

International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS)

ANNUAL AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025 - 2026



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Board of Directors

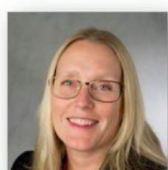
IFBLS is governed by a Board of Directors, comprising of the President, President-Elect and Past-President (Management Committee) and five Board Members, elected by IFBLS members at the biennial General Assembly of Delegates (GAD).

IFBLS Board of Directors 2024 - 2026 were elected at the General Assembly of Delegates in Vancouver in September 2024.

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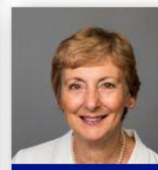
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Executive Administrator

Ms. Janie Hames is the Executive Administrator for IFBLS and provides excellent support to the Management Committee, Board members, IFBLS Chief Delegates and the Association Members.

The IFBLS office organization, including bookkeeping, banking and financial reporting continues to be further developed by Janie, as well as the office and webinar use of the digital communication platform Zoom. The organizational development that Janie has implemented and supported as well as the competencies, administrative and social, are essential to the smooth and efficient operation of the organisation.

Providing administrative support for the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series, working with the Awards Committee and acting as the anchor for arranging our meeting in Chiba, Japan have all added significantly to the workload in the office.

The Management Committee are particularly appreciative of Janie's corporate knowledge and expertise she provides.

IFBLS wishes to extend our gratitude to CSMLS for hosting the office and for including Janie.



IFBLS Mission Statement

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

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 Board of Directors are guided by the IFBLS By-Laws and Procedure Manual. As a registered non-profit organization in Canada, IFBLS is also mandated by *Canada's Not-for-Profit Corporation Act (CNCA)* to maintain our legal status.

The Strategic Plan for 2026-2030 will outline work areas and specific objectives with activities to be undertaken.

The Strategic Plan is linked closely with the Mission and Objectives.

In addition to the work outlined in the Strategic Plan, IFBLS also follow up tasks outlined in our By-laws and as required by our members.

Promote the Profession	• IFBLS is the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists
IFBLS World Congress	• New ways to meet and learn from each other
WHO Collaboration	• IFBLS influences global health policies
Promote professional standards	• IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientists community
Education and professional development	• IFBLS provides opportunity for Continuous Professional Development of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

Management Committee

The Management Committee is comprised of the three officers of the Corporation. The Management Committee makes day-to-day decisions regarding the management and administration of IFBLS.

The Management Committee is led by the President Gabriella Lillsunde Larsson, with President-Elect Hassan Aziz and Past-President Marie Culliton.

Report

The Management Committee conducts most of the business of IFBLS by regular e-mail communication and Zoom digital meetings, on a weekly basis to keep up with day-to-day issues and other business.

Key areas of work since September 2025 have included:

- Preparation for the 36th IFBLS World Congress in Chiba, Japan being held 23-27 September 2026. Congress is generously hosted by Japanese Association of Medical Technologists (JAMT)
- Submission for and acceptance of IFBLS delegate Marie Culliton in the steering committee of the WHO Global Diagnostics Coalition 2025-2027
- Recruitment of new editor in chief for the IJBLs
- Continued work for ISCO reclassification, meeting with Lara Badre in Sep 2025 on ISCO process
- Participation in four joint statements by Non-State Actors at the 158th session of the WHO Executive Board Feb 2026 and at the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly 18-23 May 2026

Together with the Board

- Relaunching the Scientific Network of Experts (SNE)
- Delivering of the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series
- Developed and launched the 2025-2026 BLS Day theme - *Biomedical Laboratory Scientists Promoting Sustainability in Clinical Diagnostics*
- Increased presence on social media
- Revision of the annual CD Report template

President's Activities

The President is the public face of the IFBLS and its Board. Presidential activities promoting the IFBLS and the profession of Biomedical Laboratory Science included:

Participation in the Taiwan Society of Laboratory Medicine (TSLM) Annual Meeting 1-2 Nov 2025 in Taipei, Taiwan.

Presentation with the title: “Global Competencies for Biomedical Laboratory Scientists: Building a Unified Professional Framework with IFBLS”

Participation in the 48th Annual Conference of the Association of Medical Technologists of Thailand under the theme “AI with a Human Touch.”
Monday, June 29, 2026, to Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

Recorded message for Biomedical Laboratory Science Day.
Greetings and messages of support to different member's conferences.

Respectfully submitted,
Gabriella Lillsunde Larsson
President

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is led by Past-President Marie Culliton, with Board Members Giseon Song and Robyn Wells.

Report

New Members 2026

The Associação Portuguesa de Ciências Biomédicas Laboratoriais (BioMedLab) in Portugal applied for membership in October 2025. Following Committee review, and Board decision in December 2025, their application was approved as a new member of IFBLS for 2026.

New Member Recruitment

Associations from Fiji (FIMLS), Kuwait (KAML), and Palestine (PMTA) have submitted applications, and a review is currently underway. Recommendations from the Committee will be brought to the Board meeting in August 2026.

The Committee continues to reach out to potential members and would appreciate the support from all members in this drive.

Engagement with Lapsed Members

Two association members did not renew membership in 2026. Specific targeted contact is being made with these organisations to understand why this might have happened.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Culliton
Chair, Membership Committee

Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee is led by Robyn Wells, with Board Members Giseon Song and President-Elect Hassan Aziz.

Report

Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series:

The successful webinar series continued, with four webinars held and more scheduled for later in the year.

- 26 August 2025 - Title: TB in the 21st Century: Recent Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment
Speakers: Christopher Coulter, PhD, FACSc, FASHP and Sushil Pandey, PhD, MBA Qld Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory Pathology Queensland, Australia.
- 6 October 2025 - Title: Applied AI in Healthcare: Lessons Learned.
Speaker: Ahmad M. AbuSalah, PhD. Director, Digital Innovation Hub, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Saudi Arabia.
- 17 March 2026 - Title: Greener Workplaces and Laboratories: What Are We Doing?
Speakers: Kathrine Overgaard Foss Jensen, MSc. Project Manager/Sustainability Consultant, Rigshospitalet Capital Region of Denmark, and Sheri Scott, MSc, Principal Lecturer and Biomedical Scientist, MSc. Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom.
- 22 May 2026 - Title: Donor-Derived Cell-Free DNA (dd-cfDNA) for Transplant Assessment.
Speaker: Dr. Jing Xie, Senior Laboratory Director Natera San Carlos, California, USA.

IFBLS and international collaboration were close to Britta Karlsson's heart, and we are pleased to honour her legacy and deep connection to education through this webinar series.

Scientific Network of Experts (SNE)

A review of the roles of the IFBLS Advisory Groups and the Scientific Network of Experts was performed last year resulting of the launch of a unified single structure: the Scientific Network of Experts (SNE). The IFBLS Scientific Network of Experts was created to assist the IFBLS Board of Directors in document review, expert advice or projects which will benefit developments within laboratory medicine and our profession. The invitation to submit applications was distributed with a closing date of September 1st, 2025. A total of 30 experts in different areas were selected for the SNE for the term of 2026-2029. During 2026 the SNE revised the following statements; IFBLS Code of Ethics, Point of Care Testing (PoCT), and Patient Safety. These updated versions are now published on the IFBLS website.

IJBLS Development:

Under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief Dr. Patricia Tille and the IJBLS Editorial Advisory Board, the second issue of 2025 was published in October, and the first issue of 2026 was published in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Wells
Chair, Scientific Committee

Development Committee

The Development Committee is led by Board Member Alan Wainwright, with Board Members Bitten Kaanbjerg Kristensen and Maria Klement.

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Work towards ISCO recognition:

Aim: The achieve recategorization of biomedical laboratory scientists as a Professional Group.

The latest reference point for this is outcomes of the 21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) 11-20 October 2023 report entitled Impact of the 21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS).

Working group will continue and updated ISCO to be agreed by 2028.

Achievements:

- a) Working Group for the Reclassifying/Recognition of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists within the ISCO Classification Major Group 2 was set up and Alan Wainwright leads the group for IFBLS.
- b) The ISCO Task & Finish group agreed the content of a survey to IFBLS Chief Delegates and Association Members that was sent out 21 April 2025. Survey was presented at the 2025 September AltGAD meeting. Outcomes of the survey was used to inform the ILO for the ISCO-08 review. A meeting was held with Lara Badre, Senior Statistician ILO who is leading the review of ISCO-O (Sep 16, 2025).

CD reports revise template:

Aim: To initially identify any common areas in order for the full committee to review and discuss options for a revised template.

Achievements: Comments from CD reports 2025 have been mapped to the current IFBLS strategy 2025- 26. Due to the lack of comments in the reports with regard to issues to discuss/suggestions for future IFBLS meetings the cross-mapping is possibly limited as a guide to CD priorities and potential committee/BoD work. Work on the revision of the CD report template is ongoing, together with Management Committee.

Social Media policy:

Aims: Regular presence on social media. Deliver social media policy.

Achievements: A regular presence on social media has been maintained with posts on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. Interviews with BoD members continue to be published as well as IFBLS activities.

Britta Karlsson Advancement Programme:

Aims: look at use of programme and potential for new award. The current structure of the Advancement Programme needs to be reviewed as the current award is proving to be difficult for a variety of reasons.

Achievements: Work in progress. Development Committee agreed at their last meeting that the current structure of the Advancement Programme needs to be reviewed as the aims of supporting educational development in Biomedical Laboratory Science through workshops and speakers facilitated by the host country is proving to be difficult for a variety of reasons.

IDBLSE continue to update:

The committee continues to add information. The importance of IDBLSE for ISCO has been noted.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Wainwright
Chair, Development Committee

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is led by Maria Klement, with Board Members Bitten Kaanbjerg Kristensen and Alan Wainwright.

Report

Fellowship Award

The Fellowship Award was launched in June 2024. This prestigious award acknowledges individuals from IFBLS member associations who have made significant contributions as administrators, educators, clinicians, or researchers, and serves to inspire ongoing excellence within the field.

Four recipients of the Fellowship were presented at the AltGAD in Stockholm in Sep 2025:

- **Mirjana Stupnisek**, Croatian Laboratory Association (CLA) and Croatian Chamber of Health Professionals - Professional Department for Medical Laboratory Activities (CCHP-PDMLA).
- **Marie Nora Roald**, The Norwegian Institute of Biomedical Science (NITO).
- **Tom Stowe**, Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS).
- **Dennis Mok**, Australian Institute of Medical and Clinical Scientists (AIMS).

We look forward to honouring additional recipients in 2026 at the Congress in Chiba, Japan.

Awards before the IFBLS 2026 Congress

Preparation have been done to secure process and applications for Congress Awards in Chiba, Japan such as the:

- Nordic Award
- JAMT Award
- KAMT Young Scientist Award
- ASCLS Good Poster Award
- IFBLS Student Award
- Elisabeth Pletscher Award
- Past President's Award

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Klement
Chair, Awards Committee

WHO Collaboration

IFBLS is a Non-State Actor (NSA) in official relations with WHO. We fully support the ongoing work of WHO in this area and the huge challenges that are being faced. In our own areas of Biomedical Laboratory Science, the impact on clinical service laboratories and staff have been monumental and we have highlighted the importance of having sufficient numbers of trained, qualified staff to carry out testing to appropriate standards that ensure accuracy of the results. As the world readjusts post the pandemic and the 'New Normal' becomes established the importance of our profession in diagnosis, prognosis and monitoring disease along with contribution to public health must not be ignored.



Triennial Review and Workplan

In our Triennial Review with WHO the plan for collaboration between WHO and IFBLS aims at supporting WHO's efforts with Member States towards achieving the WHO Strategic Priorities as set in its Fourteenth General Programme of Work (GPW14) and the WHA resolution 76.5 on Strengthening Diagnostics Capacity, with special attention on issues related to laboratory medicine. Our latest workplan was accepted at the 156th session of the WHO Executive Board 3-11 February 2025. Key areas for activities include sustainability, workforce capacity and AI.

In the annual reporting of the collaboration between WHO and IFBLS 2025-2027 for 2025-2026 IFBLS were happy to report ongoing and completed activities related to sustainability (webinar and BLS-day theme), workforce capacity (outcomes of the survey conducted on workforce capacity for clinical laboratories), as well as input to strengthen diagnostics capacity (EDL and participation in the WHO Global Diagnostics Coalition).

The WHO Global Diagnostics Coalition

The GDC is a WHO-managed informal network convening diverse stakeholders to strengthen diagnostics capacity and support coordinated action across health systems.

The Steering Committee comprises members appointed by WHO, representing a range of stakeholder groups, geographical regions and areas of expertise. It provides overall strategic direction for the work of the Coalition and supports the development and oversight of its work plan.

Past-president Marie Culliton represents IFBLS in the Steering Committee for 2025-2027.

Participation in meetings

Marie Culliton participated in the Global Diagnostics Coalition (GDC) Members Meeting, hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 25 May 2026 at WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.

IFBLS participated in one joint statement together with other Non-State Actors at the 158th session of the WHO Executive Board Feb 2026 (Agenda Item 26: Economics of Health for All - led by the World Health Professions Alliance WHPA). At the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly 18-23 May 2026, IFBLS joined in three constituency statements; 15.5 Economics for Health for All led by the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA), 12.5 Primary Health Care led by the International Association for Dental Research (IADR), and 20.1 Reform of the Global Health Architecture and the UN80 Initiative (led by Women in Global Health).

We very much appreciate the opportunities to engage with these activities, and plan for more involvement in WHO activities in the coming year.

Finances

The annual membership fees, and biennial World Congress fee, traditionally fund IFBLS activities. In 2025, the Alternate GAD meetings were held, in Stockholm, Sweden.

The financial situation of IFBLS is stable, much because of reduced expenditures during the pandemic years of 2021 and 2022. Costs have however increased in the last years, such as for travel and hosting meetings.

At the 2025 AltGAD a member fee increase was discussed. Also, a by-law change was decided upon, opening for virtual member meetings, a strategy that can decrease costs but also increase member participation.

A member fee increase will be initiated for 2027. The strategy of IFBLS for the coming years will include evaluation of financial models for congress and member meetings.

Meetings

The Board of Directors have held 5 board meetings since the Alternate GAD in Stockholm in 2025. One held in person in Stockholm after the AltGAD and the others held virtually through Zoom. With board members spanning different continents, meeting times have been challenging but successful because of board member commitment to IFBLS. Two board meetings are planned in adjacent to the GAD in Chiba, Japan in September.

The Management Committee has met twice a month virtually through Zoom, and once in person in London in February 2026.

Virtual options are great alternatives but cannot fully replace the value of meeting in person, especially in an international context.

Britta Karlsson Legacy

In 2017, IFBLS received a generous donation from the estate of Britta Karlsson, a former member and long-time supporter of IFBLS, particularly in the areas of education and internationalization for Biomedical Laboratory Scientists. The donation has been invested as the Britta Karlsson Legacy. The annual returns from the legacy now finance Britta Karlsson educational initiatives.

Britta Karlsson Advancement Program

The program is aimed for IFBLS association members, primarily from Low- and Middle-Income Economy Countries (LMICs), to sponsor an international lecturer to travel and share their knowledge in a local workshop, or lead a similar event such as an online webinar.

The programme was refined and relaunched in 2024, however without successful output. The Board of Directors will evaluate how to improve the programme to honour the educational legacy of Britta Karlsson.

Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series

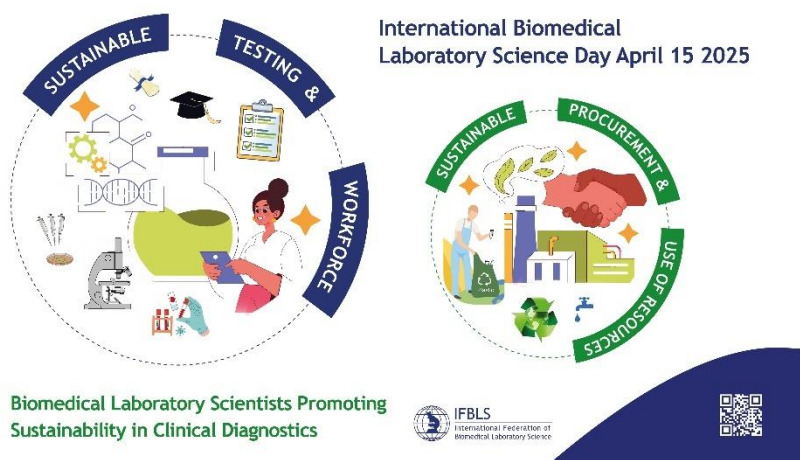
The successful webinar series, first launched in 2022, has now held 16 webinars. These webinars are a great opportunity for members from around the world to learn from our international colleagues. IFBLS is deeply grateful to our speakers for sharing their knowledge and expertise. The next webinar is planned for Tuesday, 18th August 2026.

BLS Day 2025 - 2026

International BLS Day celebrated on the 15th of April each year provides an opportunity for Biomedical Laboratory Scientists across the globe to contribute to the mission and objectives of IFBLS.

This year the IFBLS Board chose the theme ***Biomedical Laboratory Scientists Promoting Sustainability in Clinical Diagnostics***.

This two-year theme highlights the vital role of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists in advancing clinical health care while prioritizing environmental responsibility.



On 15th April 2026, we celebrated together the innovative efforts of BLS professionals worldwide implementing sustainable practices that improve diagnostics and reduce waste, as we continue to make a profound impact on global health and the environment.

Thank you for your dedication and contributions as we work towards a healthier, more sustainable future.

Scientific Network of Experts (SNE)

The IFBLS Scientific Network of Experts (SNE) was established to support the IFBLS Board of Directors through expert advice, document review, and projects which benefit developments within laboratory medicine and our profession.

The Network is drawn from the membership of IFBLS Association Members, with the aim of ensuring broad representation across disciplines and geographical regions. Following a review of the previous Scientific Network and Advisory Groups, a call for applications to relaunch a unified SNE was issued in June 2025. Thirty experts representing a range of areas of laboratory medicine and professional practice were selected for the 2026-2029 term.

IFBLS is a Non-State Actor in Official Relations with the WHO, which is underpinned by a triennial working agreement. The IFBLS Board of Directors receive calls for experts and volunteers for development of WHO documents and tasks.

Members of the Scientific Network of Experts may also be invited to submit articles, act as peer reviewers and editors for our International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS). Our Scientific Network will therefore contribute to development of IFBLS as the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists.

During 2026, the SNE contributed to the review and revision of three key IFBLS Position Papers: the Code of Ethics, Point-of-Care Testing (PoCT), and Patient Safety. The updated statements have been published on the IFBLS website and are available as resources for IFBLS members and the wider laboratory medicine community.

IJBLS Journal

The International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS) is an on-line peer-reviewed journal published bi-annually by the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences (IFBLS).

The journal is intended to disseminate information and knowledge to the international laboratory community by accepting a variety of manuscripts for publication. Those manuscripts should be original research articles, literature or mini-reviews, case studies, brief communications and letters to the editor describing original investigations in all fields of biomedical laboratory sciences.

The journal covers several major disciplines: clinical chemistry, molecular diagnostics, clinical serology and immunology, hematology, transfusion medicine, clinical virology, clinical bacteriology and mycology, clinical microscopy, histopathology, cytology, quality control and quality management, laboratory management, education and ethics, laboratory safety and any important topics or issue related to the biomedical laboratory science.

Since the Alternate GAD in Stockholm, Vol. 14, No. 2: 40-95 was published in October 2025, and Vol. 15, No. 1: 1-96 in April 2026.

IFBLS looks forward to receiving continuous scientific contributions from Biomedical Laboratory Scientists of the world.

The 2026 CD Report included a specific IJBLS question to find out more about the knowledge of the journal among our members and how to improve the journal in the future. A summary of this will be presented at the CD Meeting in Chiba, Japan. The journal will also be one of the topics at the Open Forum discussions.

Website

The IFBLS website is updated regularly in order to provide relevant information and news, supported by a newsletter to member associations four times per year.

Social Media

IFBLS is present on three social media platforms, Instagram, LinkedIn and Facebook. From 2024, IFBLS has engaged a social media moderator on a part time basis.

The IFBLS Facebook page keeps increasing its number of followers, being the communication channel that reaches the largest number of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists. The Facebook page is IFBLS's major platform for interactions of both formal and informal aspects, sharing information but also creating interest in IFBLS and the profession we represent, as well as inspiration to become involved in the associations, globally or nationally.

Newsletter

The web page and the regular member emails are supported by a newsletter to member associations. This is short information on news and upcoming events in a format that can be shared. Letters were sent in November 2025, March 2026, May 2026 and August 2026.

Mid-Year Report virtual meeting

A first mid-year virtual webinar was held in February 2025, as a new initiative to report about activities performed by the Board of Directors but also to highlight a specific topic. This was repeated on February 11th 2026. President Gabriella Lillsunde Larsson and Past President Marie Culliton took part in the webinar that included information on the BLS Day theme, a WHO collaboration update, preparations for the GAD and Congress being held in Chiba, Japan, presentation of the new Scientific Network of Experts (SNE), as well as a presentation about the WHO Global Diagnostics Coalition.

ISCO Reclassification

Following the IFBLS General Assembly of Delegates (GAD) held in September 2024, the IFBLS Board of Directors established an ISCO Task & Finish Group to lead efforts in seeking the reclassification of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists to Professional Group 2: Health Professions under the ISCO-08 framework.

As part of this initiative, IFBLS conducted a short survey with Association Members to better understand how ISCO impacts the BLS profession in each member country. Survey was presented at the 2025 September AltGAD meeting. Outcomes of the survey was used to inform the ILO for the ISCO-08 review. A meeting was held with Lara Badre, Senior Statistician ILO who is leading the review of ISCO-O (Sep 16, 2025). She is leading the work on the ISCO revision, and the taskforce is providing her with data and information to help us make our case in the upcoming ISCO revision (2028).

World Congress

IFBLS World Congress is the biennial event where Biomedical Laboratory Scientists worldwide meet, present our scientific work and learn more about Biomedical Laboratory Science globally. This is an opportunity to find out about our cultural differences and professional contexts and realize that our similarities are stronger than differences.

The World Congresses are hosted and organized by IFBLS member associations. Global destinations contribute to the variations between the congresses, which are also part of the charm. Feedback from congress participants is taken to heart, documented and discussed by the Board of Directors.

We are excited to meet at the 36th IFBLS World Congress 23-27 September 2026 in Chiba, Japan! Hosted by the Japanese Association of Medical Technologists (JAMT), alongside the 75th JAMT Congress, this event will take place at the Makuhari Messe Convention Center.

Theme: *Bridge to the Future of BLS Around the World*

We look forward to connecting with biomedical scientists and laboratory technicians from around the world. I am delighted and truly grateful for the warm welcome and hard work of the Japanese Association of Medical Technologists and the Organizing Committee.



IFBLS collaborates with numerous organizations for mutual benefits.



World Health
Organization

World Health Organization (WHO). The World Health Organization (WHO) is the global guardian of public health. The goal at the World Health Organization (WHO) is to build a better, healthier future for people all over the world. Working through offices in more than 150 countries, WHO Secretariat staff work side by side with governments and other partners to ensure the highest attainable level of health for all people. IFBLS is a Non-State Actor (NSA) in official relations with the WHO.



Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI). IFBLS has had a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CLSI for many years.

This agreement is used to build collaborative endeavours based on mutual interests. The main goal is to use each other's strengths to further promote the development and dissemination of globally applicable consensus standards and guidelines to further education of Biomedical Science and healthcare professionals.

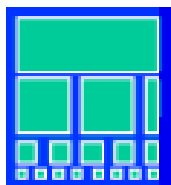


EPBS

European Association for Professions in Biomedical Science (EPBS). IFBLS has had a MOU with EPBS since 2012. We recognize that IFBLS has a global focus, while EPBS has a European focus. Both organizations prepare various policy documents; this is an area we will work together, when appropriate. Both organizations promote each other.



International Federation of Biosafety Associations (IFBA). IFBLS has had a MOU with IFBA since 2014. Each organization will promote the activities of the other when appropriate. Policy documents can be shared, when applicable. At conferences, we could utilize the expertise from each organization for educational purposes. We may collaborate on projects of mutual interest.



International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO). The International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) is an international classification for which the International Labour Organization (ILO) is responsible. ISCO is a tool for organizing jobs into a clearly defined set of groups according to the tasks and duties undertaken in the job. IFBLS will continue with the aim to achieve correct classification for Biomedical Laboratory Scientists, in ISCO Group 2 professionals.



International Organization for Standardization (ISO). ISO is an independent, non-governmental international organization with a membership of 162 national standards bodies. Through its members, ISO brings together experts to share knowledge and develop voluntary, consensus-based, market relevant International Standards that support innovation and provide solutions to global challenges. IFBLS is a Category A liaison to ISO/TC 212 - Clinical laboratory testing and in vitro diagnostic test systems.

IFBLS wishes to extend our gratitude to

- The speakers for our Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series
- The IJBLS Editorial Board
- All IFBLS member associations and Chief Delegates for your trust and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Gabriella Lillsunde Larsson
IFBLS President 2024 - 2026



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is an independent non-governmental association of national societies
in 36 countries, representing more than 240,000 Biomedical
Laboratory Scientists**