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Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to present my welcoming message to all our volunteer IFCC officers. You are our greatest strength and I very much look forward to working closely with you, facing the opportunities and challenges together. It is your expertise which gives me great confidence that we will continue to develop the quality and performance of laboratory medicine to meet the future needs of our patients and the healthcare system.

As President I look forward to extending the work of the IFCC into the emerging technologies being adopted by clinical laboratories while continuing our work on standardisation and harmonization in collaboration with are our partners in Europe and North America as well as new partners in Asia. Our educational and training activities, capable of meeting the needs of both developing and developed communities, will be extended with improved access to eLearning opportunities. Closer interactions between international organisations representing the various disciplines of laboratory medicine will greatly assist common engagement by our profession with our clinical colleagues and other stakeholders in healthcare. I look forward to enhancing our communication between our volunteers and national societies through harnessing the power of modern electronic platforms as well as increasing the availability of our texts in non-English languages.

The IFCC Executive Board will now include representatives elected by each of the Regional Federations who will provide unprecedented communication between the various IFCC units and affiliated organizations.

I hope to meet many of you at the IFCC General Congress being held in Budapest in November. I welcome any suggestions to improve our organization and activities. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my new email address president@ifcc.org

With kindest regards



Professor Howard Morris
IFCC President