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Lab-Surfing.com: 6 weeks on the web

Young Scientist need to improve communication and connections, not only between senior professionals or mentors, but also between young colleagues that are facing same problems and questions.

Lab-Surfing.com is a social network specially designed & created for young laboratory medicine professionals. With Lab-Surfing you can find colleagues sorting by city, country or laboratory interests, and connect/contact freely with the whole world.

The principal objectives of this social media are to:
- Improve a fast and easy communication among scientists from all around the globe
- Improve networking and cooperation among world colleagues
- Make exchange programmes easier

Secondary objectives:
- Increase IFCC visibility in developing countries
- Improve Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in hospitals with YS
- Denote the important role of YS in Laboratory Medicine

STATUS REPORT:

The website is available since September 1st 2016 in 3 languages (English, Spanish and French).

On October 24th 2016, IFCC TF-YS officially launched Lab-Surfing.com with the help of IFCC office and proper approvals from EB-IFCC & Members TFYS. A rapid growth and dissemination of Lab-Surfing was observed in the initial weeks reaching up to 260 YS from all around the world.
**USER MEMBERS:**

The 260 registered users represent 41 different countries listed above:

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View of Lab-Surfing users map:

Only users that share their coordinates (optional) are visible on the map. That is the reason why Africa looks without users.
Lab-Surfing user’s median age is 29 years old with a gender distribution of 59% female and 41% males.
User’s interests (multiple options) are shown in the figure below. Clinical chemistry, Hematology and Molecular Biology are the most popular at Lab-Surfing’s community.
Users shared 24 publications and 10 experiences.

Experiences:

- 4th joint EFLM-UEMS Congress
- 9 Eylül University, Molecular research Lab, Cellular, Molecular and Analytical technics course
- Doctor in Medical Biology
- 4th joint EFLM-UEMS Congress
- Humanitarian aid
- PharmD
- Master 2
- 69th World Health Assembly in Geneva
- Residency in Amiens, France
- Hiperinsulinismo Congênito
Behiond our original plan, we created a Forum for discussions and exchange. It is divided by topics of interest (Quality assurance, Molecular biology, Endocrinology, etc) and by countries.

Next steps:

1. Increase visibility using IFCC TF-YS corresponding members to help with Lab-Surfing diffusion.
2. Create advertising campaigns on Facebook, LinkedIn and google groups.
3. Promote our recently included Discussion Forums
4. Presentation in congresses – Already submitted poster for Athens

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