

Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026

The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) is an independent non-governmental association of national societies in 33 countries, representing more than 256 000 Biomedical Laboratory Scientists worldwide.

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IFBLS

Mission and Objectives

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 Mission Statement

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

The IFBLS Strategic plan was revised and approved by the IFBLS Board of Directors in March 2022.

Our plan

IFBLS is an association of national societies in 33 countries, representing more than 256 000 Biomedical Laboratory Scientists worldwide.

Established in 1954, The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) is the world's widest-reaching international organization for Biomedical Laboratory Scientists, bringing the profession, the professionals and health priorities to the world stage.

With increased opportunities for easy communication across borders and continents, IFBLS has exciting possibilities to continue to develop and grow.

IFBLS is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in official relations with the WHO, and over the recent years this collaboration has developed as IFBLS is invited to give more direct input to WHO policies and guidelines.

The following strategic plan outlines our main goals and tasks. The goals are long-term, with detailed tasks outlined. Some of the tasks are ongoing and open-ended, while others have a measurable outcome. We have highlighted the key actions already ongoing under “Our next steps”. Some of these tasks will be continued, while others will be finished.

In addition to the tasks mentioned in this plan, we also follow up tasks outlined in our By-Laws and as required by our members.

Only by working hard and with assistance from our members, IFBLS will continue to strengthen its position as the ***Global Voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists***.

Topics and Goals

Promote the profession

- IFBLS is the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

IFBLS World Congress

- The IFBLS Congress is prestigious; to host, to contribute and to attend

WHO Collaboration

- IFBLS influence global health policies

Promote professional standards

- IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist community

Education and professional development

- IFBLS advances Biomedical Laboratory Science professionals

Tasks

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Promote the profession

IFBLS is the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

- *Promote benefits of membership and member engagement*
- *Support and promote BLS Day Celebrations*
- *Work with WHO to promote Biomedical Laboratory Scientists' professional expertise and global contributions*
- *Work towards ISCO recognition*
- *Utilize website in its full capacity*
- *Utilize social media*
- *Increase number of member associations*

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IFBLS World Congress

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- *Implement Congress Advisory Group*
- *Provide report from each previous Congress*
- *Solicit future Congresses*
- *Conduct site visit, as appropriate, for each upcoming Congress*
- *Continue support and further develop IFBLS Awards programme*

3 WHO Collaboration

IFBLS influence global health policies

- *Continue our status as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in official relations with WHO*
- *Submit annual updates to the WHO - IFBLS workplan*
- *Identify shortages in the international workforce and advise on the implications for global health*
- *Provide input for revision of WHO Guidelines related to laboratory medicine and specifically the Essential List of in vitro Diagnostics*
- *Provide support for WHO Call for experts*
- *Provide input to WHO documents*
- *Deliver side events at World Health Assembly*

4 Promote professional standards

IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist community

- *Advisory group in Microbiology, Hematology, Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Management, Quality Management*
- *Increase number of Advisory groups*
- *Increase membership of the Scientific Network of Experts*
- *Develop and present position papers*
- *Promote the Code of Ethics in all aspects of our profession*

5 Education and professional development *IFBLS advances Biomedical Laboratory Science professionals*

- *Develop and enhance publication of the International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS)*
- *Present and develop E-learning*
- *Revise and update the International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Educations database (IDBLSE)*
- *Review Core Competencies and Core Curriculum Guidelines*
- *Use the Britta Karlsson Advancement Program to support international workshops and lectures*
- *Develop the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series for the benefit of member associations*

Our accomplishments and next steps

By the end of 2021 these were our major achievements:

- In collaboration with host member DBIO, held IFBLS World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark with a total of 659 attendees from 23 countries
- Hosted Open Forum networking opportunity for members in Copenhagen
- Successfully held virtual Chief Delegates Meeting and Alternate GAD
- Signed the 2022 IFBLS World Congress contract with host member Korean Association of Medical Technologists (KAMT)
- Reviewed and responded to matters arising in reports from members
- Promoted the Scientific Network of Experts adding additional experts
- Established and launched a new website and platform for IJBLs
- Published two editions of IJBLs
- Developed in collaboration with WHO, a new three-year workplan for 2022-2024

By the end of 2022 we aim to achieve the following:

- Renew our status with WHO as a Non-State Actor
- Publish a series of articles in the IJBLs
- Support and promote the 35th World Congress in Suwon City, South Korea
- Hold 2022 Chief Delegates meeting and General Assembly of Delegates (GAD) meeting, to maximise engagement from members
- Hold an election for a new Board of Directors 2022-2024 to act in the best interests of members
- Celebrate BLS Day by promoting the central role of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists in the management of the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Presenting new BLS Day theme for 2023-2024
- Launch webinars for the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series
- Launch of updated Core Competencies and Curriculum
- Aim to sign host for Congress 2024

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