



### An Introduction to IFCC

The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) is the global professional organisation in the field. There are currently 84 national society members (Full Members), 40 company members (Corporate Members) and 5 Affiliate Members of IFCC. Together this membership represents the interest of >30,000 senior professionals from the field of laboratory medicine. Full details of the members of IFCC are available from the IFCC website.

### IFCC Annual Report for 2009

The IFCC annual report is now published on the website. This report gives some idea of the vast range and scope of activities undertaken by IFCC and implemented by its Scientific Division, Education and Management Division, Communication and Publications Division together with their Committees and Working Groups. The report also contains details of the activities of five IFCC Regional Organisations and of a majority of its Full Members. Highlights from the IFCC annual report include:

- Launch of the African Federation of Clinical Chemistry
- Regional congresses in Europe (Innsbruck) and the Arab Federation (Beirut)
- Evidence-based medicine course in Croatia
- Molecular biology course in Syria
- Quality and interpretation workshop in Sri Lanka

- Release of the 5<sup>th</sup> WHO International Standard for hCG
- Release by IRMM of a standard certified for 12 plasma proteins
- Reference materials from IRMM for AST and C-reactive protein
- IFCC Visiting Lecturer Program (sponsored by Abbott Diagnostics)
- IFCC Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics Distance Learning Project

### IFCC News

IFCC publishes an electronic newsletter, which is available from the website. IFCC is always pleased to receive newsworthy items from Full and Affiliate Members and is especially keen to promote scientific developments, best practice and useful information. Contact the Editor if you wish to publish something from your society.

### To Learn More about IFCC

Visit the IFCC website at [www.ifcc.org](http://www.ifcc.org). A series of information leaflets about IFCC are also available in several different languages. If you have a question or a comment about any aspect of IFCC please contact [ifcc@ifcc.org](mailto:ifcc@ifcc.org)