



## Foundation for Emerging Nations (FEN) Annual Report for 2019

### Introduction:

The FEN is established under Swiss law as a non-profit making charitable trust, which 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.

### Board of Directors:

There are five members of the FEN Board of Directors

- Dr Graham H Beastall (UK) Chair
- Dr Michelle Rossier (CH)
- Prof Thomas Brinkmann (DE)
- Dr Lucia Monaco (IT)
- Prof Tomris Ozben (TR)

Biographies of the Board of Directors are available from [www.ifccfoundation.org](http://www.ifccfoundation.org)

### Board Meetings:

During 2019 the Board met (by Skype) on one occasion. Confirmed and signed Minutes of those meetings are available on request.

### Achievements:

During 2019 the FEN achieved the following:

- Compliance with the Handelsregister des Kantons Schwyz and the Swiss Foundation Supervisory Authority
- Publication of the annual report for 2018
- Approval of audited accounts for 2018
- Operation of the FEN website [www.ifccfoundation.org](http://www.ifccfoundation.org)
- Publication of a newsletter
- Promotion of the FEN through various IFCC media outlets
- Fundraising initiatives
- Support for and monitoring of two funded projects

### Completed Projects:

#### Proficiency of malaria microscopists in Ethiopia:

The Ethiopian Public Health Institute has an ambitious programme to eliminate malaria from areas of the country. The proficiency of the microscopists who make the diagnosis requires improvement if this is to be achieved. The FEN provided an award for partnership working

with EPHI to develop training support for microscopists. A survey of the competence, training status and further requirements of microscopists has been completed and published. A report of the project is available from [www.ifccfoundation.org](http://www.ifccfoundation.org)

#### 'Support a Professional' programme

In collaboration with the Pakistan Society of Chemical Pathologists the first FEN SNIBE scholarship was awarded to Dr Sibtain Ahmed from Pakistan. Dr Ahmed spent ten weeks training in the University of Antalya in Turkey where he developed his skills and experience. A report of the visit is available from [www.ifccfoundation.org](http://www.ifccfoundation.org)

### **Ongoing Projects:**

#### 'Support a Professional' programme

Funding for a second FEN SNIBE scholarship has been secured to enable a senior trainee from Indonesia to undertake a training visit to an advanced laboratory. In collaboration with the Indonesian Association for Clinical Chemistry the scholarship opportunity has been advertised. The scholarship will be awarded, and the visit arranged during 2020.

### **Fundraising and Finances:**

During the year the FEN secured two educational grants to enable the further implementation of the 'Support a Professional' programme:

- SNIBE Diagnostics to support a scholarship in Indonesia
- Abbott Diagnostics to support four scholarships

Audited accounts for the year to 31st December 2019 are in preparation and will be available on request. In summary:

#### Income:

Starting balance at 1 January 2018	11835 CHF
Funds added during year	43778 CHF
Total	55613 CHF

#### Expenditure:

Operating costs	3362 CHF
Bank charges	216 CHF
Project support	6734 CHF
Total	10312 CHF

Closing balance at 31 December 2019      45301 CHF

### **Acknowledgement:**

The FEN acknowledges expert administrative support from Ms Paola Bramati of IFCC.