



IFBLS

International Federation of
Biomedical Laboratory Science

Candidate Profiles

*Nominees for Election to the
IFBLS Board of Directors 2026 - 2028*

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HASSAN AZIZ

- *Currently serving as
IFBLS President-Elect 2024-2026*
- *Nominated for the position of
IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*
- *Interested in the position of
IFBLS President*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

USA - American Society for Clinical
Laboratory Science (ASCLS)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Leadership
- Management
- Education
- Microbiology

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

Dr. Hassan Aziz is an accomplished academic leader and healthcare professional with a distinguished career spanning over three decades. As the Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Technology at Rochester Institute of Technology, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication to advancing healthcare education and practice. Dr. Aziz is the President-Elect of the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) and a Past President for the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). He is a Fellow of the Association of Clinical Scientists (ACS) and of the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia (UGA). He is a certified Green Belt Six Sigma and TEDx speaker.

Dr. Aziz has an extensive international presence in higher education, consulting and advisory work. He is also a prolific speaker, having delivered numerous invited lectures and presentations worldwide on topics ranging from laboratory medicine and personalized medicine to health informatics and leadership in healthcare. He is a peer evaluator with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a site visitor for the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science.

Dr. Aziz's commitment to education, research, and clinical practice continues to inspire and impact the next generation of healthcare professionals. He has over 80 peer-reviewed publications. His research endeavors have led to several grants and funded projects. Dr. Aziz has been recognized for his contributions to the field with numerous awards, including the ASCLS Pinnacle Award, Robin H. Mendelson Memorial Award, the ASCP Lifetime Achievement Award, the Distinguished Author Award by ASCLS, and membership in prestigious societies like Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi and the Association of Clinical Scientists.

Dr. Aziz remains dedicated to his mission of advancing healthcare education and fostering innovation in the health sciences. His career is a testament to his unwavering dedication, leadership, and passion for improving healthcare outcomes through education, research, and clinical excellence.

Suggestions for future IFBLS activities are:

- Global Workforce Advocacy and Data Initiative
 - Education and Curriculum Innovation
 - Strengthening Global Partnerships and Regional Engagement
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EVA HAUKSDÓTTIR

- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*
- *Interested in the position of IFBLS President-Elect*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

ICELAND - The Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists (IABS)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Member engagement and communication
- Prions
- Workplace safety

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

I would like to support IFBLS activities that strengthen global engagement and raise the visibility of the profession. The Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists (IABS) became a member of IFBLS in 1970 and has maintained active involvement in IFBLS activities over the decades, including Icelandic representation on the IFBLS Board of Directors and in the role of IFBLS President. The history of IABS's commitment to the international professional community has shaped my understanding of the value of sustained international collaboration and the importance of creating opportunities for both established and newer member associations to contribute meaningfully, and it strengthens my wish to contribute constructively to IFBLS's future work.

Building on this history, I see value in initiatives to increase membership by reaching underrepresented regions and supporting national societies in joining IFBLS. This could be achieved through targeted outreach, collaboration, mentoring between member associations, and clear communication of the benefits of membership. IABS's continued participation has given us insight into how IFBLS membership can strengthen professional identity, encourage exchange of knowledge, and connect biomedical laboratory scientists (BLSs) across countries.

In addition, I would like to encourage greater participation by BLSs in IFBLS activities, including contributions to the IFBLS journal. In my role as chairperson of IABS, I work with similar priorities, particularly encouraging active member participation. This could be supported by promoting the journal more actively and creating accessible opportunities for first-time authors to contribute.

As a further initiative, I would be interested in exploring the development of an IFBLS podcast featuring conversations with BLSs from member countries, as well as specialists from a range of fields. This could serve as a platform to share knowledge, highlight diverse perspectives, strengthen the global professional community, and increase the visibility of the profession among other healthcare professionals and the public.



FERNANDO MENDES

- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*
- *Interested in the position of IFBLS President-Elect*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

PORTUGAL - Associação Portuguesa de Ciências Biomédicas Laboratoriais (BioMedLab)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- ISCO
- Research in Biomedical Laboratory Sciences
- CPD
- Harmonization of Biomedical Laboratory Science Education

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

I stand before the global Biomedical Laboratory Science community with a deep sense of responsibility, humility, and purpose. My candidacy to the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science is not merely a professional ambition – it is a commitment rooted in over thirty years of tireless dedication to advancing our profession at every level: clinical, academic, scientific, and associative.

As a Professor Coordinator at ESTeSC - Coimbra Health School, I have shaped the next generation of biomedical laboratory scientists, instilling in them the values of scientific rigour, patient safety, and professional excellence. As a researcher affiliated with the Coimbra Institute for Clinical and Biomedical Research (iCBR) and the Health & Technology Research Center (H&TRC), I have contributed to expanding the frontiers of knowledge in oncobiology, transfusion medicine, and health literacy – areas that sit at the very heart of modern laboratory diagnostics.

My leadership journey in professional associations has been equally defining. As President of BioMedLab – the Portuguese Association of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists – I have championed the rights, recognition, and development of Portuguese professionals. Since 2018, as President of the European Association of Biomedical Scientists (EPBS), representing over 250,000 professionals across 21 national associations, I have led the development of European proficiency standards, safety and education guidelines, and a mentorship programme for newly qualified graduates. The creation of a European Professional Card for Biomedical Scientists remains a central ambition of my mandate – a step towards the proper categorization and free movement of our profession across borders.

Through the ERASMUS programme, I have built bridges with higher education institutions in Austria, Belgium, Finland, Estonia, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Turkey, fostering academic exchange and mutual recognition. I have also served as an expert for professional accreditation bodies in Portugal, Ireland, and Croatia, demonstrating my cross-border commitment to quality standards in Biomedical Science education.

I have also created and implemented the Biomedical Laboratory Science program in Cape Verde.

If elected to the IFBLS, I bring this wealth of experience to a global stage. My vision centres on three pillars: visibility, ensuring Biomedical Laboratory Scientists are recognised as indispensable to healthcare systems worldwide; education, harmonising competency standards internationally and supporting the development of sustainable educational frameworks; and sustainability, embracing the IFBLS 2025/2026 theme by driving greener, smarter clinical diagnostics practices globally.

The IFBLS, founded in 1954 and representing over 240,000 professionals in 38 countries, is the world's most important platform for our profession. I believe I can contribute meaningfully to its mission, bringing the European perspective, a researcher's mindset, and an educator's heart to global advocacy.

I am ready to serve. I am ready to lead. Together, let us elevate Biomedical Laboratory Science to the prominence it deserves.

Suggestion(s) for future IFBLS activities:

ISCO - change of BLS Classification - working with ILO;
Increase BLS visibility working with OMS and social media;
Try to have the IJBLS to be indexed and impact factor;
Minimum Standards of proficiency of BLS - survey and write.



JOANNA ANDREW

- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

UNITED KINGDOM - Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Workforce Sustainability - training, well-being, recruitment and retention.
- Promoting the value of biomedical scientists
- Professional training and continuing professional development to support career progression
- Education - to create opportunities to ensure all biomedical scientists' education is at Bachelor level with access to post-graduate studies across the globe.

I am the current (2026) Past President of the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) having served as President for 2 years (2024 & 2025). I am passionate about increasing the visibility of the biomedical science profession. During my presidency I engaged widely with members through UK-wide laboratory visits, regional events, and national conferences. I helped to strengthen policy and influence by engaging with MPs, government forums, and by contributing to workforce and healthcare policy discussions. I promoted workforce development and education, supporting initiatives such as workforce planning, training pathways and advanced practice roles. I represented the IBMS at the Biennial NML Congress in Iceland in 2025 and presented on 'Advance and consultant practice for Biomedical Scientists, the UK experience'. In April 2026 I joined the EPBS at the European Parliament to celebrate International Biomedical Laboratory Science Day and contributed to raising awareness of the importance of biomedical Scientists in the patient pathway.

In my role as Lead Biomedical Scientist for the pathology network, I manage the blood science departments across 4 hospital sites. I am responsible for providing effective leadership for the departments of Biochemistry, Haematology, Immunology, Blood Transfusion and Point of Care Testing. I am responsible for developing policies and strategic plans to ensure the network delivers a safe and high-quality diagnostic service. I am committed to developing and maintaining a highly skilled workforce and leading continual improvement to support better patient outcomes. I have experience of managing and leading teams in cellular pathology and infection sciences in my previous role.

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

If elected, I would be interested in actively contributing to the strategic development and work of the IFBLS, by aligning with the 2024-28 strategy in the following ways: -

Education and Professional Development:

I would support expansion of accessible professional development opportunities that strengthen competence, encourage knowledge exchange and ensure equitable access. I would wish to build on the work already done using the Britta Karlsson Advancement Program and the Britta Karlsson Educational webinar series to support international training and to benefit member associations. Many member countries face similar issues in staff shortages, for example, and to be able to share and promote best practice by developing forums where members can compare approaches to workforce development, regulation and innovation is key.

Promote the profession:

Long term sustainability depends on attracting more early career biomedical scientists into professional leadership roles. I would use social media platforms, such as LinkedIn to encourage participation in working groups and policy discussions, with the aim of developing an early career advisory network linked to IFBLS. In addition, I would promote international awareness campaigns to highlight the central role of biomedical laboratory scientists.

My motivation for seeking election to the Board of Directors is to contribute effectively to future strategies by sharing the knowledge, experience and professional insight I have gained from my roles serving the IBMS as well as my role as a biomedical scientist and senior manager of a blood sciences service.

I am highly motivated, organized and reliable. In my 10 years as IBMS Council member I have never missed a council meeting. I have served as chair of the Education & Professional Standards committee, remuneration committee, audit committee, strategic research group and was on the specialist advisory panel for clinical chemistry for 8 years. I would welcome the opportunity to strengthen the IFBLS goal of bringing the profession and health priorities to the world stage.



SHIAVOUABOH EPSE NDAH ANEMBOM

- *Nominated for the position of
IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

CAMEROON - Cameroon Association
for Medical Laboratory Science
(CAMELS)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Microbiology
- Public Health

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

1. Membership Growth & Networking

Expand Membership in Africa & Developing Regions. Many countries in Africa are yet to feel presence of IFBLS in their country because less sensitization. Member countries can apply for training support from IFBLS which can automatically reduce the participation fees and encourage more members to be part of the training. This can encourage other countries to grow and also membership in that country will also rise. Lastly, to an effort to expand IFBLS membership, a delegation can be appointed from African members to sensitize other African Countries on the need to join IFBLS.

2. Standards & Quality Assurance

- A. Laboratory accreditation support, Quality management training
- B. Biosafety workshops

A. Laboratory accreditation support, Quality management training: Standard operating procedures of test procedures laboratory manuals and laboratory audit systems can be developed and distributed to the member countries for quality improvement. Provide mentorship for laboratories seeking ISO 15189 accreditation and Quality certification

B. Biosafety workshops: These workshops can be organized for trainings.

3. Research & Scientific Innovation

More of Young scientist grants, Research competition in all the member countries, reactions from the journals and webinars and also laboratory innovation awards. At the local level, a representative of each membership countries can also follow up to motivate youths and researchers with given the opportunity to presentations more during scientific conferences.

IFBLS can expand scientific publishing by strengthening the International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science through faster peer review & open-access publishing and student publication sections

4. International Biomedical Laboratory Science Day

Public campaigns

- Laboratory open days
- Media interviews
- Awards ceremonies

A. Global Campaign Toolkit: IFBLS can provide more posters even on social media to be downloaded and used to create awareness on the day, member countries can provide videos of how the day was celebrated and an award be given to the member country who celebrated most. Contest like the best diagnostic Innovation contests and best essay can be evaluated and published meanwhile feedback on how the different countries celebrated their BLS day obligatory to the IFBLS.

B. The different country representatives may be assigned to follow up the celebration of the BLS.

In conclusion, being part of the IFBLS Board will give me the opportunity to work towards contributing in addressing some of the worries that plague Africa's medical Laboratory Council and attract more country membership.



KHALIL ATIG

- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

Tunisia - Tunisian Biomedical Technologist Society (ATUTEB)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Quality Management & Safety in Medical Laboratories (ISO 15189 standard).
- Microbiology, Molecular Epidemiology & Medical Biology Pedagogy.
- Governance, Higher Education Leadership & Scientific Association Management.

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Khalil ATIG is an Assistant Professor in Medical Biology at the High School of Health Sciences (Tunis El Manar University). He serves as Quality Management Director and Member of the Scientific Council. With over 14 years of dedicated experience in clinical laboratory sciences and academia, he has served as a Medical Technologist at La Rabta University Hospital (2012-2019) and Assistant Professor at the High School of Health Sciences of Monastir (2019-2024).

He holds a Master's degree in Microbiology and Molecular Epidemiology from Faculty of Sciences of Tunis, a Health Sciences Professorate diploma from the National Center for Pedagogical Education for Health Professionals, and a CEC in Quality Management and Safety under ISO 15189 from Monastir University.

Strongly committed to professional leadership and international collaboration, Pr. ATIG is President of the Maghreb Union of Associations of Medical Laboratories (2022-2027) and President of the Tunisian Biomedical Technologist Society (2025-2028). He previously served as Vice President of the International Francophone Associations of Biomedical Technologists (2021-2023). In 2026, he actively contributed as a member of the Scientific and Organizing Committees for the 1st African Congress of Medical Biology.

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

1. ISCO Reclassification, Global Advocacy, ILO Alignment: I will lead the transformation of our recent survey data into a targeted advocacy toolkit. I plan to establish direct collaborative channels with national member societies to synchronize lobbying efforts ahead of the next ILO review.
2. Regional Mentorship & Membership Expansion: I intend to design a 'Twinning Program' that pairs established member associations with emerging societies in Africa and Arabe word, streamlining their onboarding process and expanding IFBLS's global footprint.



BITTEN KAANBJERG KRISTENSEN

- *Currently serving as IFBLS Board Director 2024-2026*
- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

DENMARK - Danske Bioanalytikere (dbio)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Ethics
- Labor Rights
- Education
- A trade union that remains relevant for young BLS

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

During my term on the IFBLS Board of Directors 2024-2026, I have actively contributed to the strategic development and work of IFBLS. I have served as a member of the Development Committee, where we have worked on improving the CD Reports from all member countries to ensure stronger alignment between the data collected and the work of the Board. I have also been a member of the Awards Committee, contributing to the development and refinement of the various award programmes.

I wish to continue this work in the coming term.

In a globalized world, it is crucial that biomedical laboratory scientists collaborate across borders to advance scientific development and ensure the highest quality of healthcare. International collaboration opens doors for knowledge exchange, technological innovation, and standardization of practices, all of which are essential to meet the ever-growing challenges in biomedicine and the healthcare sector.

One of the most valuable aspects of international collaboration is the opportunity to share knowledge and experiences. Biomedical laboratory scientists from different countries possess a diversity of expertise and perspectives that can enrich each other's work. By collaborating, we can learn from each other's successes and mistakes, accelerate research and development, and implement best practices worldwide.

The rapid technological advancements in biomedical laboratory science require constant updating and adaptation. International collaboration ensures that we stay at the forefront of the latest technologies and methods. Through joint research projects and international conferences, biomedical laboratory scientists can explore new technological solutions that can improve the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

I am deeply committed to advancing our profession. Biomedical Laboratory Scientists are at the heart of healthcare, providing crucial diagnostics that guide patient care. Our field is evolving rapidly with technological advancements, and it is essential to stay ahead while maintaining the highest ethical standards and fostering a sense of community and professional pride, especially among the younger generation of scientists.

It is important to me that biomedical laboratory scientists are classified correctly in the ISCO system. This work can be contributed to by IFBLS, and I hope to be allowed to contribute to it in the IFBLS board.



JENNI KALLIOMÄKI

- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

FINLAND - Association of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists in Finland (ABLSF)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Hematology
- Education
- Professional Development

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

I am committed to supporting the mission and strategic objectives of the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science by promoting professional excellence, international cooperation, education, and advocacy for biomedical laboratory professionals worldwide. Through collaborative leadership and active engagement, I aim to contribute to the continued growth, visibility, and impact of IFBLS within the global healthcare community.

Suggestions for future IFBLS activities:

- Promoting the profession of biomedical laboratory scientists
 - active social media
 - Strengthen collaboration with international association
 - Support students and young professionals
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GISEON SONG

- *Currently serving as IFBLS Board Director 2024-2026*
- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

KOREA - Korean Association of Medical Technologists (KAMT)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Developing scientific knowledge
- Serving members' rights in IFBLS community

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

I have been working as an MT in Korea for 31 years in microbiology, biochemistry and currently as a head manager of an academic support department.

I also have been working as the KAMT academic vice president. KAMT academic vice president plans and runs the education of 20,000 members in Korea, and conducts cross-training with members in Taiwan and Thailand every year.

I also discuss and institutionalize the protection of MTs legally with national institutions.

In particular, after obtaining the U.S. ASCPi MT license in 2011, I have been providing information and promoting activities for MTs in Korea who want to go abroad to the U.S. and other countries.

As an MT, I have been advising and participating in government KOFIH- led official development assistants, ODA projects as a hospital expert.

Since 2017, I have also served as the AAMLS headquarters staff, helping to manage the finances of the 13 AAMLS member countries, convening the Board of Directors and GAD. AAMLS members are Brunei Darussalam, Hong Kong, India, India, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, Philippines, Macau Cambodia (associate member).

During my term on the IFBLS Board of Directors 2024-2026, I have actively contributed to the strategic development and work of IFBLS:

1. Membership Committee - Efforts to Recruit Indonesia as a New Member: To expand IFBLS's network in Asia, we are leading efforts to recruit Indonesia—currently a non-member country—and are engaged in close discussions. We are also encouraging associations that have not paid their dues to settle their IFBLS membership fees.
2. Scientific Committee - Promoting Academic Webinars and Securing Speakers: We have actively participated in IFBLS webinars to foster global academic exchange and have contributed to improving the quality of educational content by securing world-class speakers.
3. Contributing to the establishment of occupational classifications and the protection of rights for Medical Technologists in Korea. As a member of the IFBLS Board of Directors, I became familiar with the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO), and based on the data I have gathered, I am contributing to the establishment of an occupational classification system that ensures the professional status of Medical Technologists in Korea.
4. Contributions as Vice President of KAMT (IFBLS 2026) - Leading the Sponsorship of the KAMT Young Scientist Award: As Vice President of the Korean Association of Medical Technologists (KAMT), I led the official sponsorship of the “KAMT Young Scientist Award” under the KAMT name to support the 36th IFBLS World Congress (Japan) and foster the next generation of talent, thereby strengthening the partnership between the two organizations.



MIRJANA STUPNISEK

- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

CROATIA - Croatian Laboratory Association (CLA)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Global Professional Advocacy
- Healthcare Management & Leadership
- Academic Education & Mentorship in BLS
- Infectious Diseases Diagnostics,
- Scientific Network Collaboration
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

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

I am a registered Biomedical Laboratory Scientist holding a Master's degree in Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics, a Doctorate (PhD) in Biomedicine and Health (Medical Sciences), and specialized professional training in Health Management. I have 40 years of work experience as a BLS professional, with specific expertise in hematology, cytology, quality control, infectious diseases, biosafety/biosecurity, management, and scientific research.

In 2025, I was honored to receive the prestigious IFBLS Fellowship Award (FIFBLS). This recognition was awarded for outstanding contributions to Biomedical Laboratory Science that have set a new benchmark for excellence, reflecting dedication and visionary leadership. Furthermore, I have been selected as a Member of the IFBLS Scientific Network of Experts (SNE) for the 2026-2029 term.

I am highly motivated to actively contribute to the IFBLS Board of Directors. I am deeply acquainted with the organization's governance, having previously served as a member of the IFBLS Board of Directors (2010-2016) and as a Chief Delegate at IFBLS meetings continuously since 2006.

My extensive 40-year career as a BLS practitioner at the University Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Zagreb, Croatia, combined with my academic engagement as an Associate Professor and mentor at the University of Osijek (Faculty of Dental Medicine and Health and the Faculty of Medicine), provides me with a unique dual perspective on BLS practice and education. My continuous professional development, specialized management expertise, extensive scientific publications, presentations at numerous domestic and international congresses, and teamwork on many projects related to the BLS profession give me the confidence that I can contribute effectively to the work of the IFBLS Board of Directors. I am fully ready to serve and dedicated to advancing and promoting the BLS profession globally.

My suggestions for future IFBLS activities are:

Development and promotion of the BLS profession through IFBLS activities:

- Elevating Societal Impact and Profession Recognition (ISCO & Global Advocacy)
- Maximizing Strategic Collaborations and Expanding the IFBLS Footprint (WHO & Membership Growth)
- Global Harmonization of BLS Education, Practice, and Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- Strengthening IFBLS Through Interdisciplinary International Expert Groups



ROBYN WELLS

- *Currently serving as IFBLS Board Director 2024-2026*
- *Nominated for the position of IFBLS Board Director 2026-2028*

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

AUSTRALIA - Australian Institute of Medical and Clinical Scientists (AIMS)

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

- Haematology and Malaria
- Continuing Education /Competency Assessment

ELECTION INFORMATION FOR ROBYN WELLS

- Past president of the Australian Institute of Medical and Clinical Scientists (AIMS)
- Chair Overseas Assessments Committee
- Previous Editor of the Australian Journal of Medical Science
- Haematology convener for the AIMS Fellowship Program
- Sessional academic at Queensland University of Technology

During my term on the IFBLS Board of Directors 2024-2026, I have actively contributed to the strategic development and work of IFBLS:

As Chair of the Scientific Committee:

- Organised six webinars for the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series with a total of 1327 attendees.
- Three more webinars planned for this year.
- Re-launched the Scientific Network of Experts - the panel now comprises 40 scientific experts from 10 countries covering 16 professional disciplines.
- Facilitated the review of three of the published position papers.

As a member of the Membership Committee:

- Reached out to The Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science and they have submitted a membership application.
- Attended all committee meetings and actively participated in and contributed to all discussions.

As a Board member:

- Attended all but one virtual board meetings, chief delegate 6 monthly updates and in person board meetings.
- Actively participated in and contributed to all discussions

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

Identification of those member countries where the IFBLS can assist in providing CE opportunities and expert assistance when required. This would involve reaching out to these organisations to assess their needs and work with them to provide the resources and opportunities.

Development of a core curriculum for graduates of a BMLS program to ensure consistency of content and enable scientists to work globally. This would involve input from all our members and the compilation of the key subjects required to produce a work-ready graduate. The International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Education database (IDBLSE) will be a valuable tool for this exercise.

Promote the prizes and scholarships offered by the IFBLS so more of our members have opportunities to attend meetings and further their CE and CPD. This can be achieved by ensuring all of the member countries advertise these bursaries and promote the benefits to the successful applicants.