



# GABRIELLA LILLSUNDE- LARSSON

- *Currently serving as  
IFBLS Board Director 2020-2022*
- *Nominated for the position of  
IFBLS Board Director 2022-2024*
- *Interested in the position of  
IFBLS President-Elect*

## ASSOCIATION MEMBER

SWEDEN - The Swedish Institute of  
Biomedical Laboratory Science (IBL)

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### SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Research, education, and professional development.

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

I have been fortunate to be a part of the IFBLS Board 2020-2022. As a board member, I have been Chair of the Development Committee and a member of the Scientific Committee. In the Development Committee we have been revising the Core Competencies and Core Curriculum guidelines during this period and also worked on CD Reports from member countries to aid in future activities.

Marie Nora Roald, Janie Hames, and I have started the work on developing a digital International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Education database (IDBLSE). We are currently exploring a web tool to be used where we can upload documents and continuously update information. This is a continuous work that I hope to continue in the future.

As part of the Scientific Committee, I have been part of starting the digital IFBLS Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series. During 2022 we have successfully operated seminars on COVID-19 and professional development and the series is ongoing with planned seminars in June and September. It is very rewarding to provide opportunities to meet and learn together on topics important to the BLS profession.

I was part of the scientific board for the IFBLS Congress in Copenhagen in 2021 and also represented the IFBLS Board in several tasks such as being session chair, organizing and awarding the IFBLS poster awards, participating in the Student Forum, participating in the Open Forum, etc.

I am very happy for my previous period and tasks in the Board, and I am now seeking to explore a future role as President-Elect. These two years have been rewarding in both a professional and personal way. I have learned many things about our BLS community, and I would be happy to take on more roles and responsibilities in developing this organization for future challenges. During the last years, we have had to adapt to many changes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Both from a personal perspective and also as an organization. We have learned to use digital tools for meetings, seminars, and conferences but at the cost of fewer face-to-face meetings. And this might be the new normal. We, as an organization, must work hard to ensure member value despite these challenges.

As you may recall from my previous application, I have a special interest in research and education. In my daily work, I am fortunate to be able to divide my time between education, clinical practice, and research. As program director for a master's program for biomedical scientists, I am passionate about continuous professional development for the profession. I strongly believe that to attract young people to this exciting profession, we need to provide opportunities for advanced studies and to career development.

My suggestions for future IFBLS activities are:

- To extend the Scientific Networks to include more areas/topics and to encourage members to publish in the IFBLS journal.
- To explore the possibility to start other networks for different professional areas, for example in education.
- To continue working for biannual conferences on biomedical science. This is a very important forum for connecting and learning from each other. But we must adapt to the new normal and find new solutions for professional education.

- Release the digital International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Education database (IDBLSE) in the coming period.
  - Continue the digital IFBLS Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series and also have seminars on site on specific topics.
  - Finally, I look forward to our work together on topics important to the profession. The pandemic has shown our importance in health care, and we must continue to add value, quality, and science to health care and to the community in the future.
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