



## International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science

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### IFBLS2020 - Rescheduling to August 24th-28th, 2021

Dear Members and Colleagues,

Due to the evolving situation with the Covid-19 virus pandemic, and following the guidance of the World Health Organization, the Danish Health Authority, and other national authorities on mass gatherings during the outbreak, the difficult decision has been made to postpone the 34th IFBLS World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science, which was to be held 1-5 September 2020 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The safety and well-being of participants, speakers and sponsors is our highest priority, and we are certain this is the most responsible decision to make as we do our part to minimize the spread of disease. The IFBLS2020 Organizing Committee and the IFBLS Board of Directors have therefore decided to **reschedule the congress to 24-28 August 2021 in Copenhagen, Denmark.**

We are very aware the impact this postponement will have on members, and understand this change may lead to a number of questions. The IFBLS2020 Organizing Committee will continue its task of reaching out to registrants, abstract submitters, speakers, industry sponsors and exhibitors. Any questions regarding the rescheduling can be directed to [info@cap-partner.eu](mailto:info@cap-partner.eu).

#### **We can work it out - Covid-19**

Diagnostics plays a crucial role in the current fight against Covid-19. Diagnostic and research laboratories worldwide are working incredibly hard and the new knowledge and experiences gained would be valuable to share. Currently we are considering expanding the program to include a specific focus on Covid-19 diagnostics. Please stay updated by following [IFBLS2020 Facebook](#) (jointhelabrace) and on [IFBLS2020.org](http://IFBLS2020.org).

In addition to the scientific program, the annual business meetings for IFBLS Association Members, the General Assembly of Delegates (GAD), Open Forum, and Chief Delegate's meetings will be postponed to coincide with the new congress date in 2021. As a registered corporation in Canada, IFBLS is required to follow annual regulations under the *Canada's Not-for-profit Corporations Act (CNCA)*. Please stay tuned for future communications as we evaluate options for legally extending meeting timelines.

Please join us in recognizing the outstanding efforts of the IFBLS2020 Organizing Committee who has worked tirelessly for more than a few years now to bring you an exceptional congress. Your patience is greatly appreciated as we work towards ensuring an even greater scientific program and exhibition in 2021.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Lindgren Berndt".

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President  
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