The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (est. 1954) is the world's widest-reaching international organization for Biomedical Laboratory Scientists, bringing the profession together.

To those members who have already submitted your fees, we thank you! We are grateful to our members for your ongoing support of IFBLS as we continue to promote the development of the biomedical laboratory workforce and Biomedical Laboratory Scientists (BLS) throughout the world.

IFBLS World Congress 2021

More Details

IFBLS website in the new year.

Please mark your calendars for BLS Day 15 April 2021.

Testing Times

In order to continue the momentum of increasing the awareness of and recognition of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists role in the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of our services to society and the need for a qualified biomedical laboratory workforce to support the healthcare system.

Biomedical Laboratory Scientists must input into policy to drive healthcare innovation and development. We must demand of industry what we need to serve our patients. As testing modes become more complex, they become more riddled with error. Now is the time more than ever to clarify the correct role of the Biomedical Laboratory Scientists in diagnostic and preventive health care. The leadership and dedication you, your colleagues and professional association networks have shown this year in the pandemic must continue.

On behalf of the IFBLS Board of Directors I wish to extend our gratitude for all of the hard work members today! Deadline for applications is 1 May 2021.

AWARDS

Nominations are due 1 June 2021. Please see the call for nominations on the IFBLS website. The Board of Directors has established a new award honoring the late Steven M. Robinson, a key pioneer in the field of molecular diagnostics and a long-time IFBLS board member. The award will be called the 'Robinson Award' in recognition of his work in the development of commercial PCR-based diagnostic tests.

IFBLS Memberships

For 2021 membership renewal invoices were emailed to members in November. The Board of Directors has approved a slight increase in the membership fee. The new rates are as follows:

- Regular Membership: $140 (previously $135)
- Student Membership: $60 (previously $60)
- Emeritus Membership: $50 (previously $50)

The Board of Directors has also approved a 2021-2022 Strategic Plan that includes a new goal: to increase the membership in the Federation by 20% over the next five years.

COVID-19 Pandemic

The WHO Academy will be offering a free short course on the COVID-19 pandemic. The course will be available on the Academy's mobile learning app for all health workers globally.

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The WHO Academy will be offering a course on the COVID-19 pandemic to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark 24-27 May 2021. Plans are well under way for the 34th IFBLS World Congress to be held in 2022.

Communications from the President

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