

Strategic Plan 2021 - 2025

The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) is an independent non-governmental association of national societies in 32 countries, representing more than 200 000 Biomedical Laboratory Scientists worldwide.

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IFBLS

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 in March 2021.

Our plan

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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-Governmental Organization (NGO) 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

- The IFBLS Congress is prestigious; to host, to contribute and to attend

WHO Collaboration

- IFBLS influence global health policies

Promote professional standards

- IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist community

Education and professional development

- IFBLS advances Biomedical Laboratory Science professionals

Tasks

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Promote the profession

IFBLS is the global voice of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

- *Promote benefits of membership and member engagement*
- *Support and promote BLS Day Celebrations*
- *Work with WHO to promote Biomedical Laboratory Scientists' professional expertise and global contributions*
- *Work towards ISCO recognition*
- *Utilize website in its full capacity*
- *Utilize social media*
- *Increase number of member associations*

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IFBLS World Congress

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- *Implement Congress Advisory Group*
- *Provide report from each previous Congress*
- *Solicit future Congresses*
- *Conduct site visit for each upcoming Congress*
- *Continue and develop IFBLS Awards program*

3 WHO Collaboration *IFBLS influence global health policies*

- *Continue our status as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in official relations with WHO*
- *Submit annual updates to the WHO - IFBLS workplan*
- *Article in HR Journal about medical laboratory staffing*
- *Provide input for revision of WHO Guidelines related to laboratory medicine*
- *Provide support for WHO Call for experts*
- *Provide input to WHO documents*
- *Consider side events at World Health Assembly*

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

- *Advisory group in Microbiology, Hematology, Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Management, Quality Management*
- *Add more Advisory groups*
- *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 advances Biomedical Laboratory Science professionals*

- *Develop and enhance International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS)*
- *Present and develop E-learning*
- *Revise and update the International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Educations database (IDBLSE)*
- *Review Core Competencies and Core Curriculum Guidelines*
- *Use the Britta Karlsson Advancement Program to support international workshops and lectures*
- *Develop webinars for the benefit of member associations*

Our accomplishments and next steps

By the end of 2020 these were our major achievements:

- Participated and submitted four statements before the WHO Executive Board meeting in Geneva, Switzerland
- Hosted a 2020 virtual Chief Delegates and GAD meeting, including election of IFBLS Board of Directors 2020 - 2022
- Confirmed the Korean Association of Medical Technologists (KAMT) host for the 2022 World Congress in Suwon City, South Korea to be held 5-9 October, 2022
- Reviewed and responded to matters arising in reports from members
- Signed off a new Patient Safety Position Paper
- Promoted the Scientific Network of Experts
- Completed the process of transferring administration of IJBLIS to IFBLS and establish a new Editorial Board for the Journal

By the end of 2021 we aim to achieve the following:

- Publish a series of articles in the IJBLIS
- Support and promote the World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, postponed from 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Host 2021 virtual Chief Delegates and Alternate GAD meetings to maximise engagement from members
- Continue to reinforce our status in official relations with WHO
- Celebrate the 25th anniversary of BLS Day by promoting the central role of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists in the management of the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Provide webinars for the Britta Karlsson Advancement Program

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