

IFBLS NEWSLETTER

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34th World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science



Join the lab race in Copenhagen 24-28 August 2021: <http://www.ifbls2020.org/>



34th IFBLS World Congress 2021

Due to the evolving situation with the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the difficult decision was made to postpone the IFBLS World Congress which was to be held in September in Copenhagen, Denmark. The safety and well-being of all participants is our highest priority, and we are certain this is the most responsible decision to make as we do our part to minimize the spread of disease.

The rescheduled date is 24-28 August 2021.

We look forward to seeing you all in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2021.

IFBLS General Assembly of Delegates (GAD) and Chief Delegates Meeting 2020

As a registered corporation in Canada, IFBLS is required to follow regulations under *Canada's Not-for-profit Corporations Act (CNCA)* which require IFBLS to hold annual members meetings.

This year's GAD and CD meetings will be held as virtual online meetings. Due to the limited space, invitations will be sent to CDs and other official delegates only. Details will follow shortly, along with the final agendas and attachments.

The virtual meetings will be held:

CD Meeting: Saturday 5 Sept. 2020 @ 12:00 CET

GAD: Saturday 12 September 2020 @ 12:00 CET

IFBLS Awards - postponed to 2021

The IFBLS Awards program has been postponed to the new Congress date in August 2021. Details and applications will follow later this year.



IFBLS TMER Award - postponed to 2021

The Tsukuba Medical Laboratory of Education and Research (TMER) has generously sponsored for the past several years an IFBLS member to participate in an overseas training project. In light of the evolving COVID-19 situation, we look forward to promoting the TMER Award in 2021.

IFBLS Board of Directors 2020-2022 Online Election

This year's election to the IFBLS Board of Directors 2020-2022 will be held online. Further details will be shared with Chief Delegates shortly. Voting will run 6 -11 September 2020.

Results will be presented at the virtual GAD in September.



Chief Delegates Reports 2020

CDs are reminded your annual CD Report is **due 1 July 2020**. Your input is vital to the future planning of IFBLS activities, and the Board is grateful to members for taking the time to share your feedback.



World Health Assembly

IFBLS Statement on COVID-19 Response

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 73rd World Health Assembly held its first-ever virtual meeting with a reduced agenda. IFBLS was pleased to participate, and share with members our statement related to the COVID-19 pandemic, was accepted and published by the WHO for this meeting. Detailed documents and videos from the meetings are available online.

New IJBL Website

IFBLS is proud to announce the launch of our new www.ijbbs.org website. Published twice a year, the e-journal is devoted to sharing knowledge in biomedical laboratory sciences. We look forward to engaging members on our new Editorial team, and as peer reviewers. More details to come!

Special thank you to the Taiwan Society of Laboratory Medicine (TSLM) for their invaluable work in developing and publishing the Journal from 2010–2020.