



MIRJANA STUPNISEK

- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2022-2024*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

CROATIA - Croatian Laboratory Association (CLA)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Education, Training, and Professional Development of Biomedical Laboratory Professionals/Scientists
- Promotion of the Biomedical Laboratory Profession/Science worldwide
- Hematology, Cytology, Pharmacology, Infectious Diseases, Quality Control, Biosecurity and Biosafety, 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 Doctoral degree (PhD) in Biomedicine and Health (Medical Sciences). In addition, I completed a one-year specialist training and gained the title of Health Manager.

I have 37 years of work experience in the fields of hematology, cytology, pharmacology, infectious diseases, quality control, biosecurity/biosafety, and scientific research. Currently, I am employed full-time as the Coordinator of the Biosafety / Biosafety Coordination at the University Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

Also, I am a lecturer (Associate Professor) at the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Health, University of Osijek, and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Osijek.

I have 20 years of experience in organizing courses, conferences, and congresses, and externally I have contributed to a number of profession-related projects, different councils and working groups as a member, e.g., member of the Sectoral Council for Health (advisory and professional body that ensures the development of human resources in Croatia, 2017-2021).

In IFBLS, I had the honor to be a part of various working groups and committees. I have served as a member of the Board of Directors (2010-2016).

My suggestions for future IFBLS activities are:

Development and promotion of education and BLS profession:

- Harmonization of the BLS education (training and practice) internationally
- Promotion of the continuing professional development internationally
- Strengthening IFBLS by utilizing international expert groups for different BLS disciplines within IFBLS.
- Promoting the role, contribution, and importance of the BLS profession in the society and health system in the world (BLS Day, BLS Congress)

Strengthening the role of IFBLS worldwide:

- Continue to work on the revision of ISCO
 - Continue to work on collaboration with the WHO
 - Continue to work on increasing the number of IFBLS members
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