

## **Educational workshops in Africa and Asia**

### Nigeria and Kenya:

In her role as IFCC Past President Professor Jocelyn Hicks identified helping to improve the quality of laboratory medicine in Africa as a priority area. In collaboration with Professor Donald Young (another Past President) a comprehensive educational programme on quality in laboratory medicine was prepared. This programme covered both analytical quality and laboratory management.

Working in partnership with the Association of Clinical Chemists Nigeria (ACCN) Professors Hicks and Young delivered the programme to a large and enthusiastic audience in Ibadan. The programme was well received and as follow-up a number of participants were supported by IFCC to obtain targeted training in quality in laboratory medicine in South Africa under the guidance of Professor Rajiv Erasmus.

A similar model and outcome was obtained when the programme was run in partnership with the Clinical Chemists Association of Kenya. Follow up also involved targeted training for some participants in South Africa with IFCC support.

### Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Philippines

The IFCC Education and Management Division (EMD) contains two committees dedicated to promoting quality improvement in different aspects of laboratory medicine performance:

- Committee for Analytical Quality (C-AQ)
- Committee for Clinical Laboratory Management (C-CLM)

The EMD is able to respond to specific requests from IFCC Members to organise and deliver workshops on quality improvement tailored to meet the needs of participants. Over recent years EMD and its two committees have supported the following workshops in collaboration with the following societies:

- Nepal Association of Medical Laboratory Science
- Association for Clinical Biochemistry, Sri Lanka
- Indonesian Association for Clinical Chemistry
- Philippines Association of Medical Technologists

In all these cases the educational workshop was run jointly by IFCC and one of its Member societies. The national society is then well placed to build on the outcome of the workshop to continue the culture of quality improvement.

Details of the C-AQ and C-CLM may be found at [www.ifcc.org](http://www.ifcc.org) following the link to Education and Management.