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**Dear Colleagues** 

On behalf of the Board of IFBLS, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each of you and your members for your unwavering support and commitment to delivering high-quality diagnostic laboratory services.

As your newly elected president, I am thrilled to embark on this journey with the board as we work collaboratively to establish our goals and objectives for the next two years. It is truly inspiring to partner with all of you for the continued success and growth of our organisation.

This year, we had the honour of celebrating the 70th anniversary of IFBLS in beautiful Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. During this special occasion, we reflected on the remarkable evolution of our profession over the past seven decades and shared ideas for the future. As we look forward, meetings and congresses remain essential for learning, networking, and collaboration. However, rising costs and the environmental impact of travel encourage us to adopt more sustainable practices. At the same time, we recognise the lasting value of in-person interactions.

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

In alignment with the WHO Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, we are pleased to announce the theme for BLS Day 2025/2026:

## **Biomedical Laboratory Scientists Promoting Sustainability in Clinical Diagnostics**

I wish you all a joyful holiday season and look forward to working closely with you in the coming year.

Warm regards,

Gabriella Lillsunde Larsson President