.4.1 VISITING LECTURER PROGRAM (VLP)

IFCC-Abbott Visiting Lecturer Programme Applications received for 2011						
Status	Country	Applicant	Period of Lectureship	Speaker/s	Lectures title(s) or topic(s)	Location of the lecture/s
APPLICATION APPROVED (02/03/10)	PHILIPPINES	Leila M. Florento (PAMET)	23-25 March 2011	T. Bradick (AU) J. Smith (UK) E. Frank (IN)	QA workshop	Manila, Philippines
APPLICATION APPROVED (07/12/11)	ARGENTINA	Carlos Navarro Monica Spalvieri (CUBRA)	7-9 April 2011	M. Ferrari (IT)	Molecular Biology	Buenos Aires, Argentina
APPLICATION APPROVED (13/02/11)	ROMANIA	Eugen Carasevici (RAML)	1 or 5 June 2011	P. Laitinen (FI) G. Sypniewska (PL)	Prenatal screening New ap- proach for laboratory diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis	Piatra Neamt, Romania



<b>APPLICATION APPROVED (31/12/10)</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, HONG KONG, CHINA, MACAU</b>	Samuel Vasikaran Endang Hoyaranda	2011-2012 dates to be decided according to the speaker's availability  For Australia confirmed in 2012	G.L. Myers (US)	Markers of CVD	to be finalized
<b>APPLICATION APPROVED (07/04/10)</b>	<b>KENYA</b>	Donald Orinda Angela A. Amayo	26-29 September 2011	J. Hicks (US) D. Young (US) R. Erasmus (ZA)	Quality Assurance in LM Adolescent Health and the Laboratory Laboratory Management	Nigeria, Kenya

## 10. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

### 10.7 Website

The new website will be launched during the summer 2011.

**EB DECISION:** EB approved the appointment of Gabor Kovacs (HU) for the position of the Editor of eJournal.

### 10.40 Other Business

#### **LABS ARE VITAL™: THE NEXT GENERATION**

Abbott intend to re-brand Labs Are Vital™ as 'Analysis in Action™' and change the focus of the programme. This has implications for the support that IFCC has given to Labs Are Vital™.

**EB DECISION:** Unless there is a change of view by Abbott EB decided that IFCC would not support the re-branding of Labs are Vital to Analysis in Action

## 13. SPECIAL PROJECTS

### 13.5 PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

IFCC-Professional Scientific Exchange Programme (PSEP)  
Applications received for 2011

Status	Country of the applicant	Applicant	Period accepted	Monthly allowance	Hosting Laboratory
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APPLICATION APPROVED (04/04/11)	NIGERIA	Mabel Charles-Davies	3 months 12/01/11 - 11/04/11  (original request: 6 months)	CHF 1.250,00	University Vita-Salute, H.S. Raffaele, Milan, ITALY Prof. M. Ferarri
APPLICATION APPROVED (29/03/11)	SPAIN	Eduardo Martinez Morillo	3 months 19/01/11 - 18/04/11  (original request: 6 months)	CHF 1.250,00	Advance Center for the Detection of Cancer, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, CANADA Prof. Eleftherios Diamandis
APPLICATION APPROVED (20/04/11)	INDIA	Harsh Vardhan Singh	2 months 01/07/11 - 31/08/11  (original request: 2 months)	CHF 1.500,00	Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University Hospital Midtown Atlanta, USA Prof. J. Ross Molinaro

**EB DECISION:** EB decided to revise the guidelines of PSEP.

### 13.11 ROCHE/IFCC TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

The EMD has funded ten scholarships for the Berlin Congress from its Developing Quality Management in Clinical Laboratories budget. A meeting of scholarship recipients will be held on the IFCC booth:

Yu Jun Feng from China  
Gebregzabher Endale Hadgu from Ethiopia  
Aqel Amin Abdelfattah from Jordan – unable to get VISA  
Saafi Waode Nurfina from Indonesia  
Yadav Binod Kumar from Nepal  
Popoola Omalara Olotusin from Nigeria  
Flores Giubi Maria Eugenia from Paraguay  
Zaged Ashraf Rashad from Palestine  
Daye George from Syria  
Barnali Das from India

### 16.3. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

A slate of EB candidates as follows will go to Council for the election process:

#### IFCC Executive Board 2012-2014 - Nominations Slate

Positions	Nominees	National Society
President	Graham Beastall	UK
Vice-President	Howard Morris	Australia

<b>Treasurer</b>	Bernard Gouget	France
<b>Secretary</b>	Renze Bais Sergio Bernardini	Australia Italy
<b>Members</b> [ Three positions]	Emmanuel O. Agbedana Layachi Chabraoui Larry Kricka Leslie Lai Michael Mayer Vanessa Steenkamp Ulisses Tuma	Nigeria Morocco USA Malaysia Israel South Africa Brazil

#### 16.4. ANNUAL REPORT

The 2010 Full Annual Report 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, and the election of the next EB.