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33rd World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science



We invite you to visit the Congress Website for information: <http://www.ifbls2018.org/>

International BLS Day—April 15, 2017

The theme for 2017—2018 BLS day is Antibiotic Resistance. Posters are available based on this theme for you to download from the IFBLS website to use during your celebrations.

We are also pleased to announce the slogan:

**"Antibiotic Resistance: Biomedical Laboratory
Scientists respond to the global threat"**

WHO Executive Board Meeting

President Marie Roald and President Elect Anne Berndt attended the WHO Executive Board meeting in Geneva, Switzerland in January. The IFBLS Advisory Group on Microbiology prepared a statement that was read to the Executive Board and other delegates on Antibiotic Resistance.

While at these meetings, Marie and Anne had an opportunity to meet with David Hunter, Senior Statistician in ILO, responsible for ISCO to discuss the classification of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists.

NGO Status with WHO

Marie also had the opportunity to meet and discuss the 2017-2018 WHO work plan that was reviewed at this meeting. We are pleased to advise that IFBLS will continue as a NGO in official relations with the World Health Organization.

Well done Marie and Anne!

Alternate GAD and Chief Delegates Meeting

The Alternate GAD/CD Meeting will take place **15—16 September 2017**.

At the World Congress in Kobe, Japan, ASCLS (Chicago, Illinois, USA) was chosen to host the 2017 Alternate GAD/Chief Delegates meeting 15-16 September 2017.

At lot has happened since that decision was announced and the IFBLS Management Committee and Board of Directors have taken into consideration the unstable situation concerning travel visas for the USA and the possible difficulty our Chief Delegates might encounter with trying to process a visa to enter the United States.

After careful consideration, the Management Committee and Board of Directors have decided to change the location of the meeting to Canada.

We are currently researching locations and hotels that provide reasonable room and meeting room rates.

We are pleased to advise that IFBLS will provide a catered lunch as well as sponsor the President's Reception.

See you in September!