

166th Meeting of the IFCC Executive Board July 23rd and July 24th 2023

Summary Minutes

The **IFCC Executive Board** was held in Anaheim, CA, US on occasion of the AACC Annual meeting.

Hotel Hilton Anaheim

777 W. Convention Way
Anaheim, CA 92802
USA

Meeting room: **Capistrano AB**

Schedule: **09.00 to 17.00.**

Participants

EB Members:

Khosrow Adeli	(KA)	President
Tomris Ozben	(TO)	President-elect
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) (on line)
Abderrazek Hedhili	(AH)	Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB)
Endang Hoyaranda	(EH)	Asia-Pacific Fed for Clinical Biochemistry and Lab Med (APFCB)
Ana-Maria Šimundić	(AMS)	European Fed of Clin Chem and Lab Med (EFLM) excused
Ana María Lena Rodríguez	(AMLR)	Latin-American Conf of Clin Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI)
Ted Dunn	(TD)	N. American Fed of Clin Chem and Lab Med (NAFCC) (on line)

1.0 Preliminaries

1.0 Opening remarks from President

WorldLab 2026 bidding process

KA had meetings with the APFCB, ACBI and MCAB board representatives. It was agreed by all parties that ACBI will request that their application be reconsidered, and the MACB will not bid while the ACBI is being considered. KA recommends that the C-CC evaluate the India bid and if acceptable proceed to EB for approval, and if not, a new request for bids will be issued. The EB voted to go ahead with this recommendation.

*Updates on Dubai 2024 WorldLab COC and Scientific Congress Committee
(June 13-14 meeting of the COC)*

Stefano from MZ joined the discussion by Zoom. The COC meeting was held in Dubai in June, and included a meeting with government officials and the Dubai Genetic Association. AHA represented the Arab Federation and Saudi Clinical Chemistry Society representatives were there, as well as MZ Events. It is hoped that the Dubais Genetic Society will facilitate interactions and support from the government (including the provision of visas for delegates), advertise the congress and encourage delegate attendance, provide some scholarships for young scientists, contribute to the scientific program, and support any local activities required in Dubai. The EB discussed options and felt that it may be best if the 2 events are held in parallel with separate finances and each party (IFCC and the Genetics Society) manage their own sponsorship and cover their own costs. There would be a single registration at the same fee but delegates can attend any events. The Genetic Society would receive the income from their delegate registration, minus a fee for managing the registration process.

Plans for accreditation of future WorldLab Congresses: IFCC CE Program or EFLM CPECS?

IFCC and EFLM are working on an MoU to work together on providing CE for IFCC events. It was suggested that this activity could be part of a WG under EMD, with a chair who understands CE accreditation. The functional group could be a committee or a task-force but a WG would be faster and easier to set up and start working as soon as possible. The WG could be converted to a committee or a TF at a later date, if desired. This group could also work with the EFLM CPECS committee. The EB agreed to form a functional group focused on CE. DK and KA will move forward.

IFCC Young Scientist Forum at Dubai 2024 Congress

The EB previously approved 50 scholarships for the Dubai YS Forum. In addition discussion is underway for Roche to provide some funding; the Arab and Saudi Societies will try to provide some funding; and the Dubai Genetics Society said they will provide some funding. It was previously agreed that YS Forum will be held at all future WL and EML congresses, and secondly that a minimum of 50 scholarships will be provided by IFCC. The EB formally approved.

IFCC-ICHCLR Relationship/Formation of new Working Groups

There have been some issues between ICHCLR and the IFCC SD group over the development of ICHCLR Working Groups. Sverre will step down as the IFCC Representative on the ICHCLR Council and Chair at the end of this year. Ian Young is the Chair of ICHCLR Steering Committee. The IFCC has indicated that we do not support independent ICHCLR WGs but do support joint WGs between ICHCLR and SD, under the SD structure.

Changes to IFCC Election and Membership By-Laws

KA will write a letter to all Council members to advise them of the proposed changes to the By-Laws (expand membership to other specialties in Lab Medicine and not just clinical chemistry for both Full Members and Affiliates, plus no person can hold office for more than 6 years total in any one EB position, plus changes to the election cycle so that voting for officers occurs at the same time, and a person cannot be nominated for more than one position in any election cycle). The changes were discussed at previous EB meeting and no objections were raised. EB members should review the changes and suggest any edits.

Proposal for participation at the Chinese Society of Laboratory Medicine (CSLM) Conference

Initially a joint meeting with the Chinese Society of Laboratory Medicine was proposed for 2023. China could not get approval for the meeting in 2023 but want to invite an IFCC

delegation to attend their annual conference and present a symposia in September 2024. The APFCB will be there also. IFCC will cover their own flights and China will provide accommodations and meals. An EB meeting may also be arranged in conjunction with this meeting. The EB voted to approve.

Global MEDLAB Week 2024 – Future plans

The Global MEDLAB Week has grown over the last 2 years, and while it has been very active in some countries, there is more that could be done. It was questioned if this initiative should stay with PR Committee or become a program on its own under a separate group where it can be more active. The Chair of the PR Committee, Rajiv, will join EB as the Representative for African Federation so a new Chair is required. EH feels there should be more Corporate members who know about marketing. Two to four other members, some with experience in marketing and promotion, could also be appointed, or be added as consultants. The initiative needs a new name, such as the Committee on Public Relations and Global Med Lab Program (Promotion, etc.). Also, need a new tag line for 2024, such as “Labs save lives” (borrowed from CSMLS in Canada).

Proposal on Medical Decision Support by Hernan Fares Taie

A proposal has been received to form an SD Working Group to work on a Post Analytical Medical Decision Support application to support patient care, based on the Socratic system with AI. Hernan has offered to make a presentation to explain what he would like to do. The EB members expressed some concern about the magnitude of this project and the resources required, plus who would use the application. A meeting with Hernan will be organized.

MOU with EQALM

The signed MoU from KA has been sent to EQALM and there has not been a response. A minor change was made, and KA will sign that version to be sent to EQALM.

MOU with Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation

The MoU has been finalized and signed.

MOU with FIFBCML-Francophone Federation

KA has followed up on the MoU but has not received a reply yet. We believe that FIFBCML made a change to their bylaws and are waiting on final approval. This should be completed by fall.

WASPALM collaboration (WASPALM Symposium at WorldLab 2024 in Dubai and IFCC Symposium in Sao Paulo)

A final speaker for the WASPALM Congress in Sao Paulo is being arranged. KA asked SPC to send a letter of invitation to WASPALM to present at WL Dubai and a proposal has been sent.

IFCC Practice Guidelines in Laboratory Medicine – Development of a Roadmap/Steering Committee

A meeting of the Advisory Group was held in June and KA is revising the Terms of Reference based on the feedback. The term “Guidelines” was thought to be too formal and restrictive for all documents generated. Thus the focus will be on “Best Practice Recommendations” which will be practical, shorter and simpler than guidelines, and not require the intensive effort and collaboration to produce. For example, clinical laboratory consensus statements or position papers, based on evidence. Some Clinical Guidelines, following the usual stringent procedures and a grading system (ADLM Academy or EFLM) will also be produced. TO noted that the EFLM is also working on similar documents and the two groups should work together. KA will finalize the ToR as a Road Map for the development of recommendations and guidelines and will send them to the Advisory Group.

and to the EB. The plan is to launch the program in September and invite proposals. A Steering Committee will be required to manage the project and a Task Force will be created initially, transforming to a Committee under the EMD after 2-3 years. The EB approved.

1.1.164 Minutes of 164th Meeting Milan, February 27th – 28th
The minutes have been circulated to the EB.

1.1.165 Minutes of 165th Meeting Rome, May 24th – 25th
The minutes have been circulated to the EB.

1.1.165B Minutes of 165B Meeting as Conference call June 27th

The Action Items from the last meetings were reviewed.

15.00 Finances

15.2 2023 Financial update
Credit Suisse Update

There was a unrealized loss of over 500,000 SF in the market value of IFCC investments last year due to world market fluctuations and difficulties with Credit Swis, but the investments are expected to rebound going forward.

Financial Statement

PB and AHA have verified the final financial statement for 2022 prepared by KPMG, with over 7 million SF in accounts and investments as of the end of December. The EB approved the release of the statement to the Swiss Lawyers for tax purposes.

Rome Congress Audit

KPMG has not provided a quote for an audit of the finances from the Rome Congress. AHA will follow up with KPMG again and if they cannot perform the audit, or do not respond, then another international company will be approached to perform the audit. The EB approved the plan for an audit. KA reported that Rome congress was the most successful to date.

a) New Task Forces:

13.1.17 Task Force on Global Newborn Screening (TF-NBS)

Task Force members have visited several countries including South Africa, Romania and the Dominican Republic to meet with government representatives and local society members. Some progress is being made but no screening programs have been set up as yet. The Task Force has submitted a new proposal for a two day conference in Nigeria at a cost of about \$21,000 for Jim B and other speakers to present. It was suggested that the Task Force have a meeting with representatives from the EB to brainstorm on ideas that will allow them to meet the initial objectives for the Task Force. TD feels that the TF is passionate about what they do but don't know how to take the next step of setting something up in a specific country. TD feels they need someone on the TF that has the skills to do this. A meeting will be arranged and a decision on the future to be made in Prague.

13.1.18 Task Force on Global Lab Quality (TF-GLQ)

The TF is active. The focus has been to supply free EQA via OWA to 50 labs initially and now to 100 labs in 10 developing countries. Most countries are doing quite well in the surveys. The next step is to provide education and training in QA and IQC for developing countries and a training session is planned in Columbia. Quing will reach out to AMLR. It was suggested that these training sessions should be developed into webinars, using

WordCast, that could be educational tools in the e-Academy. A meeting should be arranged with the TF and Smeralda, KA and AHA to explain what is needs to be done. This TF is coming up for renewal in December and membership will need to be reviewed.

13.1.19 Task Force on Outcome Studies in Lab Med (TF-OSLM)

The TF is very active, meeting every 2nd month with email activities in between. The grants awarded last year have all been finalized. The call for new grant applications has been sent out. The TF is working on the literature reference database with Digiwedo. The TF is working with ADLM on identifying new literature references supporting the value of laboratory medicine. One goal is to identify key refernces and then advertise them via the IFCC website, eNews, eJournal, ADLM resources, and social media, and possibly work with CPD to promote awareness of the program. The TF has published an opinion paper on the value of laboratory medicine in Clinical Chemistry.

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

The TF is very active, meeting monthly. They met in Rome for almost all day and then again less than a month later. The TF is working with Digiwido on the database for reference intervals that will be in place at the end of the year. They will also develop a tool to establish reference intervals on line. Mary Catherine is the YS on this TF. This group will accomplish their goals.

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

Webinars are planned until February, 2024. The goal is to go beyond webinars and develop courses and workshops for training. All of the committees and task forces should submit course material, and a notice will go out asking for this. AMLR noted that the TF-GLQ could do this right away, as they have prepared one in Spanish and English. Another possible webinar is on the Clinical Lab and the Environment. AMLR is working with Nader to translate the Adaptive Learning Program into Spanish. It was suggested that young scientists may be able to help verify the translation that was initially done via AI. The name of the program will need to be changed from AACC Learning Lab to ADLM Learning Lab. KA feels that the IFCC should have its own learning platform.

13.1.22 Task Force on Environmental Impact of Laboratory Medicine (TF-EILM)

The task force met this week and is meeting monthly. It was noted that Tony will be coming onto the EB in January and cannot stay as the chair of the TF, but he could stay as the EB Liaison to TF. KA will ask Tony to recommend someone to become the chair for the end of the year.

13.0 Task Forces

13.1.1 Task Force on Ethics (TF-E)

One new member M. Zaninotto (IT) was approved, time in office 2023-2025. Nelda recommended Joe Wiencek as the new chair when her term is over at the end of this year and Joe is willing to accept the position. The EB approved this. Joe will be asked to meet with the TF and propose an action plan and deliverables for next term.

13.1.6 Task Force Young Scientists (TF-YS)

Positions have been renewed and vacant positions have been filled. The task force is very active. They are organizing a YS Forum for Dubai. They conducted a survey about knowledge of EQA and will prepare a report. There was a request to have more corresponding members but the rules permit only one corresponding scientist per National Member or Affiliate. It may be that another category could be defined, or all interested young scientists could be put on a mailing list for minutes and announcements. KA will talk to Santiago to get his ideas.

13.1.12 **Task Force History (TF-H)**

Bernard had planned to finish the IFCC History book for the Rome congress but this has not been possible. A student in Milan is going to look through the archives in the basement of the office and digitizing the old records.

13.1.15 **Task Force Corporate Members (TF-CM)**

Tricia will recommend a member of the TF-CM to sit on the 2024 EB. JP is stepping down from the TF-CM and will nominate someone from Roche to take over from him. JP wrote an article for the e-News and there will be three more from other Corporate members, focusing on what IFCC does in the laboratory medicine space. There was very good feedback from Corporate Members on the Rome meeting and the only concern expressed was the challenge in preparing for yearly IFCC meetings. There is a lot of excitement in the Dubai meeting but we should not expect the same type of attendance as seen in Rome. JP suggested that a meeting in China would be very attractive to the Corporate members. The challenges in holding a meeting in China are the financial arrangements, the difficulty in obtaining a government visa for meeting, and the language.

13.1.16 **Task Force on COVID 19**

This task force has been closed and letters of thank-you sent to the members. AH suggested that the IFCC should have a task force on infectious diseases. TO noted that the EFLM has an emergency preparedness committee and perhaps the IFCC should have something similar.

All TFs need to have a Young Scientist in place for the next term.

2.0 **Full Member Societies**

2.2 Applications

An application for full membership was received from Azerbaijan: Azerbaijan Society of Clinical Laboratory Specialists – ASCL, and approved by the EB. Council e-voting is planned from September 1st to 30th.

2.3

Possible withdrawal:

Outstanding since 2019:

Kazakhstan Association of Medical Laboratory Diagnostic (KAMLD)

Nepal Association for Medical Laboratory Science (NAMLS)

The Membership cancellation information letters have been sent.

Outstanding since 2020:

Thailand Association of Clinical Biochemistry

The decision on withdrawal of membership was put over until the meeting in Prague in October.

Currently there are 96 Full Members.

3.0 **Corporate Members**

3.2 Applications

United Robotics GmbH – 03 01 126

The application review is in process.

Labor Team W AG – 03 01 125

The application has been approved.

3.3

Withdrawal

Megalab, JSC (GE) - 03 01 109
Their membership has been cancelled.
Labtronic (KZ) – 03 01 106
Their membership has been cancelled.

Currently there are 56 Corporate members.

4.0 Affiliate Members

4.2 Applications

Colegio Nacional de Químicos Clínicos en Medicina de Laboratorio, A.C. – CONQUILAB
– Mexico, 04 01 30
The application was approved.

4.3 Possible withdrawal:
Jordan: Society for Medical Technology & Laboratories - outstanding since 2018:
The membership cancellation information letter was sent.

Nepal: Nepalese Association for Clinical Chemistry (NACC) – outstanding since 2019:
The membership cancellation information letter was sent.

A final decision on withdrawal of membership was put over until the EB meeting in Prague in October.

Currently there are 23 Affiliate members.

4.4. Annual Dues
Update on 2022 Dues
Reminders are being sent out to outstanding members.

5.0 Regional Organisations

Regional Federations updates:

5.1. Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (APFCB)
EH expressed thanks for the funding from IFCC. The new office has been set up in Australia.

5.2. Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI)
AMLR update
The 2nd Latin American Conference of Young Laboratory Professionals was held in Florianopolis, Brazil, June 18, 2023. Young Scientists from COLABIOCLI are going to assist in the translation of the Adaptive Learning Program to Spanish. The first COLABIOCLI Regional Conference will be held in Guatemala City, November 21-22, 2023. KA will attend and make a presentation. The COLABIOCLI Congress 2024 will be held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, October 2-6, 2024. Since the APFCB Congress is at about the same time the new EB will have to decide which meeting to attend. If it is not possible for the EB to hold a meeting in Cartagena, COLABIOCLI hopes that some EB members will be able to attend and present at the COLABIOCLI Congress. COLABIOCLI has started a newsletter and TO has written an article about the EFLM Green Labs initiative. KA was invited to write something for the Newsletter. Three symposia have been submitted for the Dubai congress. According to the World Bank classification of income, only Bolivia was allowed free virtual registration to the Rome congress. It is requested that low and medium income COLABIOCLI countries be included in the future. ANA will remind Stefano to look into this.

6.0 International and Professional Organisations

6.1 WHO

Information on the TF-NBS and TF-GLQ was provided to WHO and a meeting was held with them. It is hoped there will be further collaboration with the TF-NBS and TF-GLQ

6.40 Other Business

Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation: possible cooperation, Dobrin Svinarov-President
The MoU has been signed.

European Organization for External Quality Assurance Providers in Laboratory Medicine (EQALM) - Christoph Butcha – Chairman
The MoU has been signed.

7.0 Committee on Congresses and Conferences (C-CC) – Liaison: AH

7.2.27 IFCC WorldLab 2026

The Indian Society has agreed to resubmit their bid for WL 2026, which will be reviewed by the C-CC and a recommendation made to the EB by August 31, for final EB approval. The Malaysia society will not bid.

7.3.2.26 EuroMedLab 2025. Brussels (BE)

May 18th - 22nd, 2025

A meeting of the COC is planned.

7.40 Other Business

UNIVANTS

PB will confirm the status of the agreement with UNIVANTS and when it needs to be renewed.

7.3.1.17 Asia Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine - APFCB

Sydney (Australia)

Oct 31st – Nov 3rd, 2024

7.3.25 European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM)

EuroMedLab Brussels, May 2025

7.3.4.26 Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry - COLABIOCLI

Cartagena (Colombia)

Date change: October 2nd– 6th 2024 (prev Aug 28th -31st)

8.0 Scientific Division (SD) – Liaison: JP

8.13 BIPM/JCTLM

Annual contribution/invoice

This has been paid The IFCC contributes 50,000 Euro per year and the remaining 50,000 comes from BIPM.

JCTLM database proposal

The IFCC raised 20,000 Euro and BIPM provided some funds. Funds are still required for the new database but JCTLM is now charging for some of the services they provide and this may fund some of their activities. JP, with Roche resources, is helping them with marketing of their services.

New JCLTM website

The website was finalized in March 2023 and was provided by IFCC.

- 8.14. Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (JCTLM)
Nomination of Chair of the JCTLM EC – IFCC Representative
The current chair is Greg Miller. PB will check to see how long he has been chair and advise the EB.
- 8.2.6 Committee on Nomenclature, Properties and Units (C-NPU) in collaboration with International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)
Agreement proposal IFCC-IUPAC and SNOMED for C-NPU database
The old database has been transferred at no cost to the IFCC and this project is completed.
- 9.0 Education and Management Division (EMD)**
- 9.2.10 IFCC-AACC Pearls project (previous: Committee on distance learning (C-DL))
DK will check with Nader to check the status of this project.
- 9.4. Special Projects
- 9.4.1 Visiting Lecturer Programme (VLP)
The request to ABBOTT for VLP sponsorship is ongoing since June 2023. PB will follow up.
- 10.0 Communications and Publications Division (CPD)**
- 10.8. Related Journals
- 10.8.2.2 Clinica Chimica Acta (CCA)
The contract with CCA has been renewed and the IFCC will receive 35,000 Euro as a royalty payment.
- 10.20 Membership
- 10.02.01 Committee on Public Relations (C-PR)
Chair to be selected for time in office Jan 2024 – Dec 2026
R. Erasmus begins his term on the EB as AFCC Regional Federation Representative in January 2024, so a new Chair for C-PR is required. The EB approved the appointment of Maria Pasquel Carmen as the new chair. Tahir and Rajiv will be informed. There will be a call for new members to the C-PR.
- 10.02.02 Committee on Internet and Digital Communications (C-IDC)
Chair to be selected for time in office Jan 2024 – Dec 2026
E. Freggiaro begins his term on the EB as COLABIOCLI Regional Federation Representative in January 2023 and a new Chair for C-IDC is required. Deniz Y Topcu (TR) has been proposed. The EB will review the proposal and make a decision via email.
- 10.80.00 CPD Executive Committee
Corporate Representative on the CPD EC
A new Corporate Representative on the CPD EC needs to be selected for time in office Jan 2024-Dec 2026, as T. Ravalico (Abbott/US) begins her term on the EB as Corp. Rep. The call for nominations has gone out.
- E-Journal Editor*
A new E-Journal editor is required.

11.00 Emerging Technologies Division (ETD) – liaison TD

Sergio is finished his term at the end of the year and a new chair is required. Damion Gruson was proposed and was approved by the EB (TD abstained). A call for new members need to go out.

11.3 Working Groups

New Working Group proposal:

11.03.07 Working Group on “Health Technologies Assessment (HTA) Core Model for Laboratory Medicine”

The new WG-HTA was approved with D. D’Angela (IT) as the Chair.

Project Proposal on “Clinical Translation and Application of Extracellular vesicles in Laboratory Medicine”

The new Working Group on Extracellular Vissicles was tentatively approved by the EB. TO asked for additional time to review the proposal and will respond by email.

12.00 IFCC Awards

WL Dubai 2024

Proposal for Awards’ distribution and sponsorship update:

- 12.1.1. IFCC Howard Morris Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award - sponsored by *Yashraj Biotechnology Ltd.* – **Dubai (support received)**
- 12.1.4. IFCC Abbott Award for Significant Contributions to Molecular Diagnostics - sponsored by *Abbott Molecular* - **Dubai – (support received)**
- 12.1.5. Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care (ex-Sekisui) – **Dubai** – call for sponsorship issued – Paper – *support pending*
- 12.1.8. IFCC Distinguished Award for Contributions to Cardiovascular Diagnostics - sponsored by *Hytest* – **Dubai (agreement signed, invoice to be issued)**
- 12.1.9. Gérard Siest-Biologie Prospective Award - sponsored by *Biologie Prospective* – **Dubai (support received)**
- 12.1.10 IFCC Distinguished Women Scientist Award for Contribution to In-Vitro Diagnostics – sponsored by *Yashraj Biotechnology Ltd.* - **Dubai – (support received)**

The call for nominations for awards will be issued after summer including new proposed nominaton rules.

Awards’ dinner in Dubai – tentatively Monday, May 27th, 2024 with Speakers’ dinner

12.20 Nomination Committee Membership

Call for nominations for membership, for time in office Jan 2024 – Dec 2026 has been distributed to the Regional Federations’ Presidents. Deadline: 31st August 2024.

Awards Committee Chair: K. Adeli (Jan 2024-Dec 2026)

13.03 Scholarships

Roche Sponsorships for Dubai WL

Roche has agreed to provide support for the scholarships but the funding has been reduced by one-half.

13.2. IFCC Professional Exchange Programmes (PEP)

The review and selection of recipients from the Spring applicants is on-going Abbott has approved new funding of \$50,000 for the PEP in 2023. The IFCC Office will send an invoice. KA, AHA, Nader and Silvia have reviewed 16 applications and 11 were approved. Another competition will be held in October of this year.

14.00 IFCC Statutes and Rules

14.01 Statutes

Proposal for updates to IFCC Statutes

The ballot for the electronic vote on the changes to the IFCC Statutes will be planned for a vote at the end of the year.

18.0 IFCC Foundation for Emerging Nations (FEN)

Status, board renewal, future goals

The effort to fund PSEP/PMEP in cooperation with FEN is on-going.

19.0 Meetings

19.1. Council meeting

19.1.25 Council Meeting at WL Dubai

The Council meeting is confirmed for Sunday, May 26th 2024, 1:00 – 4:00pm. A light lunch will be served at 12:30 with coffee afterward.

19.80 EB Meetings & International Relationships

Executive Board Meetings 2023 – in person

October 15th and 16th (Sunday, Monday) Prague (CZ) on occasion of the CELME (October 12th - 13th)

Incoming 2024-2026 EB members will be invited to join remotely for 3 hours in the morning on both days.

Other in-person meetings

An in-person meeting in Milan for February 2024 is required to approve the 2024 budget. February 12 & 13, 2024 is suggested but a doodle poll will be sent out.

Executive Board Meetings 2023 – conference calls

A Zoom meeting will be held December 11, 2023 for 4 hours.

New 2023-2026 EB members will be invited to join the meeting

IFCC and AACC potential collaborations re global initiatives

A Leadership meeting with AACC was held Monday, July 24th 2-3pm at the AACC Congress in Anaheim.

ADLM Update

The most significant issue for AACC is the name change to ADLM (Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine) which became effective at this congress. AACC/ADLM is also celebrating the organization's 75 year anniversary. The next major event is the Middle East Conference in October and thereafter the POCT and Automation conferences.

WL Congress with ADLM in 2028

The ADLM is committed until 2030 for conference locations, and there is not a lot of flexibility. It would make it difficult to accommodate a conference with the IFCC.

Alternatively, another event before or after would be possible. Perhaps a smaller meeting focused on a specialized area of laboratory medicine. It was noted that a combined IFCC/ADLM meeting would be easier for corporate sponsors in that it would be one less meeting for corporate sponsors to attend.

Newborn Screening in Developing Countries

It was agreed that there are opportunities for the 2 groups to work together to facilitate Newborn Screening in developing countries. It was noted that Van is on both the IFCC and ADLM TFs. Currently there is no activity by the ADLM group but they are willing to work with the IFCC. The CDC is also interested in this area and might be interested in working with IFCC and ADLM on this project. Working together and reinforcing each others efforts may allow all to be more successful in setting up and maintaining programs.

Global Quality in Developing Countries

Currently there are 100 labs in 10 developing countries receiving QA materials from OWA. The TF is also organizing workshops on quality. This is another opportunity to work together and complement each others efforts for sustainability. There could be on-line certificate programs in cooperation with the IFCC program. There could have IFCC representatives at ADLM planning meetings to help with cooperation and sharing of information.

OSLM and ADLM Visibility of Lab Medicine

Evidence is important. It is somewhat difficult to find in terms of solid outcome based data. DK and Zhen are on ADLM VLM. IFCC grants have gone out for last year and grants have been advertised for this year.

Global Med Lab Week Celebration

The Global Med Lab Week celebration is another area where IFCC and ADLM could work together. Another organization has been the primary lead on this in the US but it may still be possible to work together.

16.0 Organisational Matters

16.1 IFCC Office

16.7 Project Proposals

Potential new working groups on:

- Essential IVD Accessibility (Meeting with WHO and Joris Delanghe)
- Project Proposal on “New Conference format for Clinical Mass Spectrometry in routine settings”

The discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

16.40 Other business

Yearly evaluation forms and Annual Report

The new Annual Report form including members’ evaluation was distributed to Divisions/Cs/WGs/TFs, deadline March 15th. PB will ask for an update for activities since the Annual report.