



MIRJANA STUPNISEK

- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2024-2026*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

CROATIA - Croatian Chamber of Health Professionals - Professional Department for Medical Laboratory Activities (CCHP-PDMLA)

CROATIA - Croatian Laboratory Association (CLA)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Education, Training, and Professional Development of Biomedical Laboratory Professionals/Scientists, ISCO
- Promotion of the Biomedical Laboratory Profession/Science worldwide
- Hematology, Cytology, Pharmacology, Infectious Diseases, Biosecurity and Biosafety, Quality Control, Scientific Research

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

I am a registered Biomedical Laboratory Scientist, with a Master's degree in Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics (BLS) and a Doctorate degree (PhD) in Biomedicine and Health (Medical Sciences). In addition, I completed a one-year specialist training and gained the title of Health Manager, as well as training for QMS Lead Auditor (CQI and IRCA Certified).

I have 39 years of work experience in the fields of BLS (hematology, cytology, pharmacology, infectious diseases, quality control, biosafety, and scientific research). I am currently employed full-time as the Head of the Accreditation Department (Quality Control) at the University Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Zagreb, Croatia. Also, I am a lecturer (associate professor) at the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Health at the University of Osijek and at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Osijek, Croatia.

In addition, as a university professor, I am also a mentor for BLS students on their graduate theses.

I have more than 20 years of experience in organizing BLS scientific and professional courses, meetings, conferences, and congresses.

Also, as a member of various councils and working groups within the health sector, I have contributed to projects related to the BLS profession.

My experience in the professional field as a BLS and a member of associations gives me the belief that I can contribute to the work of the IFBLS Board of Directors, and I am willing to serve in its efforts to enhance and promote the BLS profession.

My suggestions for future IFBLS activities are:

Development and promotion of the BLS profession through IFBLS activities:

- promote the role, contribution, and importance of the BLS profession in the society and health care system worldwide
- harmonize BLS education (training and practice) internationally
- promote continuing professional development internationally
- strengthen IFBLS through international expert groups and projects
- strengthen the role of IFBLS worldwide
- organize BLS Day and the IFBLS World Congress
- continue to work on the revision of the ISCO
- continue to work in collaboration with the WHO
- continue to work on increasing the number of IFBLS members