



International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science

Terms of Reference for the Scientific Network of Experts

Background:

The IFBLS Scientific Network of Experts was created to assist the IFBLS Board of Directors (BoD) in document review or projects which will benefit developments within laboratory medicine and our profession. Suitably qualified and experienced Biomedical Laboratory Scientists within all laboratory disciplines were invited to submit their CV.

IFBLS is a Non-State Actor in Official Relations with the WHO, which is underpinned by a triennial working agreement. The IFBLS Board of Directors receive calls for experts and volunteers for development of WHO documents and tasks. Members of the Scientific Network of Experts may also be invited to submit articles, act as peer reviewers and editors for our International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS). Our Scientific Network will therefore contribute to development of IFBLS as the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists.

Membership in the Scientific Network of Experts:

Up to five scientific experts will represent each discipline of laboratory medicine and these are: Blood Transfusion Sciences, Clinical Biochemistry, Clinical Cytology, Clinical Haematology, Clinical Histopathology, Clinical Microbiology and Virology, Clinical Pharmacology, Clinical Physiology, Education, Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, Immunology and Serology, Laboratory and Patient Safety, Laboratory Management, Laboratory Quality Assurance/Laboratory Information Management Systems, Medical Genetics, Molecular Biology, Point of Care Testing, Pre-Analytics, Professional Ethics, Research.

The Scientific Network of Experts is constituted from the membership of IFBLS Association Members and ideally would be as geographically diverse as possible.

Endorsement of the applicant's expertise and adequacy is required for the application through a separate letter of support from the applicant's association.

Membership will be selected by the IFBLS Board of Directors from submitted applications.

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The term of membership will be four years, with renewal possible. If a member is unable to fulfil their duties, they must inform the President as soon as possible. The IFBLS Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate agreements prematurely.

Roles and responsibilities, within area of expertise and upon request from the Board:

1. Advise the IFBLS Board of Directors on scientific matters.
2. Provide expert knowledge to support the Board responding to WHO tasks and for the development of documentation to be submitted to the WHO.
3. Provide advice to member countries if requested through the Board.
4. Develop position papers for the IFBLS.
5. Serve as reviewers for submitted papers for the IJBLS.
6. Submit papers for the IJBLS and encourage others to submit for publication in the journal.
7. Suggest topics and speakers for the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series.

Communications:

All work by the group would normally be completed by email or other electronic means without cost. The use of telephone calls would require prior approval from the President, as there would be financial implications.