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# ACBICON 2014

## 41st National Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India

(Under the aegis of Clinical Biochemists of India and Rajasthan Society for ACBI)

### *Invitation*

Dear Colleague,

The Organizing Committee feels extremely proud and privileged in extending a hearty invitation to attend the 41st National Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (**ACBICON 2014**) being organized at Department of Biochemistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur under the aegis of Clinical Biochemists of India and Rajasthan Society for ACBI from 10th to 13th December 2014.

ACBICON 2014 assures you an excellent opportunity to interact on various topics and latest trends in biochemistry, clinical medicine, molecular biology, Immunology and other allied field including management and quality lab practice, recent advances in laboratory medicine, molecular basis of diagnostics and recent advances in malignancies, cardiovascular disease, environmental biochemistry etc. We ensure that the deliberations during the conference will help you improve your laboratory practice and approach to advanced teaching as well as research.

Jodhpur is a heritage city and feast of recreational activities comprising of folk music, dance, food, art and handicraft. Jodhpur has always been a seat of cultural heritage and learning from time immemorial. There is so much to see. the majestic Mehrangarh Fort & Ummed Bhawan Palace and sightseeing have also been planned. We assure that your kids and spouse will enjoy the most.

Not only will this be an unforgettable professional experience but we the organizers, will try to make it an event such as you never witnessed or attended before.

As December is the peak tourist month, arrangements for accommodation have to be made well in advance. We therefore request you to send your willingness to participate in the conference.

Come prepared to mix academics with pleasure and be pampered in true Maharaja style.



**Prof. Sanjeev Misra**  
Patron, ACBICON 2014  
Director & CEO  
AIIMS, Jodhpur



**Prof. Praveen Sharma**  
Organising Secretary  
Professor & Head  
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the views of the respective authors.



Dear members,  
Greetings.

We bring you the September issue of the ACBI News Bulletin. It has been the editorial boards endeavor to keep you abreast of all the activities of your association.

First and foremost is the Annual national Conference of ACBI which is being held in Jodhpur from 10th to 13th December 2014 at AIIMS, Jodhpur. Dr Praveen Sharma, the organizing secretary has lined up a wide variety of scientific programs for you.

Promotion of scientific activities has always been our foremost priority and with this in mind, your association had instituted Travel Awards & Bursary to enable Young delegates to travel & present their scientific work at the ACBI National Conferences. Unfortunately, these awards go a begging at every conference. We had many scientific activities by different branches and zones, but still it is inadequate. Could somebody give us an idea as to how to stimulate our members in other states?

Looking forward to meeting you all in Jodhpur.

*Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha*

GENERAL SECRETARY & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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## Notice for ACBI Meeting

Meeting	Date & Time	Venue
Editorial Board of IJCB Meeting & other Sub Committee meetings	December 10, 2014 4.00 to 5.00 pm	AIIMS Jodhpur (Rajasthan)
Pre GB Executive Council meeting	December 10, 2014 5.00 to 8.00 pm	
General Body Meeting	December 12, 2014 6.00 to 8.00 pm	
Post GB Executive Council meeting	December 13, 2014 10:00 am	

**Note :** The date & timings of the General Body Meeting & Post General Body Executive Council meeting may change as per conference programme and will be communicated to all members.

**Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha**  
General Secretary, ACBI

## NOTICE

All members are requested to view ACBI website ([www.acbindia.org](http://www.acbindia.org)) to check their name and address in Directory of members. If your name does not appear in the Directory, or there is error or discrepancy, please download the Correction Form from the site and send it by email to Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Sinha, Secretary, ACBI, at [kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in) or post it to BIOCHEM-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna-800 001.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE IFCC PRESIDENT



# LABS ARE VITAL™

To: **IFCC Full and Affiliate Members**  
**Presidents of IFCC Regional Federations**

Dear Colleague,

**Labs Are Vital** is “still” changing and we “still” want you to be involved.

We are pleased to tell you that the Labs Are Vital Members Board, with representatives from IFCC, WASPaLM (World Association of Societies of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine), ASCP (American Society of Clinical Pathology) and IFBLS (International Federation for Biomedical Laboratory Science), has successfully transitioned the program to one driven and managed by a consortium of global professional bodies.

We all stand by the original goals for the program, and are committed to making Labs Are Vital a powerful voice in support of the essential contribution laboratory medicine makes to our healthcare system.

The success of the new **Labs Are Vital** program depends on active engagement from large numbers of individual laboratory medicine specialists. Over sixty blogs have been posted on the **Labs Are Vital** website, [www.labsarevital.com](http://www.labsarevital.com), on topics ranging from evidence of clinical value of lab and disease state management to patient safety and professional development. There are also LRV Facebook and Twitter accounts. We are seeking to expand involvement and invite you to help by promoting **Labs Are Vital** through your society. (Please consider publishing this letter in your societies’ website and/or newsletter to further help promote the Labs are Vital program.)

Individual specialists are actively encouraged to register on the new program website at [www.labsarevital.com](http://www.labsarevital.com) to:

- Post blogs and start discussions
- Comment on stories
- Share your own experiences and contribute to our online toolbox

As an IFCC Member society, you are encouraged to provide a link to [www.labsarevital.com](http://www.labsarevital.com) on your society website. Your society, or regional federation, is also invited to consider becoming an Affiliate Member of Labs Are Vital, which provides the opportunity to have a community page on the LRV website, in your native language, which can contain subject matter of unique interest to your area of the world.

Please contact Ellis Jacobs ([labsarevital.org](http://labsarevital.org)) for further information about becoming an Affiliate Member.

By working together, we can continue to spread the message that **Labs Are Vital**.

**Graham Beastall**  
IFCC President

**Ellis Jacobs**  
IFCC Representative on **Labs Are Vital** Board

# ACBI Election Notice

## Call for Nominations to fill up vacancies in Executive Council of ACBI, 2015

Position	Number of Vacancies
1. Vice President	One
2. Zonal EC Members <i>One from each zone North, South, East, West &amp; Central zone</i>	Five
3. State Representatives	All the States

Duly filled nominations for the above posts are invited from the eligible members duly proposed and seconded by the Members of the Association. Nominations may please be submitted to the President, ACBI in the format given below to :

**Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharya**, MD, FACBI

Principal

Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital

New Delhi - 110 029. India

**The Last date for receiving the Nominations: 15th October, 2014**

**The Last date for withdrawal of Nominations: 20th November, 2014**

**Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha**

General Secretary, ACBI

## REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS POSTS

**Vice President-II** : A candidate for this posts should be a life member of at least 10 years standing and have attended at least 7 Annual Conferences of the Association. He/she should be holding a senior post in his/her work place or has been doing clinical biochemistry for the last 15 years. Candidates should not hold any bias against medical/non-medical members or bias against any one. He/she have shown aptitude for working for the association by taking up some responsibilities of the Association in the past.

**Zonal Council Members: Five Executive Zonal Members**: Executive Zonal members from different zones shall be elected by members of respective zones or by General Body, if zonal members fails to elect any one. Their term shall be of one year and they can be re-elected continuously 2 times more on being satisfied by his/ her performance and on filing of nomination each year.

[Background Note : **Zonal Branch**: ACBI would encourage formation of five zonal branches divided broadly on the basis of Government categorization representing **East, West, North, South** and **Central zones** to promote scientific activities.

The **Northern Zone** comprising the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Union Territory of Chandigarh;

The **Central Zone**, comprising the States of Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

The **Eastern Zone**, comprising the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Sikkim, West Bengal and North-Eastern states;

The **Western Zone**, comprising the States of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and the Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli;

The **Southern Zone**, comprising the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

One executive member will be elected by Zone members or and if no name comes from zones then they will be elected from each zone in the General Body Meeting. Such zonal executive member shall act as Secretary of the Zone and will be responsible for holding scientific meetings in the zone. One zonal conference should be held every 2 or 3 years.]

**State Representative** should be a life member who has attended ACBI Annual conferences regularly in the last 5 years and is fairly active in Association activities.

## Format of the Nomination Form for Positions in Executive Council

I, .....  
propose the name of Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms. ....  
bearing Membership No. .... for the post of .....

PLACE : .....

SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: .....

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: .....

I, .....  
second the proposal.

PLACE : .....

SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: .....

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: .....

I, .....  
accord my consent to the proposal.

PLACE : .....

SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: .....

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: .....

**Please attach photocopy of ACBI Member ID card & required number of Conference Attendance certificate along with application to support your nomination.**

## ACBI BENEVOLENT FUND : AN APPEAL

The Executive Council and GB were concerned to know the fact that one of our very senior members is suffering due to lack of money for his treatment and upkeep. For such situation many organizations have created 'Benevolent' fund to assist their members in dire need. We should also have compassion when any of our members are in need of help. Therefore the G.B. has decided to create a Fund to help our needy members and has sanctioned Rs. 50,000 from ACBI account for this fund. The IJCB Board has also decided to contribute Rs. 25,000. Many members have agreed to send money for the fund. Dr. B.C. Harinath has contributed Rs. 17000 which includes the money he got as recipient of ACBI-A.J. Thakur award for Distinguished Clinical Biochemist. Some have sent Rs. 1000 / 2000 /3000 as their contribution.

I solicit your support and **appeal** you to send money for this noble work as much as you like. The money be sent to the Treasurer, Association of clinical Biochemists of India, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna - 800001 by bank draft in the name of "ACBI Benevolent Fund" payable at Patna. The names of Donors are published in News Bulletin.

**Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharya**, PRESIDENT



### List of Donors to ACBI-Benevolent Fund : As on 15.03.2014

1. Association of Clinical Biochemists of India	₹ 50,000.00
2. Dr. B.C. Harinath, Prof. & Director, JBTDRC Centre, Wardha	₹ 16,000.00
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20. Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh, Delhi	₹ 10,000.00
21. Dr. M.B. Rao, Mumbai	₹ 2,000.00
22. IJCB	₹ 25,000.00



# Branch Reports

## □ ACBI Kerla Branch

### National Conference-cum-Workshop on Advances in Clinical Research



**National Conference-cum-Workshop on Advances in Clinical Research : Lighting of the Inaugural Lamp**

The ACBI Kerala Chapter in association with Society of Clinical Chemists of Kerala (SCCK) along with the Research and Development department of MES Medical College, Perinthalmanna had organized a two day seminar cum workshop on 9th and 10th of August 2014 at the MES Medical College Auditorium, Perinthalmanna, Kerala. The conference was sponsored by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment. The seminar was organized in connection with the inaugural ceremony of the new central research Lab of the Research and Development department of MES Medical College. Dr Jithesh.T.K, the coordinator of R&D Dept was the convener of the seminar.

Dr T. Vijayakumar, joint secretary of ACBI presided the inaugural function and Dr Ipe Varghese, Registrar Kerala University of Health Sciences inaugurated the function. Dr DM Vasudevan, past president of ACBI was the chief guest and delivered the key note address. The Proceedings of the conference was released by Dr Sadasivan Pillai, Dean, MES Medical College by handing over a copy to Dr Mujeeb Rahman, Medical suptd. of MES Medical College Hospital. The seminar was facilitated by Dr Padmaja Hari, Assoc Professor of MES

Medical College; Mr. Lukman, Administrator, MES Hospital and Mr. Mirshad, Assistant coordinator of MES Central Research Laboratory. Dr. George Abraham, the Kerala representative of ACBI & Secretary of SCCK welcomed the guests and Dr Jithesh.T.K, Coordinator. Central research Lab, MES Medical College delivered the vote of thanks.

The workshop and seminar was attended by more than 250 junior and middle level faculty members, researchers, scientists, laboratory personals and post graduates from Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Pondicherry, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. The work shop gave in depth training in Karyotyping, FISH, Film array and PCR techniques. The invited speakers gave talks on Advances in clinical research (Dr DM Vasudevan), ethics and institutional ethics committee (Dr Vijayakumar), Research tools (Riju Mathew), Saliva the research tool for future (Dr. ShivaShanker), Advances in hematology analyzers ( Joe baby), Implanting pancreatic islet cells (Dr. Gunashekar), Clinical Trials current scenario (Dr. Rasheed).

More than 50 papers were received. 40 papers were selected for presentation at the conference. Dr Jithesh, Coordinator, Central Research Lab MES Medical college, Perinthalmanna and Dr. R. Manikkumar, CEO, Sankar's Health care Alleppey received the SCCK's awards for the best publication for the year 2013-14. The first prize for the best scientific paper presented was shared for



**Dr. Ipe Varghese, Registrar, Kerala University of Health Sciences delivering his inaugural address**



**Some glimpses of Conference-cum-Workshop held in MES Medical College, Perinthalmanna**

“Development of molecular diagnostic procedure to detect inherited disorders using TP PCR” by Mohthash Musambil of MES Medical College, Kerala and “Arterial stiffness and extent of DNA damage in cardio metabolic syndrome” by Jiju S., Research Scholar, Maher University, Chennai. The second prize was shared by Tullanithi. K.M. of Vivekanandha Dental College for Women, Thiruchengode, Tamilnadu for her scientific work titled “Study of Selenium and Glutathione peroxidase in hypothyroidism” and by Sharmila K. of Jubilee Mission Medical College, Trichur, Kerala, for her work titled “Hormonal and Cytogenetic Studies on Children suspected with Turner Syndrome”. The third prize was awarded to Jisha P of School of Health Sciences, Thalassery Campus, Kannur University, Kerala for her work titled “Chromosome Anomalies in Couples with Recurrent Pregnancy Loss”. The best student paper was awarded to Hisana AM of Pushpagiri Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre Thiruvalla, Kerala for their work titled “Myeloperoxidase/ Paraoxonase-1 (MPO/PON1) Ratio in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome”.

The awards were distributed in the valedictory function by Dr. Vasudevan, Past President ACBI. The delegates and the invited speakers appreciated the program and stressed the need for similar program in future.

## □ ACBI Madhya Pradesh Branch CME on Clinical Research Methodology

ACBI Madhya Pradesh (M.P) chapter conducted one day CME on 14 August 2014 at Deptt. of Biochemistry Gajra Raja Medical College Gwalior on clinical research methodology. The programme was presided by Dr. Sanjeev Singh, Member Central Zone ACBI where Life members and almost 30 delegates participated in the meet. Dr. P.D. Sarkar, Professor and Head and life member ACBI from M.G.M. Medical College, Indore delivered the lecture on Research Methodology. Dr. Neelima Singh past president ACBI and Professor and Head at Department of Biochemistry, G.R. Medical College, Gwalior addressed the gathering about the recent trends in clinical methodology and research paper writing. Dr. Sanjeev Singh encouraged PG students and research scholars for their participation in different ACBI activities and annual conferences. The CME was also attended by Dr. Brijesh Rathore U.P state representative ACBI and members of ACBI. Certificates and Mementos to speakers and participants were distributed by Dr. Neelima Singh and Dr. Sanjeev Singh.



The CME concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Vishal Bhargava M.P state representative to everyone for their generous participation.

## ❑ ACBI Uttar Pradesh Branch

### Scientific Meet at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur



**The Scientific Meet in progress**

A scientific meet was held on 1st Sept. 2014 at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur. The meet was organised by the Uttar Pradesh ACBI representative Dr. Brijesh Rathore. The welcome address was given by Prof. S.P. Saxena, Ex-Head, Deptt. of Biochemistry, BRD Medical College (senior ACBI life member). He introduced the ACBI to the gathering. He also emphasised on ACBI membership and request to the faculty members and staff of the college. Further Dr Brijesh Rathore, Asstt. Professor, Era's Lucknow Medical College, Lucknow



**Scientific Meet Group Photo (from L to R) : Dr. Satya Prakash, Dr. Kaleem Ahmad, Dr. Brijesh Rathore, Dr. Anand Mishra, Prof. S.P. Saxena (sitting), Dr. Rajkumar and Dr. Vinay**

(Uttar Pradesh ACBI representative) updated about the UP-ACBI activities and requested other ACBI members to organise CME and symposium at different Medical College of UP. Dr. Kaleem Ahmad, King George Medical University, Lucknow briefed about the ACBI and biochemistry research status in UP east zone. Dr Anand Mishra, SRMS Medical College, Bareilly elaborated the promotion and expansion of ACBI in UP west zone. Dr Rajkumar, InCharge, Dept of Biochemistry, BRD Medical College, explained about the ongoing research activities at the department. Dr Satya Prakash presented the vote of thanks to all, at the end of meeting. During this scientific meet, all the faculty members, staff and MBBS students were present.

## ❑ ACBI Rajasthan Branch

### National Symposium on Lead Awareness and Sensitization Program

The Department of Biochemistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur is designated North Western Lead Referral centre by National Referral Centre for Lead Projects in India (NRCLPI) with Dr Praveen Sharma (Head, Department of Biochemistry) as the Director Lead Referral Centre North Western region, NRCLPI, Jodhpur.

First Lead Awareness programme was conducted by the department for school teachers of Jodhpur region on 16th July 2014 at AIIMS Jodhpur for sensitization of the community. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sanjeev Misra Director, AIIMS Jodhpur and welcome address was delivered by Dr Praveen Sharma.

The programme was organized jointly by NRCLPI and ACBI, Rajasthan Chapter to create awareness in school



**The Symposium being inaugurated**



teachers as they are the ambassadors to the society to spread the message regarding Lead and its adverse effects on human health. In all 76 school, teachers from private and government setup representing different nodal areas of Jodhpur along with members of Raj. Education Department, members of Rajasthan Pollution Control Board, faculty members and students

amongst others participated in the programme.

The highlight of the day were talks delivered by the guest speakers Prof. Thuppil Venkatesh, Emeritus Professor, St. Johns Medical College, Bangalore, Prof. N. Shashidhara, Principal advisor NRCLPI and Dr. Praveen Sharma, who generated awareness amongst the audience about Lead and its application in our everyday life, health hazards of Lead poisoning (Children & adults), measurement of Blood Lead level (BLL) and treatment strategies adopted for prevention of Lead poisoning.

The session ended with an interactive question-answer session. The teachers from different parts of Jodhpur were provided with educational material and certificate of participation as **LeadER** who would lead this mission of lead awareness in the society as Lead is a cumulative toxicant that affects multiple body systems and is particularly harmful to young children.

—Report by **Dr. Dharamveer Yadav**, Secretary, ACBI, Rajasthan Chapter and ACBI, State Representative)

## *Mark Your Calendars*

### **International Society for Enzymology ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015**

Dear Collogues,

Following the successful International Society for Enzymology Annual Conference 2014 in the island of KOS, Greece, we are now announcing the next ISE Annual Conference 2015. The conference will take place in the beautiful island of Corfu, Greece, between the dates Monday June 29-Wednesday July 1, 2015. As usual, the guiding principles of this Annual Conference are: Top science related to all aspects of laboratory medicine, in a wonderful location, with a limited number of participants. As last year, the meeting will be restricted to a maximum of 50 registrants, on a first-come-first served basis. All participants will be responsible for their expenses and will be invited to present on a topic of their choice, if they prefer.

At this point, we would like to hear if you are interested to participate, so that we can reserve a spot for you. Future announcements will provide more details related to the conference. The registration fee will be U.S \$300 and will include one dinner for the participant and his/her spouse. Spouses will be registered for free.

Please respond by email at your earliest convenience at: [ediamandis@mtsinai.on.ca](mailto:ediamandis@mtsinai.on.ca)

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

**The Organizers:**

**Dr. Daniel Chan**, ISE PRESIDENT • **Dr. E.P. Diamandis**, ISE PAST PRESIDENT • **Dr. A Scorilas**, CHAIR, LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

## Call for Proposal to host 43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ACBI, 2016

The proposal to host 43rd Annual conference of ACBI in 2016 should reach the Secretariat latest by 15th November 2014. Please contact Secretary ([kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in)) or visit [www.acbindia.org](http://www.acbindia.org) for rules and format of application.

**Note:** The proposal for the 42nd Annual Conference for 2015 submitted by Dr. R. Selvakumar, Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, CMC, Vellore (Tamil Nadu), was accepted by 40th General Body Meet at New Delhi, subject to re-affirmation by Dr. R. Selvakumar. In case he does not reaffirm, then the General Body will decide from the available proposals satisfying all requirements. Therefore, if anybody wants to propose for this conference, then they should send their proposal by 15th November 2014 to the General Secretary.

**NOTE : Organizing Secretary:** The Organizing Secretary should be a Life member of ACBI of at least 15 years standing as member and must be in a senior position in the profession having practiced Clinical Biochemistry/teaching Biochemistry to medical students for at least 15 years. He/ she should have been regularly attending ACBI conferences and has attended at least 10 conferences. He / She should have shown leadership qualities as evidenced by active participation in activities of ACBI either at state or at national level, organizations of scientific meetings and influenced at least 10 biochemists for enrollment as member of ACBI. He/She is held in high esteem by members of the Association.

## INVITATION TO CORPORATE MEMBERS FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTICLES

The corporate members are invited to send articles on current and future trends in instrumentation and testing techniques in Laboratory Medicine for publication in News Bulletin.

The articles can directly be sent to Executive Editor, ACBI News Bulletin, Dr. K.R. Prasad at : [k\\_ranjan@msn.com](mailto:k_ranjan@msn.com), [pat\\_krpd@dataone.in](mailto:pat_krpd@dataone.in). The articles can directly be sent to

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## INVITATION TO MEMBERS FOR CASE HISTORIES

Members are invited to send Case History with Biochemical Investigations of Interesting cases or cases with unusual presentations. Your experience will help others. Please share it with us on ACBI News Bulletin.

Please send your write up to Dr. Shyamali Pal at : [shy23\\_pal@yahoo.co.in](mailto:shy23_pal@yahoo.co.in).



# ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA

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13. Publications, if any : ..... **Please attach a list giving details of publications.**

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15. Any other relevant information (brief): **(on separate page)**

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## UNDERTAKING BY THE APPLICANT

I have gone through the bylaws of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India. If admitted as a member, I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the association.

Place .....

Date

Signature of the Applicant

## Recommendation by a Member of ACBI (This is essential)

I have verified the information given in this application that are true to the best of my knowledge. He/She fulfils eligibility requirement for becoming a member of ACBI. I recommend that ..... be accorded the membership of the ACBI.

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More information as well as the option to register online can be found on our website <http://www.aacb.asn.au/eventsinfo/aacb-52nd-annual-scientific-conference>.

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# IFCC PROGRAMMES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

This is designed to assist developing countries in understanding the programmes that are available for Member associations and their individual members. It serves as an interpretation of the **Developing Quality Competence in Medical Laboratories (DQCML) programme**.

One of the goals of IFCC is to help improve the quality of Clinical Laboratory testing and management, with the ultimate goal of assisting laboratories to achieve accreditation.

IFCC recognizes that the extent and quality of laboratory testing in many developing countries lags behind what is accepted as needed in advanced countries. In many developed countries it is stated, although without scientific proof, that 50-70% of medical decisions are based on laboratory test results. This underlying importance of laboratory testing is a primary reason why IFCC, within the limits of its resources, is determined to assist the progressive evolution of laboratory testing in developing countries.

This provides a list of IFCC programmes available for developing countries which will make it easier for scientists to assess information in a way that will not cause them a financial burden. We hope that you will benefit from this list of programmes.

## 1. Visiting Lecturer Programme (VLP)

This programme supports international cooperation in educational activities through funding of lectureships on professional, educational and managerial topics. Full Member or Affiliate Member associations are invited to apply for a Visiting Lecturer on a specific subject and/or request a lecturer who can give lectures at various institutions.

**Speakers Bureau:** a list of experts and recommended speakers as well as the topic of expertise can be accessed on the IFCC website.

**Distance learning:** a list of presentations on various topics are available on the IFCC website.

## 2. Professional Scientific Exchange Programme (PSEP) and Professional Management Exchange Programme (PMEP)

The purpose of the programme is to provide participants

with advanced scientific information or skills. Applications for a PSEP may come from any Full Member or Affiliate Member associations.

Examples of suitable PSEP projects include (but are not restricted to):

- Conduct of a collaborative research project between base and host laboratories;
- Use of a method or technique not available in the base laboratory in order to complete a research project;
- Learning a new method or technique in the host laboratory which will be introduced into the base laboratory after the PSEP is complete;
- Completion of a collaborative evidence-based scientific project such as the preparation of a systematic review.

The purpose of a PMEP is to develop appropriate quality management skills in order to improve the performance and quality of service offered to patients by the base laboratory.

Applications for a PMEP may only come from IFCC Full Member or Affiliate Member associations that are in countries where quality management and/or laboratory accreditation are at an early stage of development.

Examples of PMEP include:

- Acquiring skills to introduce effective internal quality control;
- Acquiring skills to introduce an external quality assurance scheme to a country;
- Acquiring skills to introduce quality management to the base laboratory;
- Preparation to enable the base laboratory to apply for laboratory accreditation in line with ISO Standard 15189.

The host laboratory for a PMEP will normally be in the same IFCC Region as the applicant.

## 3. IFCC-Roche Travel Scholarships

IFCC-Roche travel scholarships are available to allow young scientists from developing countries to participate in relevant international scientific congresses and conferences. Applicants should be working in a developing country and should be less than 40 years of age on 1 January of the year in which the congress or conference

occurs. Priority will be given to applicants who have submitted an abstract to the meeting.

Each year IFCC promotes the scheme and lists some IFCC meetings that do qualify, but this list is not all inclusive. It is a condition of the scheme that the congress or conference should take place in a country other than that in which the applicant works.

The IFCC-Roche travel scholarship will provide funding towards the cost of economy travel and accommodation. IFCC will seek to ensure that scholarship recipients receive free registration for the congress or conference that they attend.

#### 4. Mentoring Programme

IFCC has recently developed a programme to make readily available to laboratory directors in developing countries the expertise and knowledge of a select group of laboratory directors from developed countries. A pool of Mentors, who are well respected experienced laboratory directors, has been created and will be expanded as the programme evolves. IFCC is seeking up-and-coming laboratory directors from developing countries, initially

from Africa alone, who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to tap into the knowledge of these experts in a one-to-one relationship. IFCC envisages the programme as one of creating close professional relationships based on a shared goal of improving the quality of laboratory services. The programme will be conducted via the Internet, supplemented by the use of Skype where available to participants.

This programme will initially take place in Africa and depending on its success be instituted in developing countries in other continents. The thrust of the programme is for a laboratory director (or associate as he/she is described in the Mentoring Programme) in Africa to ask his/her mentor any question pertinent to laboratory management or operation or test result or career development. The mentor has the obligation of providing an appropriate answer, either from his/her personal knowledge or the input from an expert colleague. The programme director will try to match the interests of an associate with the primary interests of an appropriate mentor. IFCC expects the programme to be fully operational in 2014.

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