



Founded in 1952, the IFCC's mission is to serve the public interest in healthcare by providing world-wide leadership in clinical laboratory science to national professional societies, the diagnostic industry, governments and non-governmental organisations.

The recent vision of IFCC is to develop integration of projects, to improve communications, to assist developing countries in achieving high analytical quality, to foster more educational activities around the world and to begin to focus more actively on areas other than Clinical Chemistry.

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The application of chemical molecular and cellular concepts and techniques to the understanding and evaluation of human health and disease



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The IFCC comprises 84 National Societies, and is associated with 5 Regional Federations: The Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB), The Latin-American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI), The Asian and Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry (APFCB), The European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFCC) and The African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC), 40 Corporate Members and 6 Affiliate Members representing 45,000 laboratory medicine specialists world-wide.

The overall Objectives of the IFCC are:

- To complement and enhance the activities of its members
- To transcend the boundaries of a single nation or a single corporation, or a geographical, cultural or linguistic group of nations in developing the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
- To provide a forum for standardisation and traceability, in the broadest sense, at a high level
- To disseminate information on "best practice" at various levels of technology and of economic development
- To promote a vision of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine that extends beyond traditional narrow perceptions of the field

Our mission is to be the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide.

Through leadership and innovation in science and education we will strive to enhance the scientific level and the quality of diagnosis and therapy for patients throughout the world. We will build on the professionalism of our members to provide quality services to patients. We will aim to communicate effectively with our members, other healthcare providers and the public to ensure knowledge of our excellent scientific and educational achievements. We will focus always on scientific standards, publications, education and communications. We will communicate effectively through a variety of electronic media. We will hold outstanding congresses and conferences to bring the efforts of IFCC to the global community.

Contact your National Society Representative to learn about the benefits of IFCC membership.
A list of all National Society Representatives can be found on the IFCC website www.ifcc.org

The IFCC carries out its objectives through its Divisions, each with Committees and Working Groups. Their members are volunteers, invited from throughout the world on the basis of their expertise.

Scientific Division (SD)

The mission of the Scientific Division is to advance the science of Clinical Chemistry and to apply it to the practice of Clinical Laboratory Medicine.

According to the Statutes of IFCC, the Federation exists to advance the science and practice of laboratory medicine and to further its application in the provision of health services and the practice of medicine. The goals to which the Scientific Division is committed are to:

- Identify research areas of relevance to Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine and assist the transfer of research results to the profession.
- Identify scientific and technological problems in current practice and provide solutions and guidelines on how to resolve them.
- Facilitate the development and transfer of technical innovations to clinical laboratory professionals and clinicians.
- Facilitate the development and implementation of diagnostic strategies.
- Establish standards for scientific and technical aspects of good laboratory practice.
- Respond to scientific and technical needs of IFCC Member Societies, IFCC Corporate Members and external agencies.
- Participate actively in the scientific programs of IFCC congresses and other scientific meetings.
- Ensure the quality of IFCC scientific documents.
- Organise Master Discussions.

IFCC is proud of its publication record. These publications, which include recommendations for the standardisation of analytical procedures and for the interpretation of analytical results as well as other important scientific publications, are listed on the IFCC website www.ifcc.org, where you may find the latest documents in the 'Document Database'.

Funding for Scientific Division projects comes mostly from IFCC revenue.

Corporate Members appreciate the opportunity of being involved in the project planning process, accessing project results and understanding the impact of the projects on health care. The IFCC also benefits greatly from their input and scientific expertise.

Education & Management Division (EMD)

The mission of EMD is to provide IFCC members and the health-care community with education relevant to Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, directed at scientific, management and clinical issues.

Global concerns for the cost of healthcare make it particularly important that the IFCC guides laboratory professionals to function optimally, and to allocate resources based on medical evidence. The IFCC aims to achieve this through IFCC initiatives and collaboration with other groups in the field of healthcare planning and delivery. EMD is proud of its Abbott Visiting Lecture Program, which has been expanded to cover all areas of the world on an annual basis. It also arranges many courses and workshops in specialised areas.

IFCC publishes information and guidelines relating to the education of clinical chemists and laboratory physicians that can be found on the IFCC website www.ifcc.org

Current projects include:

- Visiting Lecturer Program
- Clinical Molecular Biology Courses
- Expanding knowledge in Evidence Based Laboratory Medicine
- Managing the quality of Laboratory tests
- Serum donation project
- Courses and workshops in specialized areas










Communication and Publications Division (CPD)

The mission of CPD is to provide world-wide communications about the work of the IFCC to clinical laboratory scientists, physicians and health policy-makers, and to provide continuing education materials and services in printed and electronic forms.

The IFCC website (www.ifcc.org) is a portal to international resources for laboratory medicine. Already in place are email links with the secretariat, links to IFCC member societies, links to corporate members, a scientific meeting database, an interactive address list, continuing education materials, the Ibero-Americano corner, the IFCC handbook and the annual report.

The Division is responsible for the publication on the web of the eJournal of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (eJIFCC) on a quarterly basis, and an IFCC newsletter, which is published bimonthly. IFCC news and scientific documents are also published in formal collaborations with Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CCLM) and other publishers, as are educational tools including scientific monographs. Translations of important IFCC documents into languages other than English are also published. Visit the IFCC website to read the latest IFCC news and scientific reviews.

Key IFCC Programs

-  IFCC Reference Materials
-  IFCC Awards
-  Distance Learning Program
-  Labs are Vital Program
-  Visiting Lectureship Program
-  Professional Scientific Exchange Program
-  IFCC Speaker's Bureau
-  Roche/IFCC Travel Scholarships

Visit the IFCC website for more information on the above programs
www.ifcc.org

Congresses and Conferences Committee (C-CC)

The mission of C-CC is to provide general and administration and management of all IFCC meeting activities (congresses, conferences and symposia) and to review applications for IFCC Auspices from non-IFCC conferences requesting such sponsorship.

The C-CC carries out the IFCC's policy to promote and sponsor regular international and regional congresses, exhibitions and specialist conferences in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine.

The C-CC works with meeting organizers to share experiences, liaise with industry and to obtain resources that allow young clinical chemists and those from emerging countries to participate in regional and international meetings.

The IFCC has considerable expertise in organising and providing support for a number of international conferences/congresses. Visit the IFCC website for a database of upcoming international and regional conferences organized and/or sponsored by the IFCC.

Plan to attend a future IFCC Conference:

- IFCC - WorldLab Congress
- IFCC EFCC Euromedlab
- IFCC Regional Congresses
- Other IFCC Conferences