

Invitation to IFBLS World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science Student Forum 2014

IFBLS have given Taiwan the honor of arranging the Student Forum to be delivered as part of the Scientific Program of the 31st World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science scheduled to take place in Taipei, Taiwan from Oct 3rd-7th, 2014. The purpose of the Student Forum is to give current biomedical laboratory science students the opportunity to participate in an international meeting. Advantages to students will be their abilities to set their own agenda in terms of establishing a program on issues pertinent to current and potentially future students. Importantly, students attending the Forum will have the opportunity to network with their international student peers, in addition to be able to share their opinions with their current biomedical laboratory science colleagues. Since today's students will be tomorrow's educators and practitioners, it is important that as many students as possible attend and contribute to the Forum. We are looking forward to having a large number of student delegates, preferably one from each member country. The Student Forum will consist of discussion sessions on different topics pertinent to the needs of students. While attending the Congress, students will be expected to take part in many of the other activities and scientific programs, in addition to workshops and laboratory visits. We are cordially asking for your help to inform all your student members and then sign them up for this exciting opportunity to meet future colleagues and friends-to-be from all over the world! The facilitators of the Student Forum are Ya-Wen Chang, Yih-Hsin Chang, Jing-Yi Lin and Sung-Pin Tseng. All of the facilitators are Biomedical Scientists. Dr. Chang YW, Dr. Chang YH, Dr. Lin JY and Dr. Tseng SP are faculty at Department of Biomedical Laboratory Science from different universities in Taiwan. We all have previous experience in arranging this kind of events, and instructing students as well.

Introduction The Student Forum will contain two parts as follows: (1) students presentation and discussions on Oct. 3-4 according to the given questionnaire, and (2) the summary and/or conclusion which the attending students are going to present at the GAD on Oct. 7. The official language during the Student Forum is English. The main topic of the student forum is "Advantage, disadvantage and perspectives of the students/scientists in biomedical sciences". In addition to realizing the differences and similarities among the countries regarding education, profession and future, the advantage and disadvantage of biomedical students, as well as the possible strategies for promoting international collaborations will be discussed based on a questionnaire.

Preparation prior to the Student Forum The students will receive a questionnaire to answer before they arrive to the student forum. Each participant should prepare a PowerPoint presentation with their answers to present at the student forum. The questionnaire will be sent out to the participants of the

Student Forum before the 15th of June.

Students will receive detailed information about the Forum upon registration.

For further information on the Student Forum, please contact:

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Best regards,

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