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- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*
- *Interested in the position of IFBLS President-Elect*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

ICELAND - The Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists (IABS)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Member engagement and communication
- Prions
- Workplace safety

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

I would like to support IFBLS activities that strengthen global engagement and raise the visibility of the profession. The Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists (IABS) became a member of IFBLS in 1970 and has maintained active involvement in IFBLS activities over the decades, including Icelandic representation on the IFBLS Board of Directors and in the role of IFBLS President. The history of IABS's commitment to the international professional community has shaped my understanding of the value of sustained international collaboration and the importance of creating opportunities for both established and newer member associations to contribute meaningfully, and it strengthens my wish to contribute constructively to IFBLS's future work.

Building on this history, I see value in initiatives to increase membership by reaching underrepresented regions and supporting national societies in joining IFBLS. This could be achieved through targeted outreach, collaboration, mentoring between member associations, and clear communication of the benefits of membership. IABS's continued participation has given us insight into how IFBLS membership can strengthen professional identity, encourage exchange of knowledge, and connect biomedical laboratory scientists (BLSs) across countries.

In addition, I would like to encourage greater participation by BLSs in IFBLS activities, including contributions to the IFBLS journal. In my role as chairperson of IABS, I work with similar priorities, particularly encouraging active member participation. This could be supported by promoting the journal more actively and creating accessible opportunities for first-time authors to contribute.

As a further initiative, I would be interested in exploring the development of an IFBLS podcast featuring conversations with BLSs from member countries, as well as specialists from a range of fields. This could serve as a platform to share knowledge, highlight diverse perspectives, strengthen the global professional community, and increase the visibility of the profession among other healthcare professionals and the public.
