



## 35<sup>th</sup> IFBLS World Congress 2022

Plans are well under way for the 35th IFBLS World Congress - *New Normal, New Lab* - to be held at the Suwon Convention Center in Suwon, South Korea 5th - 9th October 2022, hosted by the Korean Association of Medical Technologists (KAMT).

[Registration](#) for the Congress opens in January, with early-bird registration available until 30 June 2022.

The call for online [Abstract Submissions](#) opens in January, and will close 31 March 2022. Please visit the Congress website for key dates and detailed information on abstract topics.

The IFBLS 2022 Awards programme is now open online. Please visit the [IFBLS website](#) for more details and share with your members today! Deadline for applications is 1 April 2022.

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## Holiday Greeting



On behalf of the IFBLS Board of Directors I wish to extend our gratitude for all the hard work and dedication you, your colleagues and professional association networks have shown this year in dealing with the ongoing Covid pandemic and new variants that further challenge our resilience.

Biomedical Laboratory Scientists across the world continue to demonstrate ingenuity, inventiveness and collaboration, not just to deal with pandemics but the wider and longer-standing challenges of healthcare that bring with them the realisation of how adaptable our profession is.

As Covid testing becomes more entrenched in our daily work, we will undoubtedly see expansion of point of care services now that PCR testing has been miniaturised and can be made readily available outside the laboratory. Our profile will continue to rise, and patients will have a chance to see what we do and understand why we do it.

But there are also other areas that will undoubtedly come to the forefront of our thinking, for instance, the growing awareness and concern of the impact of the carbon footprint of our resource intensive laboratories. The focus will turn on us for new reasons; we need to ensure we respond positively, and use our knowledge and expertise to inform and guide our policy-makers and governments.

This is the time of year when we look to the future with hope and expectation. Our profession has the power to turn hope into reality by continuing to review, adapt and improve as we dedicate ourselves to delivering the highest standards of laboratory practice.

So let us celebrate all that our profession has achieved this last year, celebrate the opportunities that raising our profile have provided, and most of all, look forward to what our future will bring.

My wish to you all is that you are able to take time to rest, to spend time with your loved ones, and have time to enjoy peace and happiness.

Alan Wainwright  
IFBLS President

## IJBLs - International Journal of Biomedical Science

We are excited to announce the latest edition of the [International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science \(IJBLs\)](#) has been published!

The IJBLs is an online peer-reviewed journal published bi-annually by the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences (IFBLS).

The journal is intended to disseminate information and knowledge to the international laboratory community by accepting a variety of manuscripts for publication. Those manuscripts should be original research articles, literature or mini-reviews, case studies, brief communications and letters to the editor describing original investigations in all fields of Biomedical Laboratory Science.

The journal covers several major disciplines: clinical chemistry, molecular diagnostics, clinical serology and immunology, hematology, transfusion medicine, clinical virology, clinical bacteriology and mycology, clinical microscopy, histopathology, cytology, quality control and quality management, laboratory management, education and ethics, laboratory safety and any important topics or issue related to the Biomedical Laboratory Science.

A tremendous amount of work has gone into this latest issue and we hope you are as impressed as we are. **Please support IJBLs by sharing this new issue with your colleagues today!**

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## Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series



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IFBLS is pleased to announce the first event of the inaugural series of virtual webinars:

## Lessons Learned from the Pandemic

Friday, 21 January 2022 at 12:00 noon - 1:30 GMT

Our first speaker will discuss the primary methods used to identify SARS-CoV-2. Followed by a panel who will share their lessons learned as a result of providing laboratory services during this pandemic.

This is a great opportunity to learn from our international colleagues and apply their information to your own practice.

Certificates of attendance will be sent to participants after the webinar.

## Speakers:

	<p><b>Sarah Pitt, PhD, CSci, FIBMS, SFHEA</b> Institute of Biomedical Science Chief Examiner in Virology Principal Lecturer School of Applied Sciences University of Brighton Brighton, United Kingdom</p>		<p><b>Bassey Enya Bassey, PhD, FWAPCMLS</b> Surveillance and Disease Control Officer World Health Organization Abuja, Nigeria</p>
	<p><b>Sul-yuan Chang, ScD</b> Professor Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences and Medical Biotechnology National Taiwan University College of Medicine Deputy Director Department of Laboratory Medicine National Taiwan University Hospital Taipei, Taiwan</p>		<p><b>Marie Culliton, MSc, MBA, ProfDipPRag, FACSLM</b> Chief Medical Scientist and Laboratory Manager Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine The National Maternity Hospital Dublin, Ireland</p>
	<p><b>Rodney Rohde, PhD, MS, SM(ASCP)CM</b> SVCN, MBCM, FASC Regents' Professor, Texas State University System University Distinguished Chair and Professor, Clinical Laboratory Science Associate Director, Translational Texas Research Initiative Texas State University San Marcos, TX, United States</p>		

## Registration:

Registration is required to attend this webinar. Please submit your name, email address and country to our IFBLS Administrator at [communications@ifbls.org](mailto:communications@ifbls.org).

Register early! Maximum capacity 500 registrants.

**Registration must be submitted by 14 January 2022.**

## International BLS Day - 15 April 2022

International BLS Day was established at the 1996 World Congress in Oslo, Norway and the purpose of the day is to promote and celebrate the key role of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists in diagnostic and preventive health care systems.

Throughout the years the themes have covered many different topics, all relevant to the scope and competencies of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists. The Covid-19 pandemic has influenced, and maybe changed, the world as we know it. As the virus spread, in many countries the public awareness of diagnostics and Biomedical Laboratory Scientists came into the public eye.

In order to continue the momentum of increasing awareness and recognition of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists, the theme for International BLS Day 15 April 2022 will be:

**Testing Times - Biomedical Laboratory Scientists role in the Covid-19 pandemic**

Please mark your calendars for BLS Day 15 April 2022. Posters will be available for download on the IFBLS website in the new year.

[More Details](#)



## IFBLS Membership Fees for 2022

The 2022 Membership Renewal invoices have been emailed to members!

IFBLS is an independent non-governmental association of national societies in 34 countries, representing more than 209,000 Biomedical Laboratory Scientists worldwide. Our mission "to increase the recognition and contributions of Biomedical Laboratory Science to improve global health" is at the foundation of our work.

We are grateful to our members for your ongoing support of IFBLS as we continue to promote the image of Biomedical Laboratory Science as the profession at the heart of public health!

**Membership fees are due 31 December 2021.**

If you require assistance with your membership contact the office at [communications@ifbls.org](mailto:communications@ifbls.org).

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