

President's Message



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Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Members of the Global Biomedical Laboratory Science Community,

It is a tremendous honor to write this message as the newly elected President of the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS). I am deeply grateful for the confidence and trust placed in me by our member societies, and I look forward to working with colleagues around the world to advance our profession and strengthen the impact of biomedical laboratory science on patient care and global health.

As I assume this new leadership role, I am also privileged to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLS) during this period of transition. The journal remains a cornerstone of IFBLS's mission, providing an international platform for the dissemination of scientific knowledge, educational innovation, and best practices that advance our profession worldwide. Maintaining the quality, integrity, and international reach of IJBLS remains a priority as we continue to support authors, reviewers, and readers from across the globe.

On behalf of IFBLS and the editorial team, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Dr. Pat Tille for her outstanding service and dedication as Editor-in-Chief. Through her visionary leadership, commitment to scholarly excellence, and unwavering support of laboratory professionals around the world, Dr. Tille has helped strengthen the journal's reputation and impact. Her contributions have been invaluable, and we are profoundly grateful for the strong foundation she leaves behind.

I would also like to recognize and thank Marie Nora Roald for her tireless service as Technical Editor of IJBLS. Behind every successful journal is a dedicated individual whose attention to detail, professionalism, and commitment ensures the quality and consistency of each publication. Marie's hard work, often conducted behind the scenes, has been instrumental to the journal's success. Her efforts have supported authors, reviewers, editors, and readers alike, and her dedication to maintaining the journal's high standards is sincerely appreciated.

At the same time, it is my pleasure to welcome Dr. Indu Singh as the incoming Editor-in-Chief of IJBLS. Dr. Indu brings extensive experience as an educator, scholar, and leader within the profession. I am confident that under her leadership the journal will continue to flourish, expand its global influence, and further its mission of promoting excellence in biomedical laboratory science education, research, and practice. I look forward to working with her to ensure a smooth and successful transition in the months ahead.

This year also provided a remarkable opportunity for our profession to come together at the 36th World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science in Chiba, Japan. The Congress showcased the innovation, resilience, and global collaboration that define biomedical laboratory science today. The scientific program featured distinguished speakers from around the world, outstanding student participation, and valuable engagement from industry partners and vendors who continue to contribute to the advancement of laboratory medicine.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Japanese Association of Medical Technologists (JAMT) for their exceptional hospitality and for hosting an outstanding Congress. The meticulous planning, welcoming atmosphere, and commitment to excellence demonstrated by the organizing committee created an unforgettable experience for attendees. The Congress served not only as a forum for scientific exchange but also as a celebration of our shared commitment to improving health outcomes through laboratory science.

As we move forward, our profession faces both significant opportunities and important challenges. Advances in artificial intelligence, automation, molecular diagnostics, precision medicine, and digital health are transforming healthcare at an unprecedented pace. At the same time, workforce shortages, evolving educational needs, and increasing demands on healthcare systems require innovative solutions and strong international collaboration. IFBLS and IJBLS will continue to play vital roles in fostering dialogue, supporting professional development, promoting research, and advocating for the essential contributions of biomedical laboratory professionals worldwide.

I thank all of our members, volunteers, authors, reviewers, editors, and partners for their continued dedication to our profession. Together, we will continue to advance biomedical laboratory science, strengthen our global community, and improve the health and well-being of the patients and populations we serve.

Sincerely,

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