



MIRJANA STUPNISEK

- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

CROATIA - Croatian Laboratory Association (CLA)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Global Professional Advocacy
- Healthcare Management & Leadership
- Academic Education & Mentorship in BLS
- Infectious Diseases Diagnostics,
- Scientific Network Collaboration
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

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

I am a registered Biomedical Laboratory Scientist holding a Master's degree in Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics, a Doctorate (PhD) in Biomedicine and Health (Medical Sciences), and specialized professional training in Health Management. I have 40 years of work experience as a BLS professional, with specific expertise in hematology, cytology, quality control, infectious diseases, biosafety/biosecurity, management, and scientific research.

In 2025, I was honored to receive the prestigious IFBLS Fellowship Award (FIFBLS). This recognition was awarded for outstanding contributions to Biomedical Laboratory Science that have set a new benchmark for excellence, reflecting dedication and visionary leadership. Furthermore, I have been selected as a Member of the IFBLS Scientific Network of Experts (SNE) for the 2026-2029 term.

I am highly motivated to actively contribute to the IFBLS Board of Directors. I am deeply acquainted with the organization's governance, having previously served as a member of the IFBLS Board of Directors (2010-2016) and as a Chief Delegate at IFBLS meetings continuously since 2006.

My extensive 40-year career as a BLS practitioner at the University Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Zagreb, Croatia, combined with my academic engagement as an Associate Professor and mentor at the University of Osijek (Faculty of Dental Medicine and Health and the Faculty of Medicine), provides me with a unique dual perspective on BLS practice and education. My continuous professional development, specialized management expertise, extensive scientific publications, presentations at numerous domestic and international congresses, and teamwork on many projects related to the BLS profession give me the confidence that I can contribute effectively to the work of the IFBLS Board of Directors. I am fully ready to serve and dedicated to advancing and promoting the BLS profession globally.

My suggestions for future IFBLS activities are:

Development and promotion of the BLS profession through IFBLS activities:

- Elevating Societal Impact and Profession Recognition (ISCO & Global Advocacy)
- Maximizing Strategic Collaborations and Expanding the IFBLS Footprint (WHO & Membership Growth)
- Global Harmonization of BLS Education, Practice, and Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- Strengthening IFBLS Through Interdisciplinary International Expert Groups