Our centenary

2012 marked a major milestone for the IBMS – our centenary. It was a hundred years since the IBMS was founded as the Pathological and Bacteriological Laboratory Assistants' Association (PBLAA), and since then we have been instrumental in ensuring that our members operate to the highest professional standards.

1912

PBLAA founded by Albert Norman at a meeting in Liverpool on 6 January

1934

First publication of The Monthly Bulletin

1951

The Gazette launched. First Triennial Conference held in London 1952 1960

Institute Coat of Arms granted. IMLT reference library founded in 1963. Death of Albert Norman in 1964

1985

Institute AGM in Dublin, only time held outside UK 2012

Publication of Letters of Consequence: A History of the Institute of Biomedical Science to celebrate our centenary. Membership passes 20,000

1922

First woman admitted into membership

1942

Formation of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology (IMLT), with Sidney Denyer as General Secretary 1975

IMLT becomes the Institute of Medical Laboratory Science (IMLS) 1994

IMLS becomes Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) and moves to Coldbath Square. First Congress is held in 1995