

*Happy Holidays*



Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the Board of IFBLS I should like to thank each of you, and each of your members, for their continued commitment provision of quality diagnostic laboratory services.

This year the IFBLS board chose the theme **Guardians of Quality and Patient Safety: Biomedical Laboratory Scientists** for International Biomedical Laboratory Science Day.

This theme is central to everything we do in our work.

We are committed to having Biomedical Laboratory Scientists who are highly educated and trained to deliver a clinical laboratory diagnostic service for our people. Each of us knows that behind every sample we analyse is a person who must be cherished.

The work that we do spans life from gestation through birth, childhood, adulthood and beyond.

As Biomedical Laboratory Scientists we use scientific evidence in the provision of screening and diagnostic information; specifically, how a laboratory analytic procedure is selected, used and applied in clinical decisions for screening and diagnostic purposes.

Biomedical Laboratory Scientists practice in a manner to ensure information derived from analyzing human specimens is safe, effective, patient-centred, timely, efficient and equitable.

A Biomedical Laboratory Scientist is a professional who must adapt constantly to many changes in their practice, reflecting the trends in analytical methodologies, and improvements in diagnosis and treatment of disease and health care settings.

Part of this commitment to quality and safety is how we ensure that we remain up to date with developments in laboratory medicine. The *Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series* assists our scientists all over the world to do just this.

Over the past year we undertook a survey on the opportunities you have in your careers in different healthcare settings. The initial results were presented at our meeting in Dublin in October and a paper will be prepared for publication in our Journal, which continues to grow and publish twice a year.

2024 will be our 70th anniversary and sees a change in how we hold our General Assembly of Delegates. The meeting will take place from 11th to 15th September in Canada. Further details will be available early in the new year. In addition to our Open Forum, Chief Delegates Meeting and GAD we will have a symposium celebrating the work of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists over the past 70 years and how we can contribute to the work of the WHO in Strengthening Diagnostics. Critically it will also be an election year where you will choose who you wish to lead you into the future.

We are also delighted to announce that the location of our 2025 Alternate GAD meeting will be Stockholm, Sweden and that the 36th World Congress will return in 2026 organised by our colleagues in Japan.

As the year draws to a close, and 2024 beckons, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, it bring you all peace and joy.

Marie Culliton  
President

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## IDBLSE - International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Education

The IDBLSE Directory is now available online!

The first "International Directory of Medical Laboratory Science Education" (IDMLSE) was first published in 1994, by Britta Karlsson and her colleagues in co-operation with the International Association of Medical Laboratory Technologists (IAMLT) - now IFBLS. Since the beginning several versions have been published, first as hard copies and later as pdf files. In 2002 it was renamed to the IDBLSE. Since 2020 work has been ongoing to build a new platform and present this information online.

The goal of the IDBLSE is to present Biomedical Laboratory Science education by country, along with the historical data from previous editions. Members are invited to visit the IDBLSE website at <http://idblse.editme.com/> and submit updates for your country.

We look forward to building our online database, should you have questions or comments please email us at [idblse@ifbbs.org](mailto:idblse@ifbbs.org).

## Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series

In 2022, IFBLS launched the inaugural *Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series*. We are delighted to have held 8 successful webinars since that first launch.

IFBLS and international collaboration were close to Britta's heart, and we are pleased to honour her legacy and deep connection to education through these webinars. These webinars are a great opportunity for our members to learn from international speakers.

We are excited to host a line up of new webinars in 2024 and we encourage you to visit the IFBLS website at [www.ifbbs.org](http://www.ifbbs.org) for updates!

## IJBLS - International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science



We are pleased to promote latest edition of the IJBL [International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science \(IJBLS\)](#).

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The IJBL is an online 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 Science.

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.

**Please support IJBL by sharing this new issue with your colleagues today!**

## IFBLS Membership Fees for 2024



The 2024 Membership Renewal invoices have been emailed to members!

IFBLS is an independent non-governmental federation of national societies in 35 countries, representing more than 233,000 Biomedical Laboratory Scientists worldwide. Our mission "to increase the recognition and contributions of Biomedical Laboratory Science to improve global health" is at the foundation of our work.

We are grateful to our members for your ongoing support of IFBLS as we continue to promote the image of Biomedical Laboratory Science as the profession at the heart of public health!

Thank you to those that have already paid, and a gentle reminder fees are due 31 December 2023.

If you require assistance with your membership contact the office at [communications@ifbbs.org](mailto:communications@ifbbs.org).

## Spam Emails

Every now and then, it is brought to our attention that spam emails are being sent to our members that appear to be coming from IFBLS. Spammers use information found on the IFBLS website to create the appearance the email is legitimate. Please do not open any emails, attachments, or zip-files from unknown sources. These emails are not from IFBLS or our associates.

Further, the IFBLS Management Committee or Board of Directors will never send emails to our members requesting money or financial assistance. The only email related to finances your association will receive from IFBLS will be for your annual membership renewal fees, and that email and invoice will come from the IFBLS office at [communications@ifbbs.org](mailto:communications@ifbbs.org).

If you ever have questions or concerns regarding any emails or similar communication from IFBLS, the IFBLS Management Committee or Board of Directors, please do not hesitate to contact the IFBLS office for clarity first.

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