



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the XII<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Paediatric Laboratory Medicine (ICPLM) and the Task Force on Paediatric Laboratory Medicine (TF-PLM) of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC), we would like to invite you to visit Berlin, Germany's Capital, from 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The focus of the congress will be on the latest scientific and technological achievements in all areas of paediatric clinical and diagnostic laboratory medicine and we are certain that all participants will be enthused by the program. Taking place immediately before the IFCC World Lab Berlin 2011, the congress offers you the unique opportunity to gather the latest information in laboratory medicine for children as well as for adult patients.

The opening plenary will be given by Dr Michael Thamm, Director of the epidemiological laboratory at the Robert-Koch Institute in Berlin. The scientific program will cover a wide range of topics and includes sessions on genetically determined diseases in children, metabolic disorders, newborn screening, haemoglobinopathies, immune deficiency syndromes, endocrinology, paediatric reference intervals, and many other topics. We would also like to encourage you to submit your latest scientific research results to be presented in the scientific poster sessions. The program will appeal to a wide variety of participants including laboratory physicians, scientists and technologists, as well as practicing clinicians in paediatrics, neonatology, infectious disease and family medicine.

For detailed information about the 2011 ICPLM Berlin and its program, click the respective buttons on the start page of this website.

We have not forgotten the lighter side and invite you to take the opportunity to visit the many cultural attractions of Berlin and its surroundings. With the support of the local Tourism Board, we will ensure that you experience all aspects of this exciting City in the Heart of Europe.

So do save these dates in your diary – we look forward to hosting you in Berlin in May 2011!

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