

Great success for the 3rd EFLM Strategic Conference!

Reported by Tomris Ozben, EFLM President and Chair of the 3rd EFLM Strategic Conference



Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,



On behalf of the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM) and as the Chair of the 3rd EFLM Strategic Conference, it is a big pleasure and honor for me to witness that the 3rd EFLM Strategic Conference “**SMART and GREEN LABORATORIES. How to implement IVDR, emerging technologies and sustainable practices in medical laboratories**” was held and completed on May 25-27, 2022 successfully.

The 3rd EFLM Strategic Conference was originally planned to be held in presence, but due to the unprecedented challenges of the COVID 19 crisis, it was held fully online, using the state-of-the-art technical solutions including virtual exhibition stands allowing chat and video conferencing between the attendees and stand representatives. Every day, three scientific sessions were held from 10:30 am till 6 pm (CET) including the two virtual cutting-edge high technology exhibition visits.

More than 1000 scientists have registered to the Conference and listened 60 Speakers and Session Chairs. All the presentations, discussions, networking, and exhibition have been found by the participants rewarding and worthwhile.

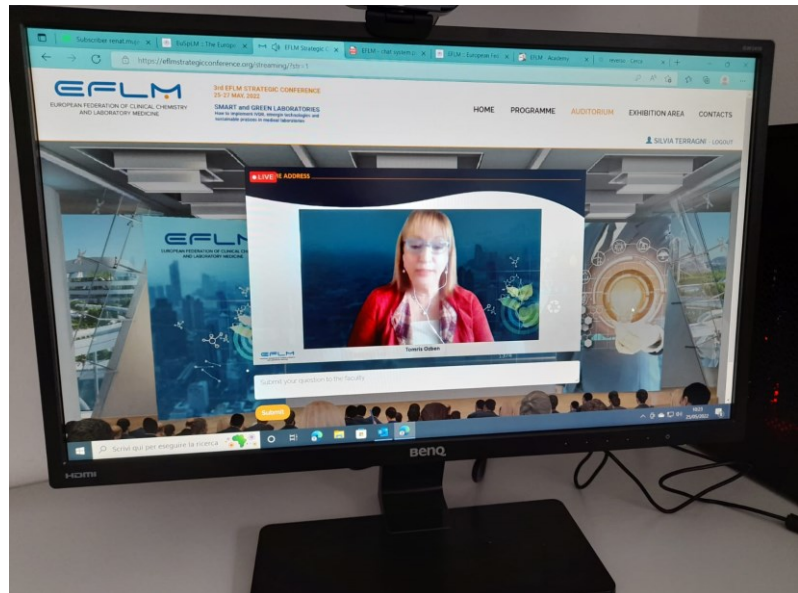
The 3rd EFLM Strategic Conference was a unique opportunity for all the stakeholders to know, to understand, to question and to participate to the orientation of Laboratory Medicine in Europe and globally.

The Conference program was designed to be interactive under virtual conditions reserving sufficient time for discussions. More in the spirit of strategic thinking: what are the problems now, what should we be aiming at in the future, where our focus should be, how we could achieve that, and how to implement revolutionary ideas to move us forward.

Preparation of the inspirational and fantastic scientific program, selection of the hot and innovative topics, selection, and invitation of the new expert Speakers all around the World took almost one year of continuous effort and time of me started as the EFLM President-Elect in cooperation with the Scientific Program Committee Members and Scientific Session Chairs. The Scientific program covered a broad range of important topics such as basic concepts, advanced diagnostics and techniques used in laboratory medicine.

Distinguished eminent expert speakers, and global key opinion leaders from the field of laboratory medicine, In Vitro Diagnostics (IVD) Industry, Digital Health, Medical Devices and Representatives from MedTech Europe joined the conference to deliver the latest innovations in laboratory medicine, in healthcare, latest diagnostic technologies and scientific advances in all disciplines pertinent to laboratory medicine.

In all sessions, speakers from the IVD industry were included in the program as an important Strategy to emphasize the importance of the Partnership Model with IVD Industry for efficient integration and adoption of innovations and emerging technologies (Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Advanced and Integrative Diagnostics, Digital Transformation, Big Data) in the IVD landscape into Medical Laboratories, to implement revolutionary ideas to move us forward, to develop a Strategic Vision for Cost-effective and Clinically-effective Laboratory Services that add value, to develop an efficient collaboration with MedTech Europe for the EC IVD Regulations, switching Medical Laboratories to Sustainable Green Labs, Digital Twins, Novel Technologies and Clinical Research in enabling Precise Predictive, Preventive and Personalised Medicine, Direct to Consumer Testing, trends, opportunities, and challenges.



A panel of experts discussed what is needed to succeed in this changing environment and the role of collaborations between industry, public, private, and academic drivers of innovation. Their feedback, participation, and engagement during the open discussion platform at the Strategic Conference were important and will be taken into consideration to steer laboratory medicine forward and to shape the future of our profession.

The aim of the 3rd EFLM Strategic Conference was to address and discuss recent developments and challenges in our field of profession focusing on important aspects in Laboratory Medicine in which some strategic actions/measures should be taken.

An outcome of the Strategic Conference is the creation of EFLM Task Forces (TFs) and Working Groups (WGs) dealing with the main topics of the Conference. We are confident to reach all the aims of the Strategic Conference and express our deepest thanks for your contributions and enthusiastic participation.

All the sessions of the Conference were recorded and are available for one year at the Conference website “**On Demand**” for the colleagues unable to attend it. So that the benefits of the Conference can be extended to scientists who did not have the opportunity to participate in the Conference.

<https://eflmstrategicconference.org/index.php>

Lectures and contributions presented at the Conference will be published in a special issue of the official EFLM Scientific Journal (CCLM).

On behalf of EFLM, I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all those who have made it possible for this conference to become a reality.

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and MedTech Europe representatives, Scientific program Committee members, all the distinguished Session Chairs moderating the sessions and all the participants attending the Conference.

My heartfelt thanks for In Vitro Diagnostic Sector for their high technology exhibitions, their continuous support and contribution have made possible the accomplishment of this Conference.

I would like to thank the Professional Congress Organizer (MZ) and ALTRIMEDIA for their competence, and professionalism.

Special thanks to Silvia Cattaneo and Silvia Terragni.

Thank you for your participation and looking forward to seeing you in future EFLM activities, and conferences.

Best regards

Prof. Dr Tomris OZBEN
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Session 9 CLOSING REMARKS

NETWORKING ON THE PLATFORM
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM EFLM IN THE NEXT YEARS?
OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN THE DISCUSSION AND SPEAK OPENLY ABOUT THE LATEST TRENDS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THEY ARE FACING!

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Comments of the Participants about the Conference:

- Congratulations on the content and delivery of the congress. It is clear that you put in a huge amount of work to provide an excellent, forward-looking conference, which involved several speakers from outside the traditional laboratory medicine community. EFLM will have many options for developing these themes further.
- Well done and thanks for the opportunity. Assume you and the board now develop an operational plan with priorities for the next few years as a result of this meeting.
- A meeting in which every topic was well covered and presented. There was a good balance between the academic, industry and the clinical applications of lab medicine in improving patient care.
- In my opinion and I am sure that others will agree that this conference was one of the most impressive and focused in recent times. All the presentations I listened to were of a high standard and it was easy to understand what was being spoken about.

- The conference itself had very few glitches and many of the issues associated with virtual presentations seem to have been sorted out so many congratulations to MZ and the technical team.
- Many thanks to your leadership and the good communication between the various committees of EFLM. There is no doubt that good and effective communication is critical to the success of any organization and you have been able to build upon this. Congratulations
- Congratulations Tomris Ozben & team for the impressive organization.
- I found the conference very well organized, and the virtual environment run very smoothly.
- Just wanted to thank you for the complimentary registration and access to the conference. It was very informative!
- I would like to thank you for your great effort to successfully complete our society's third strategic conference!
- Great presentations! Thank you to all speakers!
- Thank you for the excellent presentations
- Thank you. excellent ideas
- Thank you and congratulations for the excellent conference!!
- I would like to thank all the speakers for the wonderful and very interesting lectures and especially the EFLM President Tomris Ozben for the possibility of free participation for EFLM Academy members at this conference.

