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Message from the President of IFBLS



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President
International Federation of
Biomedical Laboratory Science.

This 1st announcement of the 26th World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science provides the opportunity for biomedical laboratory scientists and technologists world wide to begin planning to be in the beautiful city of Stockholm in the summer of 2004.

The theme of the Congress – “Biomedical Laboratory Science and Public Health” – has been chosen to reflect the wide role that our profession plays in healthcare. For too long we have been seen as faceless backroom people who do “lab tests”. Biomedical Laboratory Scientists are far more than this.

We are involved not only in analysing specimens on behalf of the hospital but also for General Practitioners and community health care centres. We play an ever-increasing role in ensuring the safety of food and the quality of water. We participate in disease surveillance and healthcare programmes. In many countries we are in the front line of primary health care.

As President of IFBLS I join with my colleagues in Sweden in inviting you to participate in this Congress. The World Congress gives us all the opportunity to debate and engage in the issues that face us. The debate is enriched by the diverse cultural and social backgrounds from which the delegates come. Different circumstances present different challenges and, on occasion, require different answers. We have so much to learn from each other.

However, the World Congress is not only about science and technology; in its informal moments there is the opportunity to meet with our colleagues from the global village, and to participate in the cultural heritage of the host country. I am aware that our Swedish hosts have planned a social programme that will contribute both to the success of the congress and the spirit of the occasion. You will not be disappointed.

I look forward to meeting with you in Stockholm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noel', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Dear colleagues

You are hereby invited to the 26th World Congress – the first congress to be held under our new name, IFBLS. It will be held from 14th to 18th of June 2004, which is just before Sweden celebrates midsummer. We are pleased to be able to welcome you here when our capital and the rest of Sweden are at their most beautiful.

The theme of the congress is Biomedical Laboratory Science in Public Health. Using this theme we want to highlight the significant role played by biomedical scientists and biomedical laboratory science in public health. Public health includes very many different aspects ranging from the study of infectious diseases and nutrition to veterinary medicine and environmental protection. Regardless of discipline, biomedical laboratory science is often of central importance to successful diagnosis, treatment and preventive care.

Public health can mean different things in different parts of the world. This is why it is impor-

tant to invite biomedical scientists from the whole world to meet, present their own interpretations of public health and discuss their ways of promoting it. Our goal is naturally that by attending the Congress you will find inspiration and gain useful knowledge to take home with you. We also hope to learn from your knowledge and skills.

This Congress is special because IFBLS will be celebrating its 50th jubilee. We will do our best to mix science with social gatherings and cultural activities. We offer you a memorable congress with a stimulating scientific programme, meetings with like-minded professionals and enjoyable, once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the World Congress in Stockholm.

Together we'll make it an unforgettable event!



MICHEL SILVESTRI

President
Swedish Institute of Biomedical
Laboratory Science



EVA FERNVALL

President
Swedish Association of Health
Professionals

Welcome

We invite you to IFBLS' 26th World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden 2004.

The last time we hosted the congress was 18 years ago. Since that time, science within our professional groups' subject fields has developed rapidly and radically. This, in combination with the members' professional experience, provides a massive body of knowledge that we now wish to share with our colleagues around the world. The interaction of colleagues during the congress will also help to stimulate and inspire us in our professional development. So do not hesitate to register!

Bienvenue!

Nous vous invitons à participer au 26e. Congrès Mondial de la IFBLS (International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science) qui aura lieu à Stockholm, Suède, en 2004.

Cela fait 18 ans que nous avons la dernière fois été les hôtes de ce congrès. Depuis, la science a fait connaître aux divers domaines de compétence de nos professions un rapide développement, et d'une manière tout à fait radicale. Cela, combiné aux expériences professionnelles de nos membres, donne une somme de connaissances que nous voulons ainsi faire partager à nos collègues du monde entier. Pendant le congrès, nos réunions entre collègues contribueront aussi à nous apporter stimulation et inspiration pour notre propre développement professionnel. Aussi, n'hésitez pas à vous inscrire

Bienvenido

Le invitamos a participar en el 26º Congreso Internacional de la IFBLS (International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science), que se celebra en Estocolmo (Suecia) en el año 2004.

Han pasado 18 años desde que fuimos anfitriones de este congreso por última vez. Durante este espacio de tiempo, la ciencia dedicada a las áreas de nuestros ramos profesionales se ha desarrollado rápidamente y de forma radical. Todo ello y en combinación con la experiencia profesional de los miembros, proporciona muchos conocimientos que, mediante el congreso, nos gustaría compartir con nuestros colegas de todo el mundo. La convivencia entre colegas durante el congreso, también contribuye a estimularnos e inspirarnos en nuestro desarrollo profesional. Por todas estas razones, ¡no dude en inscribirse!



Herzlich willkommen!

Wir möchten Sie zum 26. IFBLS Weltkongress 2004 in Stockholm, Schweden, einladen.

Es ist 18 Jahre her, daß wir für diesen Kongress Gastgeber sein durften. Während dieser Zeitspanne hat sich die Wissenschaft in den Bereichen unserer Berufskategorien auf eine schnelle und umfassende Weise entwickelt. Dieses in Verbindung mit der Berufserfahrung unserer Mitglieder gibt eine beachtliche Menge an Wissen, das wir auf diese Weise mit unseren Kollegen in der ganzen Welt teilen können. Der berufliche Umgang während des Kongresses trägt auch zur Stimulation und Inspiration unserer beruflichen Entwicklung bei. Zögern Sie nicht sich anzumelden!

ようこそ

2004年にスウェーデンのストックホルムで開催される、第26回 I F B L S 国際学会へのご案内を申し上げます。

スウェーデンが最後にこの学会を主催したのは、今から18年前のことです。この間に私たちの分野の研究は、めざましく進歩しました。また会員の皆様それぞれの職場での、発見や経験から得られた知識は、膨大な量になるはずです。私たちはこの学会が、それらの研究成果や知識を、世界中の仲間と分かち合える場になることを願っています。さらに会期中に参加者同志の親睦を図ることは、この職業分野全体の向上に、刺激と励みを与えることでしょう。是非この学会にご参加下さい。

Välkommen

Vi inbjuder dig till IFBLS 26:e kongress i Stockholm, 2004.

Det är 18 år sedan vi senast var värdar för kongressen. Under denna tidsrymd har vetenskapen inom våra yrkesgruppers ämnesområden utvecklats snabbt och på ett genomgripande sätt. Detta i kombination med medlemmarnas yrkeserfarenhet ger en mängd kunskap som vi på detta sätt vill delge våra kollegor i hela världen. Den kollegiala samvaron under kongressen bidrar också till att stimulera och inspirera oss i vår professionella utveckling. Så tveka inte att anmäla dig!





Congress committees

Steering group

Eva Fernvall Markstedt	President of the Swedish Association of Health Professionals
Michel Silvestri	President of the Swedish Institute of Biomedical Laboratory Science
Birgitta Svensson	Project manager, Biomedical Scientist
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Call for abstracts

All congress participants are invited to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentation concerning all topics within biomedical science. The topics for the IFBLS 26th World Congress are:

Scientific program

Public Health/Environmental Issues
Clinical Chemistry
Education
Ethics
Hematology / Coagulation
Histopathology and Cytology
Microbiology / Immunology
Molecular Biology / Genetics
Physiology
Point of Care Testing (POCT)
Rapid Diagnostics
Quality Assessment
Management
Transfusion medicine

The abstract submission deadline is November 3rd, 2003 (date of receipt).

The abstract should be written in English or alternatively in German, Spanish or French and submitted on-line. Abstract submission by e-mail, fax or ordinary mail will not be accepted. For submitting of abstract on-line and abstract instructions please visit the IFBLS 26th World Congress website: www.vardforbundet.se/ifbls2004

The corresponding/presenting author will be notified of the committee's decision on the submitted abstracts by December 15, 2003.

All accepted abstracts will be printed in an abstract book and published on the Internet.





Workshops and laboratory visits

The topics of the pre-congress workshops that will be organised are:

- Clinical Chemistry
- Cytology
- Management / Career Development
- Zoonoses and Vector-borne Infections
- Introduction to Methods in Molecular Biology
 - diagnostic applications
- Quality Assessment of the Pre-analytical and Analytical process.

Laboratory visits

Visits to clinical- and research laboratories at Karolinska Hospital and Huddinge University hospital are planned. The visits are planned to be on the 14th and the 16th of June. Specific information will be available later.

Student forum

To enrich the congress we also invite students to a student forum. The students are our future colleagues and we want to encourage them to join us for an exciting experience and to have the opportunity of making new friends from all over the world, and for all of us who have worked a long time to meet students and exchange ideas and views.

Congress Venue

The 26th World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science will be held at Stockholm International Fairs (Stockholmsmässan), which is the largest congress- and exhibition site in Scandinavia. Stockholmsmässan is located in Älvsjö, within easy reach of the city centre. The journey by commuter train from the Central Railway Station only takes about nine minutes.

Exhibition

A commercial exhibition will be arranged in conjunction with the congress and will be held at the congress venue. Companies from all over the world will be given ample opportunity to display products and services in the field of biomedical science.

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Premises

Hotels and communication

Hotel accommodation

As a service for the participants, Stockholm Convention Bureau (StoCon) will arrange your hotel accommodation at no extra charge. StoCon has, together with the Organising Committee, selected certain hotels for the participants attending the IFBLS World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science. The congress venue, Stockholm International Fairs, can comfortably be reached from all hotels by public transportation. Furthermore, StoCon's hotel secretariat will assist you throughout the congress. The hotels and further information will be announced in the preliminary programme.

Travel to Sweden

Stockholm is the communication hub and the economic and cultural centre of Sweden. Arlanda Airport is located approximately 42 kilometres from Stockholm city. The airport handles some 200 flights daily to and from 40 countries and 5 continents.

Restaurants

Stockholm has a rich cultural life that can be sampled through a choice of wide restaurants representing most international culinary traditions. In recent years, teams of Swedish chefs have

won top international awards for their culinary creations, and several Stockholm restaurants have been given star ratings by the prestigious Guide Michelin. Gourmets will have plenty of gastronomic delights to look forward to. For more information please visit www.stockholmtown.com

Social programme

Opening Ceremony and President's Reception

The congress will officially open on Sunday June 14th at the Stockholm International Fairs. After the Opening Ceremony, all participants are invited to a reception with buffets and bars arranged in the congress centre.

Civic Reception at the City Hall

A highlight of the social programme will be the civic reception at the Stockholm City Hall, beautifully situated on the waterfront of Riddarfjärden in central Stockholm. The reception will be held in the Blue Hall where the Noble Prize festivities takes place every year on December 10th. The Stockholm City Hall was designed by the architect Ragnar Östberg in a national romantic style and was completed in 1923. The City Hall, today hosting the city's central administration, has become a symbol of Stockholm.





The Congress Dinner

The Congress Dinner will take place at Skansen, the open-air museum in the heart of Stockholm. The evening will of course include food and drinks as well as entertainment. This will be a chance to discover the beauty of Sweden.

Skansen is the first open-air museum in the world. Skansen is also a zoological park specializing mainly in Nordic fauna. It is located on the island of Djurgården, a royal park near the centre of Stockholm. Skansen was founded in 1891 by Arthur Hazelius (1833-1901) for the purpose of showing how people had lived and worked in different parts of Sweden in times gone by. Over the years about 150 historic buildings have been moved here from nearly every part of Sweden. Most of them date from the 18th and 19th centuries. Visitors to the houses and farmsteads are met by hosts and hostesses in period costume. They often demonstrate domestic occupations, such as weaving and spinning.

Stockholm

Stockholm, the Swedish capital is spread over 14 islands on Lake Mälaren, at the point where the fresh water flows into the salt water of the Baltic Sea and the fantastic archipelago with its thousands of islands. Stockholm became the capital of Sweden 700 years ago. With an array of historic palaces, world-class museums, majestic churches, shopping, green parks, and spacious avenues – even the most demanding visitor will be impressed. Stroll through the cobble-stoned alleys and squares in the Old Town. Every house, every street corner has a story to tell. Västerlånggatan is a popular place for shopping, while something interesting is always going on in the main square, Stortorget. You will always find plenty of cafés around the quaysides and in the alleys.

A selection of optional day tours is designed to suit different interests and to live up to high expectations. We will give our international guests the opportunity to experience Swedish culture, history and nature as well as to enjoy the spirit of Stockholm and its surroundings. The optional day tours will be announced in the preliminary programme.



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