

Editorial

International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLs): Research, Reviews, Technical Series and Special Features



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This edition of the International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IJBLs) includes a variety of valuable and timely information. As the Editor in Chief in conjunction with the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLs) Board of Directors, we are pleased to hear all the positive feedback we received following the publication of the first issue of the newly formatted IJBLs. I am confident the readers will find this edition as valuable as it includes a variety of information and article types including primary research, mini-reviews of technical standards, reviews of workforce challenges, a wonderful series in hematology and more!

The special features in this edition include a hematology series of articles that provides readers with a better understanding of the Philadelphia (Ph) chromosome negative myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs). The Ph negative MPNs are a closely related group of chronic hematologic diseases. In this introductory article the three Ph negative MPNs will be presented as a group while the following articles will provide a more in-depth review of each individual disease. The development of this series has been the primary goal of the new Hematology Advisory Group of the IFBLs. Inaugural group members selected this hematology topic due to its worldwide applicability and recent molecular discoveries leading to a better understanding of the pathogenesis of these diseases. The Hematology Advisory Group is an international group of academic and scientific biomedical laboratory scientists who are specialists in hematology.

Additionally, there is a special edition position paper on the role of biomedical scientists during the Covid-19 pandemic. This includes an executive summary along with the full manuscript, compiled by a group of professionals from the European Biomedical Scientists in the European member states. As with the first edition, you will see another laboratory spotlight on the Medical Laboratory Services in Nigeria. Our hope is to continue to spotlight member countries in all editions of the journal. If you are interested in sharing your laboratories story, please feel free to reach out to me.

Finally, as we expand the journal and continue to grow, we have added several Associate Editors to ensure we can continue to include current and accurate information that is of interest to all laboratory professionals across the globe. I am excited to introduce you to associate editors in this edition.

Yours truly, IJBLs Editor in Chief,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Tille".

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