

Editorial

Professional Challenges in Health care, Workforce and Education and Hope for the Future!



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In 2019 in Wuhan China, a new coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2 or Covid-19, was identified as the cause of multiple cases of acute respiratory distress syndrome. With the advent of the pandemic, there has been a resurgence in awareness regarding the need for more laboratory science professionals worldwide. Although this is not a new challenge, it is now at the forefront of health care for several reasons. Many health care professionals chose to take early retirement or seek new career opportunities during the pandemic. Although the exit of professionals has slowed, it has not completely stopped. This is attributed to professional burnout and high workloads due to the increased workload and the decrease in the numbers of working professionals. It is essential that stakeholders, including administrators, educators and organizations come together to provide personal health and well being services to current and future staff. As the profession develops new and innovative ways to increase training opportunities, it is also essential that retention efforts of existing professionals are implemented. It is absolutely essential to maintain the working professionals to mentor and provide guidance to the new and developing professionals in order to maintain quality healthcare.

This edition of the journal provides significant insight into some of the professional challenges in the laboratory workforce in Australia. In addition, the laboratory spotlight highlights the significant efforts of the medical and laboratory staff at Sacre Coeur, in Guinea West Africa to provide medical laboratory services to the people!

It is the hope of the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) Executive Board and the International Journal of Biomedical Laboratory (IJBL) Editorial Board that you find the information in the journal educational, interesting, and inspiring to continue to provide quality laboratory services worldwide.

Sincerely, IJBLS Editor in Chief,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Tille".

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