

Visiting Lecturer Programme

With generous support from Abbott Diagnostics the IFCC Visiting Lecturer Programme (VLP) has been a flagship project in supporting the promotion of quality in laboratory medicine. IFCC Member societies apply to the VLP for funding support for renowned international experts to visit their country.

Visiting lecturers are required to make at least two contributions during their visit. These often comprise a plenary lecture and leading a workshop on an aspect of quality in laboratory medicine.

During the four years 2011-2015 a total of 50 applications were approved for the VLP. These came from 34 different countries including:

- 10 from Africa and the Middle East
- 10 from Latin America
- 8 from South East Asia
- 4 from Eastern Europe

The topics covered by the VLP include:

- Analytical quality
- The IFCC quality ladder
- Laboratory management
- Laboratory accreditation
- The value of laboratory medicine in healthcare
- The role of global standardisation
- Harmonisation of laboratory practices and methods

Details of the Visiting Lecturer Programme may be found at www.ifcc.org following the link to Education and Management.