

Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022

The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) is an independent non-governmental association of national societies in 35 countries, representing more than 185 000 biomedical laboratory scientists and technologists worldwide.

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Laboratory Science

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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 2018.

We invite the IFBLS Chief Delegates to give input to the Strategic plan before and during the IFBLS meetings in September 2018.

Our plan

IFBLS is an association of national societies in 35 countries, representing more than 185 000 Biomedical Laboratory Scientists and technologists worldwide.

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 the plan, we also follow up tasks outlined in our bylaws 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

- *Support and promote BLS Day Celebrations*
- *Work towards ISCO recognition*
- *Revise and develop website*
- *Utilize social media*
- *Promote benefits of membership and member engagement*
- *Increase number of member associations*

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IFBLS World Congress

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- *Form congress advisory group as needed*
- *Provide report from 2018 Congress*
- *Conduct site visit Congress 2020*
- *Solicit future congresses*
- *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*
- *Follow up WHO - IFBLS workplan*
- *Article in HR Journal about medical laboratory staffing*
- *Input to revision of WHO Guidelines on Phlebotomy*
- *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*
- *Add more Advisory groups*
- *Establish and develop Scientific Network*
- *Position paper on Point of Care Testing*
- *Position paper on Patient safety*
- *Consider position paper on Laboratory staffing*
- *Consider position paper Promoting standards*

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*
- *Consider developing an International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Educations database (IDBLSE) supported by the Britta Karlsson Fund*
- *Review Core Competencies and Core Curriculum Guidelines*
- *Explore and establish Britta Karlsson Fund advancement program to provide international workshops and lectures*
- *Develop webinars*

Our next steps

By the end of 2018 we will have achieved the following:

- Provided report from 2018 Congress
- Conducted site visit Congress 2020
- Article in HR Journal about medical laboratory staffing
- Given input to revision of WHO Guidelines on Phlebotomy
- Established Scientific Network
- Presented position paper on Point of Care Testing
- Drafted position paper on Patient safety
- Started exploring an IDBLSE database
- Started review of Core Competencies and Core Curriculum Guidelines
- Started exploring Britta Karlsson Fund advancement program to provide international workshops and lectures

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