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**International Federation of
Clinical Chemistry
and Laboratory Medicine**



serving laboratory medicine worldwide

Founded in 1952 as the International Association of Clinical Biochemists, daughter of IUPAC, and renamed the IFCC in 1955, the IFCC serves the public interest in healthcare by providing worldwide leadership in clinical laboratory science to professional societies, the diagnostic industry, governments and non-governmental organisations.

The vision of IFCC is to develop integrated projects, to improve communications, to assist developing countries in achieving high analytical quality, to foster educational activities around the world and to focus actively on areas other than Clinical Chemistry.



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The IFCC comprises 90 National Societies, and is associated with 6 Regional Federations: the Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB), the Latin-American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI), the Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (APFCB), the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM), the African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC) and the North American Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (NAFCC); 49 Corporate Members and 8 Affiliate Members representing 45,000 laboratory medicine specialists world-wide.

The mission of the IFCC

Our mission is to enhance the scientific level and the quality of diagnosis and therapy for patients throughout the world by assuming leadership and innovation in science and education, and by building on the professionalism of our members to provide quality services to patients.

The overall objectives of the IFCC are:

- To complement and enhance the activities of its members;
- To transcend the boundaries of a single nation or a single corporation, or a geographical, cultural or linguistic group of nations in developing the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine;
- To provide a forum for standardisation and traceability, in the broadest sense, at a high level;
- To disseminate information on “best practice” at various levels of technology and economic development;
- To promote a vision of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine that extends beyond traditional perceptions of the field.

Our mission is to be the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide.

We will aim to communicate effectively with our members, other healthcare providers and the public through a variety of electronic media to ensure knowledge of our excellent scientific and educational achievements. We will focus on scientific standards, publications, education and communications.

We will hold outstanding congresses and conferences to bring the efforts of IFCC to the global community.

Contact your National Society Representative to learn about the benefits of IFCC membership.

A list of all National Society Representatives can be found on the IFCC website www.ifcc.org

The IFCC carries out its objectives through its Divisions, each with Committees and Working Groups. Their members are volunteers, invited from throughout the world on the basis of their expertise.



Scientific Division (SD)

The mission of the Scientific Division is to advance the science of Clinical Chemistry and to apply it to the practice of Clinical Laboratory Medicine.

The goals to which the Scientific Division is committed are to:

- Identify research areas of relevance to Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine and assist the transfer of research results to the profession;
- Identify scientific and technological problems in current practice and provide solutions and guidelines on how to resolve them;
- Facilitate the development and transfer of technical innovations to clinical laboratory professionals and clinicians;
- Facilitate the development and implementation of diagnostic strategies;
- Establish standards for the scientific and technical aspects of good laboratory practice;
- Respond to the scientific and technical needs of IFCC Member Societies, IFCC Corporate Members and external agencies;
- Participate actively in the scientific programmes of IFCC congresses and other scientific meetings;
- Ensure the quality of IFCC scientific documents;
- Organise Master Discussions.

IFCC is proud of its publication record. These publications, which include recommendations for the standardisation of analytical procedures and for the interpretation of analytical results as well as other important scientific publications, are listed on the IFCC website www.ifcc.org, where you may find the latest documents in the 'Document Database'.

Funding for Scientific Division projects comes mostly from IFCC revenue.

Corporate Members appreciate the opportunity of being involved in the project planning process, accessing project results and understanding the impact of the projects on health care. The IFCC also benefits greatly from their input and scientific expertise.



Education and Management (EMD)

The mission of EMD is to provide IFCC members and the health-care community with education relevant to Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, directed at scientific, management and clinical issues.

Global concerns for the cost of healthcare make it particularly important that the IFCC guides laboratory professionals to function optimally, and to allocate resources based on medical evidence. The IFCC aims to achieve this through IFCC initiatives and collaboration with other groups in the field of healthcare planning and delivery.

EMD is proud of its Abbott Visiting Lecture Programme, which has been expanded to cover all areas of the world on an annual basis. It also delivers many courses and workshops in specialised areas. IFCC publishes information and guidelines relating to the education of clinical chemists and laboratory physicians that can be found on the IFCC website www.ifcc.org

Current projects include:

- Visiting Lecturer Programme
- Clinical Molecular Biology Courses
- Expanding knowledge in Evidence Based Laboratory Medicine
- Managing the Quality of Laboratory Services, including Analytical Quality
- Courses and workshops in specialized areas
- Promoting Laboratory Accreditation
- Raising Awareness of Quality Issues



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Communications and Publications Division (CPD)

The mission of CPD is to provide worldwide communications about the work of the IFCC to clinical laboratory scientists, physicians and health policy-makers, and to provide continuing education materials and services in printed and electronic forms.

The IFCC website (www.ifcc.org) is a portal to international resources for laboratory medicine. As well as hosting a wealth of IFCC resources, news, media and publications, it also provides an up-to-date event calendar and links to member, corporate and partner organisations. It also provides ready access to continuing education material such as webinars produced on behalf of IFCC and to distance learning programmes.

The Division is responsible for the publication on the web of the eJournal of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (eJIFCC) on a quarterly basis, and an IFCC eNewsletter, which is published bimonthly. IFCC news and scientific documents are also published in formal collaborations with Clinica Chimica Acta (CCA) and other publishers, as are educational tools including scientific monographs. Translations of important IFCC documents into languages other than English are also published.

Visit the IFCC website www.ifcc.org to read the latest IFCC news and scientific reviews.



Congresses and Conferences Committee (C-CC)

The mission of C-CC is to provide general administration and management of all IFCC meeting activities (congresses, conferences and symposia) and to review applications for IFCC Auspices from non-IFCC conferences requesting such sponsorship.

The C-CC carries out the IFCC's policy to promote and sponsor regular international and regional congresses, exhibitions and specialist conferences in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine.

The C-CC works with meeting organizers to share experiences, liaise with industry and to obtain resources that allow young clinical chemists and those from emerging countries to participate in regional and international meetings.

The IFCC has considerable expertise in organising and providing support for a number of international conferences/congresses. Visit the IFCC website www.ifcc.org for a calendar of upcoming international and regional conferences organized and/or sponsored by the IFCC.

Plan to attend a future IFCC Conference:

- IFCC - WorldLab Congress
- IFCC-EFLM EuroMedLab Congress
- IFCC Regional Congresses
- Other IFCC Conferences



Key IFCC Programmes

- IFCC Reference Materials
- IFCC Awards
- Distance Learning Programmes
- Labs are Vital Programme
- IFCC Abbott Visiting Lectureship Programme
- Professional Scientific Exchange Programme
- Professional Management Exchange Programme
- IFCC Speaker's Bureau
- IFCC Register of Experts
- IFCC Travel Scholarships

Visit the IFCC website for more information on the above programmes

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