

163rd Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board December 14, 2022

Summary Minutes

The 163th Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board was held as a virtual meeting.

Participants

EB Members:

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| Khosrow Adeli | (KA) | President |
| David Kinniburgh | (DK) | Secretary |
| Alexander Haliassos | (AHA) | Treasurer |
| Joseph Passarelli | (JP) | Corporate Members Representative (ROCHE) |
| Adekunle Bashiru Okesina | (ABO) | African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC) |
| Abderrazek Hedhili | (AH) | Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB) |
| Endang Hoyaranda | (EH) | Asia-Pacific Fed for Clinical Biochemistry and Lab Med (APFCB) |
| Tomris Ozben | (TO) | European Fed of Clin Chem and Lab Med (EFLM) |
| Ana María Lena Rodríguez | (AMLR) | Latin-American Conf of Clin Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI) |
| Ted Dunn | (TD) | Guest from North American Fed of Clin Chem and Lab Med (NAFCC) |

AGENDA ITEMS from 163rd EB meeting

1.0 Preliminaries

1.0 Opening remarks from President

Some EB members experienced difficulties in connecting to the EB meeting through InEvent. The response to the GC survey indicated that the vast majority of individuals did not have problems connecting to the GC via InEvent. **PB and Mirko will draft written instructions to help members troubleshoot connection problems, and a practice meeting will be held to verify that all members can connect.**

NAFCC Representative

KA welcomed Dr. Ted Dunn, from Toronto, Canada, who is the tentative replacement for Dr. Stephen Hill as the NAFCC Representative.

IFCC General Conference

The General Conference was very successful, as evidenced by response to the survey, and KA extended thanks to all for their efforts. **A report will be generated for the next EB meeting (KA, DK, AHA, PB).**

Website Redevelopment

The new website is almost complete and is working very well, with only a few last minute updates to complete. The website should be launched in early 2023.

Dubai 2024 WorldLab COC and Scientific Congress Committee Membership

A COC meeting for the Dubai 2024 meeting was held in Dubai in early December, including MZ Events and the UAE colleagues. The committee inspected the conference center, which is very attractive and functional, and have reserved additional conference space in case the attendance is larger than can be accommodated in the space booked in the congress centre. The Scientific Committee should start meeting in January, 2023. In addition to international exhibitors and sponsors, a number of local exhibitors are expected to attend the congress.

Rome 2023 EuroMedLab

A COC meeting for the Rome EML Congress was held in November. There will be three satellite meetings, plus the YS Forum which will be open to all YSs, at no separate registration cost (registration will be required for the full congress). Twenty-five scholarships will be provided through IFCC, plus 10 from Roche, and 5-10 from EFLM. A new scholarship review/selection committee has been established and will coordinate with the Regional Federations to ensure that Young Scientists do not receive more than one scholarship. The Congress will be accredited through EFLM, working with Sedef and MZ.

Updates/Changes to IFCC Professional Exchange Program

The call for applications in October is now closed and 30 applications have been received. A meeting will be arranged soon to select the successful applicants. There will be another call for applications in March 2023. The call for labs to host PEPs is an open call and labs can be added at any time.

IFCC Virtual Platform

The InEvent training is now completed. Additional training and instructions will be provided as needed.

IFCC-JCTLM-ICHCLR

There have been discussions and email exchanges in support of the proposed role and structure of JCTLM, including agreement from Svere.

Updates to IFCC Conference Guidelines

KA is drafting some additional changes to the IFCC Conference Guidelines. **KA will email revised IFCC Conference Guidelines to the EB in December or January, for review and approval.**

New IFCC Taskforce on Environmental Impact of Lab Medicine

The Terms of Reference will be completed and a call for nominations released in January. **PB, KA and DK will work on this.**

Proposal for a 2nd IFCC virtual meeting on COVID-19

KA talked to Giuseppe and it is agreed that the congress should be held in September because March is too close to EML, and it will focus on pandemics in general (not just COVID-19) and the laboratory role.

Global MEDLAB Week 2023

The Committee on Public Relations is working with a marketing company on the campaign for 2023.

MOU with FIFBCML- Francophone Federation

A draft MoU with FIFBCML is in preparation and will be shared with the EB.

IFCC Practice Guidelines in Laboratory Medicine

There will be a meeting in February, 2023, to discuss the IFCC practice guidelines project. **KA will send draft ToR and a template for the new project prior to meeting with Chairs and Committees.**

WASPaLM collaboration

No update at this time. Will follow up in the New Year.

MOU with Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation

A draft MoU with the Balkan Federation is in preparation and will be shared with the EB.

- 1.1.161 Minutes of Zoom meeting of September 6th
The Final minutes have been circulated and the Summary minutes will be prepared once feedback is received.
- 1.1.162 Minutes of 162nd Meeting Brussels – October 26th-27th
The draft minutes have been circulated.
- 15.00 Finances**
- 15.2 2023 Budget proposals – Paper
AHA is waiting for all expenses relating to GC and other yearly activities to be reconciled before an accurate statement can be prepared. There was a lot of work involved in processing the GC expenses and a more efficient process is being investigated, perhaps with the help of Digiwedo. The request for the 2023 Budget preparation has gone out to the Divisions and Task Forces.
- 13.1.17 Task Force on Global Newborn Screening (TF-NBS)**
Workshop South Africa request
The Workshop in South Africa that will include a meeting with key contacts in the government has been approved for February, 2023.
- 13.1.18 Task Force on Global Lab Quality (TF-GLQ)**
The TF-GLQ met with OneWorldAccuracy and will expand from the program from 50 to 100 labs, and make improvements to the reporting of results. A renewal of the agreement with OWA will be considered when this is completed.
- 13.1.19 Task Force on Outcome Studies in Lab Med (TF-OSLM)**
A draft agreement for the recipients of the TF-OSLM grants has been drafted. **PB will send the draft of the Study Grant Agreements to the EB for their review and approval.**
- Database for literature on outcome studies*
The TF is working with Digiwedo on the database for the outcome studies references.
- Membership request*
The request to make Erik Koldberg, currently a corresponding member, a Full Member of the TF-OSLM was approved by the EB.

13.1.20 Task Force Global Ref Intervals database (TF-GRID)

Global Reference Interval Database

The TF-GRID is working with Digiwedo and making good progress on the database for global reference intervals.

13.1.21 Task Force on Global eLearning/eAcademy (TF-GEL)

The IFCC Webinars continue to be well attended and the new program is being put together for 2023.

5.0 Regional Organisations

Regional Federations updates:

5.2. Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI)

Proposal to support Radio El Microscopio

The request to use some of the IFCC Funding provided to the COLABIOCLI Federation to support Radio El Microscopio was approved by the EB.

5.4. European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM)

Regional Representative

The replacement for TO when she becomes President-Elect on January 1, 2023, will be addressed at that time.

5.5. Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB)

Invitation for EB Meeting in Tunisia

AH asked if the EB would be able to meet in Tunisia in conjunction with their annual society meeting, but KA responded that this would not be possible due to the close proximity of the EB meeting already scheduled in conjunction with the Rome WL/EML Congress.

5.7 North American Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (NAFCC)

Regional Representative

The CSCC and AACC will be meeting in January to ratify the replacement for Sephen Hill.

19.0 Meetings

19.80 EB Meetings & International Relationships

Executive Board Meetings 2023 – in person

February 27th and 28th – IFCC Office Milan followed by

March 1st meeting with Divisions' Chairs on topic: "Development of IFCC Clinical Laboratory Practice Guidelines"

Committees and Task Forces' Chairs to participate virtually.

Proposal of venues for in person EB Meetings:

May 25th and 26th in Rome after the WL/EML Congress

Executive Board Meetings 2023 – conference calls

To be planned as necessary

Other Business

Due to the late start of the meeting, those agenda items that could not be addressed will be addressed via email or deferred to the next meeting.