

***Think Big: Time for
Sharing Excellence at
EuroMedLab Paris 2015
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Europe is diverse in culture, attitudes, and historical roots and is perhaps becoming more so with changing national identities and increased immigration: this diversity should be welcomed. What it should not tolerate is diversity in access to health and care services. Today, there is a growing and eager interest in society for new emerging scientific fields that will define our health and wellness. The development of new diagnostics, more sensitive, robust, and selective for the improved clinical practice demands the translation of multidisciplinary scientific and technological knowledge from diverse fields into clinical applications. Sometimes great changes result from small actions. Improved clinical decisions based on new and improved diagnostic tools and techniques should lead to better health outcomes while contributing to the sustainability of the health care system.

Thus, Lab medicine is a multidisciplinary field that covers a broad spectrum of research and applications. Medical biology technology is often at the forefront of medical advances—in some cases, testing techniques to diagnose or screen for a particular condition are available before effective treatment. Innovation in laboratory technology, which includes both new tests and advances in equipment and testing techniques, has made testing more efficient and automated. Innovation in health care is welcomed by payers, providers, and patients and many predict that medical laboratory technology will play an even more important role in the future delivery of health care. Technical advances can grab headlines, but changes to regulations have also an equally important effect on how public health actions are carried out on the ground as we saw recently with the mandatory accreditation in France.

Your participation at the 21st IFCC-EFLM congress in Paris, the city of lights (June 21-25) is essential. It will give you the insight and understanding you need on the evolution of the profession. The scientific committee and the IFCC/EFLM federations provided the best content through an ethic selection process. EuroMedLab PARIS 2015 is a European platform for the key players of the in vitro industry to showcase their novelties and leap into the new era of Laboratory Medicine. The in vitro-industry has been and will continue to be a major contributor to the health and quality of life of citizens and the wellbeing of the EU and world economy, and given the IVD industry exiting commitment to innovation, it is important to meet and to converse with their representatives in the exhibition. Their valuable experience serves to benefit the development of our specialty. Recognizing and rewarding innovation will encourage them to continue to invest in finding improved solutions to unmet clinical needs as well as to collaborate closely with IFCC/EFLM at the forthcoming events and on scientific projects.

The Paris congress aspires to ensure that attendees experience a high-quality educational and scientific program that captures the advancements of Lab Med immediately applicable for the improvement of outcomes and patient care. Over 4 days of teaching, international key opinion leaders will present lectures covering the hottest topics in Laboratory Medicine. Each topic is covered to its maximum potential, bringing together theory and practice. EuroMedLab has seen its congresses evolve into something resembling a think-tank, gathering international experts and thousands of delegates who come every two years in larger numbers for the unique purpose of learning. A good sign is the number of accepted abstracts: 1,289! Recognized as one of the top congresses in Europe, attendance keeps rising with 4,000 attendees representing more than 100 countries in 2013. A number which is expected to grow in attendance and scope and content,

remaining the premier “go-to” European event for the Lab med innovation, research and products launches.

As specialists in Lab Medicine, we will only be able to master future challenges if we work together. By your presence at EuroMedLab Paris 2015, you will demonstrate that the canon of Lab Medicine values is not bound by national borders. It is valid beyond all national, ethnic, cultural and religious differences. The identity of Lab Medicine is growing because we are sharing common values and interests which we can only effectively champion with combined forces on the international stage. The SFBC did not slacked its efforts to create Paris 2015 as an international agora in which views can be exchanged and discussed frankly across borders. EuroMedLab Paris 2015 is a process that needs a steady flow of new stimuli and ideas, a good reason again to be present in Paris in June 2015 to see a pioneering spirit in the Lab Medicine world!