



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY  
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE



# EFLM Strategic Conference 2026

**Laboratory Medicine for Society**

24 – 25 April 2026

Prague, Czech Republic

Diplomat Hotel Prague

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## Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the EFLM Strategic Conference 2026, which will take place on 24 – 25 April 2026 in the beautiful city of Prague, a historic centre of science and education at the heart of Europe.

This year's Strategic Conference will once again serve as a dynamic platform to address key developments, opportunities, and challenges in laboratory medicine.

With the participation of leading experts, representatives of EFLM functional units, and professionals from across Europe and beyond, the conference aims to stimulate forward-looking dialogue on the direction and priorities of our field in the coming years.

Beyond the rich scientific programme, the meeting will also provide a valuable space for strategic discussions, networking, and collaborative planning, reinforcing the role of laboratory medicine in shaping effective and sustainable healthcare.

We are currently preparing an engaging programme with interactive sessions, expert panels, and contributions from both academia and industry. Your presence will be key to making this event a success.

I look forward to welcoming you in person to Prague in April 2026 and to working together on shaping the future of laboratory medicine.

Warm regards,

**Tomáš Žima**

President of the Conference

# PROGRAMME

Friday, 24 April 2026

9:00

## Opening – Welcome

*T. Zima (EFLM President), T. Ozben (IFCC President),  
E. Macintyre (Biomed Alliance Past President), M. Fuhrer (MedTech Europe)*

9:15 – 10:00

## Keynote Lecture

CHAIR: TOMÁŠ ZIMA

### Value-based laboratory medicine – moving forward

*M. Plebani*

10:00 – 10:30

## Coffee Break

## Session 1: Harmonisation – the role of EFLM

CHAIRS: SVERRE SANDBERG, CHRISTA COBBAERT

*Aim of session: To give a short overview of current harmonisation initiatives in laboratory medicine, and to develop a strategy for identifying which activities the EFLM should prioritise. The session will also explore how to establish an appropriate structure to support these activities and how to engage the IVD-industry, with the goal of presenting a proposal for the EFLM Executive Board following the conference.*

10:30 – 13:00

### Harmonisation of the different phases in the “brain to brain loop” – what is possible and who has the responsibility?

*S. Sandberg*

### What is the present role of EFLM in the harmonisation work

*M. Zaninotto*

### Harmonisation projects in IFCC: Current projects and future directions

*C. Cobbaert*

### What are the priorities from industry concerning harmonisation, and what would industry like EFLM to work with

*R. Molinaro, Siemens Healthineers*

## Round table

*Moderators: Sverre Sandberg, Mauro Panteghini*

### How EFLM can make a strategy concerning harmonisation and what area EFLM should engage in.

### EQALM perspectives on how EQALM and EFLM can cooperate regarding harmonisation

*G. Gidske*

### Big Data Analytics and its Application in Reference Interval Harmonization across Laboratories and Analytical Systems

*K. Adeli*

### Making more achievable the standardization benefits through structured post-market surveillance and application of suitable performance specifications

*M. Panteghini*

*C. Vogl (Roche)*

13:00 – 14:00

## Lunch

## Session 2: Shaping the Future: AI Data-Driven Innovation and Emerging Technologies in Laboratory Medicine

CHAIRS: DAMIEN GRUSON, DAVID FRIEDECKÝ

14:00 – 17:00

**Advances in Mass Spectrometry: Automation, Integration, and Future Directions**

*P. Vermeersch*

**Multi-Omics Revolution: From Data to Tailored Therapies**

*D. Friedecký*

**How Laboratory Medicine will change in the near future: Integrating Artificial Intelligence, Automation, and Human Expertise in the Era of Industry 5.0**

*J. Cadamuro*

**Safe and Sound: Implementing AI with Confidence and Governance**

*A. Padoan*

**Discussion and Interactive Break**

*D. Gruson*

**AI in Healthcare – Designing the Future for Better Healthcare Outcomes**

*E. Popova*

**Round table**

*Moderators: Damien Gruson, Bernard Gouget*

**Panelists:**

- EFLM President – T. Zima
- MedTech Europe – M. Fuhrer
- Abbott – U. Ansari – AI technology
- ThermoFisher – J. Last – MassSpec
- B. Gouget – When Diagnosis Becomes Prediction: Reimagining Medicine Through Data and Nano-Technologies

17:00 – 17:30

**Coffee Break**

17:30 – 18:30

**Discussion with IVDR companies – MedTech Europe**

*Moderator: Tomas Zima*

V. Chen (Snibe)

M. Fuhrer (Siemens Healthineers)

A. Hallersten (Roche)

J. Martins (Abbott)

J. D. Winter (Beckman Coulter)

**Saturday, 25 April 2026**

## Session 3: Cooperation with Clinicians

CHAIRS: MATTHIAS BAUER, MARIO PLEBANI

8:30 – 11:00

**Holistic approach to the diagnosis of heart failure: Laboratory methods are essentials**

*P. Seferovic*

**Measurement of albuminuria or proteinuria for screening and monitoring chronic kidney disease**

*R. Gansevoort*

**Laboratory measurement of protein glycation in the era of precision medicine – biomarkers of metabolic dysfunction and health decline**

*P. J. Thornalley*

**Fluid biomarkers for Alzheimer´s disease in the era of disease-modifying therapies**

*K. S. Frederiksen*

**Driving health care pathways through integrative diagnostic medicine**

*M. Neumaier, S. Schonberg*

**Round table**

**How will be implemented these topics to daily practice and into EFLM – who, when and how we moving forward**

*E. Macintyre (Biomed Alliance)*

Cooperation between laboratories and clinicians

C. Cyran (European Society of Radiology)

K. S. Frederiksen (European Academy of Neurology)

11:00 – 11:30

**Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:30

**Discussion – Cooperation and sharing the best practice**

CHAIRS: TOMRIS OZBEN, TOMÁŠ ZIMA

**Global Cooperation and Sharing the Best Practice in Laboratory Medicine: The IFCC View**

*T. Ozben (President IFCC)*

**Bridging the Gap Between Basic Research and the Clinical Laboratory: Finding Common Ground**

*M. de la Rosa (FEBS)*

**APFCB-EFLM Collaboration to Promote Best Laboratory Practices across Regions**

*P. Sharma (Asia Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine)*

**Strengthening Laboratory Medicine Worldwide: Insights from the NAFCC Societies**

*S. Haymond (North American Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine)*

**Laboratory-enabled best practices can catalyze change and replication**

*T. Ravalico*

12:30 – 13:30

**Lunch**

## Session 4: Young Scientists, Visibility, Communication and Education

CHAIRS: ALEŠ KVASNIČKA, TARA ROLIČ

13:30 – 15:30

**From Shadows to Spotlight: How EuLabDay Reframes Our Profession**  
*T. Rolič*

**AI in the Clinical Lab: Opportunity or Risk?**

*J. Adler*

**One Open Door Can Change Everything: A Journey Through LabX and Beyond**

*N. Kozopas*

**Building Future Leaders Through Education: Leveraging the EFLM Academy and EFLM Syllabus Course**

*L. Alič*

### Round table

MODERATORS: DANIEL RAJDL, SNEŽANA JOVIČIČ,  
EVGENIJA HOMSAK

Young scientists: A. Kvasnička, T. Rolič, J. Adler, N. Kozopas, L. Alič

- What have we achieved with the EFLM academy?
- How can we develop it further?
- Academy (new AI platform?) – EFLM, IFCC cooperation

### EFLM Syllabus

- Are we able to keep it updated?
- Too many lectures/too few? What is missing?

15:30 – 16:00

### Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00

### Strategy for the Future

CHAIRS: MARIO PLEBANI, DAMIEN GRUSON

**Strategy of EFLM in future: comments and improvements from auditorium**

*T. Zima*

17:00

Closing remarks – Tomáš Zima

17:15 – 18:30

EFLM General Meeting

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Meeting venue

Vienna House Diplomat Prague

Evropská 15, 160 41 Prague 6 – Dejvice, Czech Republic

The Vienna House Diplomat Prague will serve as the official venue of the EFLM Strategic Conference 2026.

Conveniently located in Prague's diplomatic **district of Dejvice**, the hotel offers excellent access both from the airport and to the historic city centre. It features a modern conference center with top-tier facilities, all within a calm and professional setting.

### Registration fee

You can choose to join us **in person at the meeting venue or online via our virtual platform.**

Please find below the available registration options.

(the virtual attendance fee includes access to all live sessions and conference materials)

#### EFLM Academy Members

##### Early fee

untill January 31, 2026

##### Late fee

after January 31, 2026

##### Regular fee

280 €

320 €

##### Young Registration (under 35 years)

120 €

150 €

#### Non EFLM Academy Members

##### Early fee

untill January 31, 2026

##### Late fee

after January 31, 2026

##### Regular fee

380 €

420 €

##### Young Registration (under 35 years)

170 €

190 €

#### Virtual attendance fee

##### Regular fee

170 €

(the virtual attendance fee includes access to all live sessions and conference materials)

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### **EFLM Continuing Professional Education Credit System – CPECS®**

The EFLM Strategic Conference will be submitted for CPECS® accreditation to deliver CPECS® credits for participants.

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Each participant must attend at least 75 % of each session to get CPECS® credits.

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Once the congress is over, only delegates with 75 % of attendance will receive a specific email with the evaluation questionnaire to fill in. At the end of the whole process, the CPECS® certificate will be issued and sent to the entitled participants.

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