

Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023

The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) is an independent non-governmental association of national societies in 35 countries, representing more than 185 000 biomedical laboratory scientists and technologists worldwide.

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Laboratory Science

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Mission and Objectives

IFBLS Objectives

- To support, advance and promote good scientific laboratory practice through the development and adherence to high quality standards in diverse environments throughout the world;
- To support and promote education and advancement of science and technology in the professional development of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists;
- To support, advance and promote ethical and professional values in Biomedical Laboratory Science;
- To facilitate the exchange of ideas through development of partnerships within the global healthcare community.

IFBLS Mission Statement

***To increase recognition and contributions of
Biomedical Laboratory Science to
improve global health.***

The IFBLS Strategic plan was revised and approved by the IFBLS Board of Directors in March 2019.

Our plan

IFBLS is an association of national societies in 35 countries, representing more than 185 000 Biomedical Laboratory Scientists and technologists worldwide.

Established in 1954, The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) is the world's widest reaching international organization for Biomedical Laboratory Scientists, bringing the profession, the professionals and health priorities to the world stage.

With increased opportunities for easy communication across borders and continents, IFBLS has exciting possibilities to continue to develop and grow.

IFBLS is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in official relations with the WHO, and over the recent years this collaboration has developed as IFBLS is invited to give more direct input to WHO policies and guidelines.

The following strategic plan outlines our main goals and tasks. The goals are long-term, with detailed tasks outlined. Some of the tasks are ongoing and open-ended, while others have a measurable outcome. We have highlighted the key actions already ongoing under “Our next steps”. Some of these tasks will be continued, while others will be finished.

In addition to the tasks mentioned in the plan, we also follow up tasks outlined in our bylaws and as required by our members.

Only by working hard and with assistance from our members, IFBLS will continue to strengthen its position as the ***Global Voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists***.

Topics and Goals

Promote the
profession

- IFBLS is the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

IFBLS World
Congress

- The IFBLS Congress is prestigious; to host, to contribute and to attend

WHO
Collaboration

- IFBLS influence global health policies

Promote
professional
standards

- IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist community

Education and
professional
development

- IFBLS advances Biomedical Laboratory Science professionals

Tasks

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Promote the profession

IFBLS is the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

- *Support and promote BLS Day Celebrations*
- *Work towards ISCO recognition*
- *Utilize website in its full capacity*
- *Utilize social media*
- *Promote benefits of membership and member engagement*
- *Increase number of member associations*

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IFBLS World Congress

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- *Implement congress advisory group*
- *Provide report from each previous Congress*
- *Solicit future congresses*
- *Conduct site visit for each upcoming Congress*
- *Continue and develop IFBLS Awards program*

3 **WHO Collaboration** *IFBLS influence global health policies*

- *Continue our status as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in official relations with WHO*
- *Follow up WHO - IFBLS workplan*
- *Article in HR Journal about medical laboratory staffing*
- *Provide input for revision of WHO Guidelines related to laboratory medicine*
- *Provide support for WHO Call for experts*
- *Provide input to WHO documents*
- *Consider side events at World Health Assembly*

4 **Promote professional standards** *IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist community*

- *Advisory group in Microbiology*
- *Add more Advisory groups*
- *Develop Scientific Network*
- *Develop and present position papers*
- *Promote the Code of ethics in all aspects of our profession*

5 Education and professional development

IFBLS advances Biomedical Laboratory Science professionals

- *Develop and enhance International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS)*
- *Present and develop E-learning*
- *Developing an International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Educations database (IDBLSE)*
- *Review Core Competencies and Core Curriculum Guidelines*
- *Use the Britta Karlsson Fund advancement program to provide international workshops and lectures*
- *Develop webinars*

Our accomplishments and next steps

By the end of 2018 these were our major achievements:

- In collaboration with AnTel, held a successful IFBLS World Congress and General Assembly of Delegates with a total of 640 attendees from more than 50 countries
- The World Congress provided networking opportunities during two workshops and an open forum
- Provided report from 2018 Congress
- Conducted site visit Congress 2020
- Established Scientific Network
- Presented and approved position paper on Point of Care Testing
- Started review of the IDBLSE database
- Established criteria for Britta Karlsson Advancement Program to provide international workshops and lectures

By the end of 2019 we aim to achieve the following:

- Reinforce our status in official relations with WHO
- Establish advisory groups in hematology
- Establish a congress advisory committee
- Identify host for the Alternate GAD 2021
- Identify host for the World Congress 2022
- Provide webinars on Infection control
- Implement the Britta Karlsson Advancement Program

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