

# Strategic Plan 2024 - 2028

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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.

# Our plan

IFBLS is an association of national societies in 38 countries, representing more than 240 000 Biomedical Laboratory Scientists 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 this plan, we also follow up tasks outlined in our By-Laws 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

- New ways to meet and learn from each other

WHO Collaboration

- IFBLS influence global health policies

Promote professional standards

- IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist community

Education and professional development

- IFBLS provides opportunities for Continuous Professional Development of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists

# 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*
- *Promote publication in IJBLs*
- *Engage with member associations*
- *Utilize social media*
- *Promote and develop professional awards*

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IFBLS World Congress  
*New ways to meet and learn from each  
other*

- *Support host associations in planning and executing of the IFBLS World Congress*
- *Evaluate new financial models that benefit host and IFBLS*
- *Continue support and further develop the IFBLS Awards programme*

### 3 WHO Collaboration *IFBLS influence global health policies*

- *Continue our status as a Non-State Actor (NSA) in official relations with the WHO*
- *Submit annual updates to the WHO - IFBLS Workplan*
- *Identify shortages in the international workforce and advise on the implications for global health*
- *Provide input for revision of WHO Guidelines related to laboratory medicine and specifically the Essential List of InVitro Diagnostics*

### 4 Promote professional standards *IFBLS provides support to the Biomedical Laboratory Scientist community*

- *Increase membership of the Scientific Network of Experts*
- *Develop and present position papers*
- *Promote the Code of Ethics in all aspects of our profession*

5 Education and professional development  
*IFBLS provides opportunities for CPD of  
Biomedical Laboratory Scientists*

- *Enhance publication of the International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS)*
- *Revise and update the International Directory of Biomedical Laboratory Science Educations database (IDBLSE)*
- *Use the Britta Karlsson Advancement Program to support international training*
- *Develop the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series for the benefit of member associations*

## Our accomplishments and next steps

By the end of 2024 these were our major achievements:

- Hosted Open Forum networking opportunity for members in Vancouver
- Successfully held Chief Delegates Meeting and GAD in Vancouver
- Celebrated IFBLS 70th Anniversary with dinner and one-day learning Symposium in Vancouver
- Signed the 2026 IFBLS World Congress contract with host member Japanese Association of Medical Technologists (JAMT)
- Published two editions of IJBLS
- 4 new members admitted
- Developed in collaboration with WHO, a new 3-Year Collaborative Workplan for 2025-2027
- Contributed to Essential InVitro Diagnostic List (EDL) and participated in the European regional meeting in Copenhagen

By the end of 2025 we aim to achieve the following:

- Article on BLS workforce (survey) published in IJBLS
- Articles on IFBLS 70th Symposium published in IJBLS
- New BLS day theme selected and celebrated
- AltGAD meeting held in Stockholm where member fee evaluation and cost evaluation of member meetings were presented and discussed
- A relaunch of the Scientific Network of Experts
- IFBLS support and promotion of the 36th World Congress in Chiba, Japan
- 4 webinars within the Britta Karlsson Educational Webinar Series
- Participated in meetings with WHO as NSA and proceeding with the work as defined in the 3-year Collaborative Workplan
- Introduced a Mid-Year Report virtual CD meeting

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