

Strategic Plan 2026 - 2030

The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) is an independent non-governmental association of national societies in 37 countries, representing more than 256 000 Biomedical Laboratory Scientists worldwide.

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Laboratory Science

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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.

Our plan

IFBLS is an association of national societies in 37 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-State Actor (NSA) 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

- New ways to meet and learn from each other

WHO
Collaboration

- IFBLS influence global health policies

Promote
professional
standards

- IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist community

Education and
professional
development

- IFBLS provides opportunities for Continuous Professional Development of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

Tasks

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Promote the profession

IFBLS is the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

- *Support and promote BLS Day Celebrations*
- *Work towards ISCO recognition*
- *Promote publication in IJBLs*
- *Engage with member associations*
- *Utilize social media*
- *Promote and develop professional awards*

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IFBLS World Congress

New ways to meet and learn from each other

- *Support host associations in planning and executing the IFBLS congress*
- *Continue support and further develop the IFBLS Awards programme*
- *Evaluate new financial models that benefit host and IFBLS*

3 **WHO Collaboration** *IFBLS influence global health policies*

- *Continue our status as a Non-State Actor (NSA) 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*
- *Participate in the WHO Global Diagnostics network*

4 **Promote professional standards** *IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist community*

- *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 provides opportunities for CPD of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

- *Enhance publication of the International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS)*
- *Revise and update the International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Educations database (IDBLSE)*
- *Use the Britta Karlsson Advancement Program to support international training*
- *Develop the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series for the benefit of member associations*

Our accomplishments and next steps

By the end of 2025 these were our major achievements:

- New BLS Day theme selected and celebrated
- AltGAD meeting held in Stockholm where member fee evaluation and cost evaluation of member meetings were presented and discussed
- By-law revision to make electronic digital member meetings possible
- Recruitment of a new Scientific Network of Experts (SNE)
- Supported and promoted the 36th World Congress in Chiba, Japan
- 4 webinars held within the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series
- Participated in activities with WHO as a non-state actor such as joining in three constituency statements with other NSA's, and proceeding with the work as defined in the 3-year collaborative agreement
- ISCO taskforce established, survey conducted to members and meeting held with ILO representative
- Published two editions of IJBLS

By the end of 2026 we aim to achieve the following:

- BLS Day celebrated
- Participate and celebrate the 2026 IFBLS World Congress in Chiba, Japan
- Host the 2026 Chief Delegates and GAD meeting, including the election of the IFBLS Board of Directors 2026-2028
- Secure and sign contracts for the Alternate GAD 2027, and Congress 2028
- Review congress guidelines to enable solutions that benefit IFBLS and host association
- Publish two editions of IJBLS
- Positions papers revised and additional papers added to IFBLS portfolio

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 - Develop the Britta Karlsson Advancement Programme

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