We invite you to visit the Congress Website for information: [http://www.ifbls2018.org/](http://www.ifbls2018.org/)

### World Health Assembly

President Marie Nora Roald and President-Elect Anne Berndt attended the World Health Assembly in Geneva Switzerland May 22-31, 2017.

The topics of greatest relevance for IFBLS were Antimicrobial Resistance, Communicable and Non-Communicable diseases and Human Resources on Health. Throughout the meeting published statements by other actors were read and considered in order to act when relevant.

Marie and Anne attended a meeting with Adriana Velazquez Berumen (IFBLS’s Designated Technical Officer) and discussed the following:

- Follow-up on the Global Forum on Medical Devices
- Nominations to expert group for the WHO IVD list
- Possibility of developing a WHO standard on susceptibility testing
- Coming WHO questionnaire on requirements for different level laboratories
- Timing of revision of the WHO phlebotomy guidelines

### Alternate GAD and Chief Delegates Meeting

We look forward to welcoming Chief Delegates from IFBLS member associations to the Alternate GAD/CD Meeting taking place on 15–16 September 2017 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

We kindly request you return the Intent to Participate Form as soon as possible to the IFBLS office.

### Second Announcement IFBLS Congress 2018

We invite you to take note of the important dates set out in the second announcement of the IFBLS Congress

**DATES TO FOCUS:**

- **29 January 2018**: Deadline for poster abstract submission. Instructions and on-line submission system available from October 2017
- **30 May 2018**: Deadline for reduced registration fees


### TMER AWARD

The application for the TMER Award is available on the IFBLS website. Please encourage your members to review the criteria and submit their applications by June 30, 2017.