



FOUNDATION FOR EMERGING NATIONS (FEN)

What is the FEN?

The *Foundation for Emerging Nations (FEN)* is a non-profit making Charitable Trust established in 2016 under Swiss Law by the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC).

What is the purpose of the FEN?

“The Foundation is devoted to fund raising and to supporting programmes that help to improve the quality and delivery of laboratory medicine services, particularly in emerging nations.”

Why is the FEN important?

A high percentage of all clinical decisions are influenced by the results of laboratory medicine investigations. Consequently, patient safety and clinical outcomes are dependent on the quality of laboratory medicine services. In emerging nations there is scope for improvement in the quality of laboratory medicine services but educational support is required.

What projects are suitable for funding by the FEN?

The *FEN* is able to support projects in emerging nations that are organised by societies, groups or individuals, provided that the project will lead to an outcome that:

- Can be assessed in terms of quality improvement, and/or
- Provides a baseline for local support to continue the project

What are the governance arrangements for the FEN?

The *FEN* is governed in strict accordance with Swiss Charity Law, involving:

- An elected Board of Directors holding regular meetings with minutes
- Annual report and independently audited accounts in Swiss Francs
- Independent expert reviewers of project proposals

Who are the elected Members of the FEN Board of Directors?

The inaugural Board of Directors comprises five persons with extensive experience of laboratory medicine and/or the operation of Charitable Trusts in healthcare:

- Dr Graham H Beastall (UK) - Chair
- Prof Thomas Brinkmann (Germany)
- Dr Lucia Monaco (Italy)
- Prof Tomris Ozben (Turkey)
- Dr Michelle Rossier (Switzerland)

How may I donate to the FEN?

Potential donors to the *FEN* are encouraged to contact the Chair of the Board of Directors (chair@ifccfoundation.org) to discuss their donation and how it may be used and acknowledged.

All donations will be deposited into the FEN bank account, with the following details:

Bank: Credit Suisse, Geneva, Switzerland

Account Name: *IFCC Foundation for Emerging Nations*

Swift code: CRESCHZZ12A

IBAN: CH33 0483 5158 8655 2100 0

Account: 0251-1588655-21

Further details of the FEN are available from:

www.ifccfoundation.org