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GUARDIANS OF QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY: BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTISTS  
INTERNATIONAL BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE DAY - APRIL 15TH 2023



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## Guardians of Quality and Patient Safety: Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

The 15th of April, every year, is Biomedical Laboratory Science Day.

This year the IFBLS Board has chosen the theme *Guardians of Quality and Patient Safety: Biomedical Laboratory Scientists*.

This theme is central to everything we do in our work.

We are committed to having Biomedical Laboratory Scientists who are highly educated and trained to deliver a clinical laboratory diagnostic service for our people. Each of us knows that behind every sample we analyse is a person who must be cherished.

The work that we do spans life from gestation through birth, childhood, adulthood and beyond.

As Biomedical Laboratory Scientists we use scientific evidence in the provision of screening and diagnostic information; specifically, how a laboratory analytic procedure is selected, used and applied in clinical decisions for screening and diagnostic purposes.

Biomedical Laboratory Scientists practice in a manner to ensure information derived from analyzing human specimens is safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient and equitable.

A Biomedical Laboratory Scientist is a professional who must adapt constantly to many changes in their practice, reflecting the trends in analytical methodologies, and improvements in diagnosis and treatment of disease and health care settings.

Our poster celebrates Biomedical Laboratory Science Day. It encompasses the entire spectrum of a sample journey from the patient through the laboratory where it is the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist who uses the best methods, with quality assurance, to ensure the correct result which is then interpreted correctly leading to treatment of the patient.

I am proud to call myself a Biomedical Laboratory Scientist.

I hope that you will join with me, and your colleagues, in celebrating Biomedical Laboratory Science Day.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Culliton  
President

[IFBLS Position Paper on Patient Safety](#)

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### Alternate GAD 2023

## IFBLS Alt GAD Dublin

Save the Date

This year the Alt GAD will take place in Dublin, Ireland. This location was originally set for 2021 and had been deferred due to Covid.



The meeting will take place at the Hilton Charlemont Hotel in Dublin on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Further information will follow with a booking code for the hotel and other details regarding the programme.

### Visas

Some delegates will require a short stay 'C' visit (tourist) visa.

Details on how to apply can be found at <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-visit-ireland/how-to-apply-for-a-short-stay-c-visit-tourist-visa/#who>

We look forward to meeting you in Dublin in October!

### Congress 2024

## Opportunity to Host the 36<sup>th</sup> IFBLS World Congress in 2024

2024 is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IFBLS. There is an opportunity for one of our members, or a consortium of members to host our congress in this special anniversary year.

The Congress is about so much more than the exchange of scientific knowledge. It is what give the IFBLS its strength as members visit each other's country and learn how health care and specifically laboratory medicine is delivered. Friendships are forged, there is sharing of ideas which can build IFBLS and help member organisations. The IFBLS meetings that run concurrently with Congress is where members engage with the Board, where we have open forum discussions, each listening to the other, and where the basis of policy is formed and agreed. For many members it is an opportunity to showcase to members the profession in their country, for others it is an opportunity to use the International Meeting with guests and expert speakers to influence national policy.

The Board is therefore approaching the members inviting expressions of interest in hosting the 36<sup>th</sup> Congress in the autumn of 2024. An 'expression of interest' is not a tender, rather it is an engagement with the Board to discuss possibilities with regard to hosting the Congress. The Congress could be held in association with a National Meeting or a meeting of a Consortium including members of IFBLS.

Interested parties should contact Janie Hames at our office as soon as possible to enter into discussions with the Board [communications@ifbls.org](mailto:communications@ifbls.org).

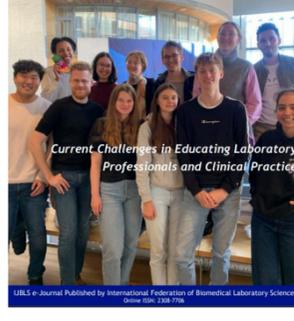
### International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS)

## It's Your Journal

The *International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science* (IJBLS) is an on-line peer-reviewed journal published bi-annually by the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS).



The journal is intended to disseminate information and knowledge to the international laboratory community by accepting a variety of manuscripts for publication. Those manuscripts should be original research articles, literature or mini-reviews, case studies, brief communications and letters to the editor describing original investigations in all fields of Biomedical Laboratory Science.



This journal is dedicated to you and to your work. It is the ideal place for all Biomedical Laboratory Scientists, whether recognised experts in the field or starting their career, to publish their findings.

The Editor and Editorial Board are here to help you publish your work.

The continued success and sustainability of this journal depends on you, the members, encouraging your colleagues to publish their findings in this journal.

The more we publish quality contributions; the more this excellent journal will attain and maintain a reputation.

<https://www.ijbls.org/index.php>

### Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series - New webinar!

IFBLS is pleased to announce the next webinar in our Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series will be held Friday 28 April 2023 at 12:00 noon - 13:30 pm (CET Stockholm, Sweden).

## Laboratory Diagnostics, Antibiotic Resistance and Frontline Research in Neisseria Gonorrhoeae - International Perspective

The webinar will discuss methods for identifying Neisseria Gonorrhoeae, monitoring antibiotic resistance but also present frontline research in the WHO perspective.



Our Guest Speaker is **Magnus Unemo**, Biomedical Laboratory Scientist, PhD, Professor, Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Gonorrhoea and Other STIs, National Reference Laboratory for STIs, Örebro University Hospital, Örebro, Sweden.

There is no cost to attend this free webinar! Certificates of Attendance will be sent to participants after the webinar.

Registration details can be found on our website at: <http://www.ifbls.org/index.php/about-ifbls/britta-karlsson-education-webinar-series>

### In Memoriam

## Dr. Alba Marzo

It is with deep sadness that we board IFBLS members of the death of our former Board Member, colleague and friend from Italy, Dr Alba Marzo.

Alba was an enthusiastic proponent of the profession of Biomedical Laboratory Science both in Italy, where she lectured in the University of Florence, and within the International Federation.

Few who knew her will ever forget her keen intellect, radiant smile, sense of humour and love of fashion.

We shall hold close our memories of her at our Congress in her home city of Florence in 2018.

To her family, colleagues and friends IFBLS offers sincerest condolences.

IFBLS Board of Directors 2014 - 2018



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