The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)

EFCC General Assembly
Berlin May 15, 2011
IFCC Members

- **85** National Society Full Members
- **7** Affiliate Members
- **5** Regional Organizations
  - Europe
  - Asia & Pacific
  - Latin America
  - Arab
  - Africa
- **40** Corporate Members
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Some Key IFCC Programs

- IFCC Reference Materials
- IFCC Awards
- Distance Learning Program
- Labs are Vital Program
- IFCC-Abbott Visiting Lecturer Program
- Professional Scientific Exchange Program
- IFCC Speakers’ Bureau
- Roche/IFCC Travel Scholarships
Collaboration with the Regions

• Memorandum of Understanding and Working Agreement between
  – APFCB
  – EFCC
IFCC-EFCC MoU

1. Memorandum of Understanding

1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding defines the relationship between the IFCC and its Regional Federation in Europe, EFCC, and the obligations and benefits that will accrue to both parties.

IFCC warrants that the relationship entered into is transparent and conforms to a uniformly applied regional policy and does not disadvantage EFCC in comparison to any other Regional Federation of IFCC.
1.2 The IFCC, through its Executive Board, recognizes the status of EFCC as the official IFCC Regional Federation. Associated with that recognition are delegated powers, roles and responsibilities of both parties.

1.3. Both parties agree that IFCC leads the profession at global level and Regional Federations lead at regional level. According to this mutual understanding, EFCC focuses its efforts on scientific, professional, educational and policy topics of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine within Europe, in formal co-operation with its member national societies and support from IFCC, if required. Global topics are being addressed by IFCC activities on behalf of its member societies, in collaboration with Regional Federations, provided those activities occur in their respective geographical area.
IFCC-EFCC MoU

1.4. The IFCC accepts that activities related to Euro-regional professional development are delegated to EFCC. In doing so, IFCC understands and respects that European legislation may define regional responsibilities and procedures differently from that of IFCC.

1.5. The EFCC, through its Executive Board, understands and accepts the status of official IFCC Regional Federation and undertakes to work in partnership with IFCC, its Divisions and the other Regional Federations of IFCC.
IFCC-EFCC Working Agreement

2.1. Mutual Recognition and Communication

– IFCC and EFCC will work together in partnership
– Exchanging minutes of EB meetings
– IFCC liaison to EFCC
– EFCC a standing agenda item at IFCC EB
– IFCC a standing agenda item to EFCC EC
– EFCC President invited to IFCC General Conference
– IFCC and EFCC EBs meet at EuroMedLab, WorldLab and IFCC GC
– Logos of both organizations on publications relevant to both parties
IFCC-EFCC Working Agreement

– CCLM the official journal
– Links between the websites
– Annual reports
– IFCC office services free of charge to EFCC
2.2. Scientific Activities

2.2.1. The activities of the IFCC Scientific Division (SD) and the EFCC Science Committee (SC) are of great importance to both organizations and to the wider world of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine.

2.2.2. The EFCC, through its Executive Board, is able to submit project proposals for consideration by the IFCC SD following the procedure outlined in the IFCC Handbook.

2.2.3. The EFCC may initiate, oversee, deliver and publish its own scientific projects.

2.2.4. The IFCC SD and EFCC SC will liaise with one another to avoid duplication of the efforts.
2.3. Education and Management Activities

2.3.1. The activities of the IFCC Education and Management Division (EMD) and the EFCC Education and Training Committee (C-ET) and Quality Management Committee (C-QM) are of great importance to both organizations and to the wider world of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine.

2.3.2. The EFCC, through its Executive Board, is able to submit global project proposals for consideration by the IFCC EMD following the procedure outlined in the IFCC Handbook; Regional proposals are within the remit of EFCC.

2.3.5. The EFCC C-ET and C-QM and the IFCC EMD will liaise with one another to avoid duplication of the efforts. Both parties will offer their expertise to each other’s projects where this is practicable or possible.
2.4. Congresses and Conferences

2.4.2. ‘EuroMedLab’ is the IFCC regional congress in Europe. ‘EuroMedLab’ is organised jointly by IFCC and EFCC. The conditions of the collaboration of IFCC and EFCC regarding EuroMedLab’ congresses are laid down in a separate guideline (Appendix).
2.5. Finances
2.5.1. The EFCC will handle its finances responsibly and keep accounts of all of its financial dealings. These accounts will be summarised and audited annually. A copy of the audited annual accounts will be made available to IFCC on request.

2.5.2. From 1 January 2012 IFCC will make a payment to EFCC once every two years. In January of the year following a EuroMedLab congress IFCC will pay EFCC a sum equivalent to 20% of the income that IFCC derived from that congress (equates to 3% of gross income).
   – WorldLab congress combined with a EuroMedLab congress
   – IFCC will pay EFCC a sum equivalent to 15% of the income that IFCC derived from the congress (also equates to 3% of gross income).
   – The minimum income guaranteed to EFCC is 120 000CHF over a two-year period.
   – The EFCC will communicate to the IFCC the intended use of these funds by sharing its annual work and budget plan.
2.5.3. Both parties mutually agree that they may seek financial support directly through their own activities as long as this does not directly compromise the ability of each party to raise funds.

2.5.4. The IFCC understands and accepts that according to the Statutes of EFCC, its Profession Committee via its EC4 Register Commission working group operates the EC4 Register of European Clinical Chemists independently for EU countries. The EC4 Register Commission, registered as a separate legal entity, is governed by the EC4 Foundation Board and thus has its own funding independent both from EFCC and IFCC.
IFCC-EFCC Working Agreement

3. Approval of Document

Version: 1.0

Date of approval and implementation: 1 January 2011
EFCC

• Guidelines and Rules for organizing the IFCC-EFCC EuroMedLab Congresses of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
  – Assist with ensuring a continuity of EUROMEDLABs
  – Contribute to the efficient organisation of EUROMEDLABs
  – Help to facilitate European collaboration within EUROMEDLABs
  – Assist with ensuring a high scientific content of EUROMEDLABs
  – Help to ensure the most favourable financial outcome from EUROMEDLABs
  – www.ifcc.org /congresses & conferences
International organizations

• WASPaLM

The Purpose

• 1.3 The Presidents of IFCC and WASPaLM, on behalf of their respective members and in accordance with the constitution and relevant rules of both organizations, agree upon the following MoU to inform and support future cooperation of their activities in the scientific and clinical practice of laboratory medicine.

• 2.1 Communication and sharing of information in areas of mutual interest
• 2.2 Promotion of the contribution of laboratory medicine to healthcare
• 2.3 Education and training support for laboratory medicine and clinical pathology, especially in developing countries
• 2.4 Specific projects in the scientific and clinical practice of laboratory medicine
International organizations

• ILAC

The Purpose

• 1.3 The Chairman of ILAC and the President of IFCC, on behalf of their respective members and in accordance with the constitution and relevant rules of both organizations, agree upon the following MoU to inform and support future cooperation of their activities in the area of medical laboratory accreditation. ILAC and IFCC accept the provisions of this MoU.

• 2.1 Communication and sharing of information in areas of mutual interest

• 2.2 Promotion of medical laboratory accreditation according to ISO 15189

• 2.3 Education and training support for medical laboratory accreditation, especially in developing countries
International organizations

- WHO
  - Consolidation of the working agreement with the World Health Organisation (WHO)