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# IFBLS NEWSLETTER

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## 34th World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science



Join the lab race in Copenhagen 1-5 September 2020: <a href="http://www.ifbls2020.org/">http://www.ifbls2020.org/</a>

### Alternate GAD/CD Meeting 13-15 September 2019

Plans are underway for the Alternate GAD/CD Meeting in Brisbane, Australia 13 -15 September 2019.

Chief Delegates please watch your email for your Intent to Participate form and let us know if you plan to attend!

### 2019 Membership Fees

Thank you to our valued members who have submitted your 2019 membership fees! With so many benefits to IFBLS membership, it is the support of your organization that allows us to continue our mission. If you have not yet submitted your fees, and wish to retain membership, please contact the office at <a href="mailto:communications@ifbls.org">communications@ifbls.org</a>

### **IFBLS Scientific Network of Experts**

Call for IFBLS members - Join our Scientific Network of Experts for exciting professional opportunities! To learn more visit: <a href="http://">http://</a> ifbls.org/index.php/about-ifbls/ifbls-scientific-network-of-experts

### International BLS Day - 15 April 2019

The theme for 2019-2020 BLS Day is Non Communicable Diseases: The role of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists in Detection, Screening and Treatment.

BLS Day is a wonderful opportunity to promote public awareness of the contributions made by the profession as it relates to health care. To assist with your celebrations, posters are available for download on the IFBLS website.

#### **Congress Advisory Group**

We are actively seeking volunteers to join the Congress Advisory Group. The main purpose of this group is to aid and assist IFBLS in ensuring the success and continuation of future IFBLS World Congresses. For more information please contact the IFBLS office at communications@ifbls.org

### World Heath Organization - Executive Board Meeting

President Anne Lindgren Berndt, President-Elect Alan Wainwright, and Past-President Marie Nora Roald were pleased to represent IFBLS at the 144<sup>th</sup> Session of the WHO Executive Board in Geneva, Switzerland in January.

IFBLS submitted <u>four statements</u> on Antimicrobial Resistance, Accelerating Cervical Cancer Elimination, Non Communicable Diseases, and Human Resources for Health. Watch as <u>Alan delivers</u> the NCD statement to the Executive Board.

We are pleased to advise IFBLS has received approval to continue as a Non State Actor in Official Relations with WHO for 3 more years.

While at these meetings, Anne, Alan, and Marie also met with WHO Designated Technical Officer (DTO) Adriana Velazquez Berumen, and many fellow NGO's.

It was a busy three days with IFBLS members well represented!



Alan Wainwright, Adriana Velazquez Berumen, Anne Lindgren Berndt and Marie Nora Roald 29 January 2019