



ALAN WAINWRIGHT

- *Currently serving as
IFBLS Past-President 2022-2024*
- *Nominated for the position of
IFBLS Board Director 2024-2026*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

UNITED KINGDOM - Institute of
Biomedical Science (IBMS)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Degree accreditation and professional qualifications
- Professional training and continuing professional development to support career progression
- Professional and regulatory standards with a focus on fitness to practice and ethics.

I am the current (2022-24) Past-President of the International Federation of Biomedical Science (IFBLS) Board of Directors and member of the Management Committee. I am an international speaker presenting on Learning Outcomes, Training and Education, Professional Competence and Continuing Professional Development conferences in Taipei (Taiwan), Kobe (Japan), Brisbane (Australia), Bloemfontein and Johannesburg (South Africa) and Florence (Italy).

SUGGESTION(S) FOR FUTURE IFBLS ACTIVITIES AND HOW YOU PLAN TO DEVELOP EACH:

I have actively contributed to the strategic development and work of the IFBLS during my term on the Board of Directors 2016-2024. I have held the following positions:

- Chair of IFBLS Development Committee 2016-2018
- Chair of IFBLS ISCO Task Group 2017-2018
- Member of IFBLS Membership Committee 2016-2018
- President-Elect 2018-2020, member of Management Committee and Development Committee
- President 2020-2022, Chair of Board of Directors and Management Committee
- Past-President 2022-2024, Member of Management Committee, and Chair of Membership Committee

During my time as President I successfully steered the IFBLS Board of Directors during the height of the Covid pandemic when the impact of Covid on meeting attendances, in particular the World Congress, required difficult decisions and new ways of working. This episode has highlighted the importance of face to face meetings and opportunities for social and professional networking.

I feel we still need to develop a greater understanding of biomedical laboratory services, and underpinning education and training in individual countries in order to be more strategic in identifying issues in biomedical laboratory science that IFBLS can influence the resolution in its position as a global membership organization and Non-State Actor (NSA) in Official Relations with the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The status of IFBLS as an NSA with official relations with the WHO are entered into through a triennial review and governed by a framework of engagement with agreed objectives and outlined activities for the coming three-year period. I believe that for the next triennial period (2025-2027) it is crucial that IFBLS prioritises its commitment to the plan and to strengthening its relationship with the WHO Designated Technical Officer who is the focal point for joint collaboration. To do this effectively we need to improve our ability to respond to WHO initiatives by identifying how the impact of biomedical laboratory science can make a difference. This can be achieved in two ways. 1) More effective communication on a regional basis with our Members Associations to understand the impact of WHO directives on their laboratory services, and 2) rebuild our network of scientific experts and fully engage them in the process of achieving the objectives we have with WHO.

Delivering on the plan enables IFBLS to be recognised, not just as the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Science, but as an organisation whose members can influence and guide improvements to the crucial impact Biomedical Laboratory Science can have in improving healthcare worldwide.

My motivation for seeking re-election to the Board of Directors is to contribute effectively to future strategies by maintaining organisational stability and sharing the knowledge, experience and professional insight of IFBLS member associations I have gained over the last eight years. I am confident this can contribute significantly to building international advisory groups for different BLS disciplines within IFBLS, demonstrating the inter-relationship of these disciplines in healthcare and through this strengthening closer relations with our membership on a regional level.
