



## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STANDARDIZATION IN HAEMATOLOGY

The ICSH Chairman, Professor Sam Machin, and the JCTLM Chairman, Professor Ian Young, are proud to announce that The International Council for Standardization in Haematology (ICSH) has been accepted as an executive member of The Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (JCTLM).

The JCTLM was established in 2002 through a declaration between the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) in response to the implementation of the European Community Directive 98.79/EC on in vitro medical devices. ICSH now joins BIPM, IFCC and ILAS as an executive member of JCTLM effective December 2019.

The JCTLM is an international consortium that promotes the global standardization of clinical laboratory test results, and provides information on reference materials, reference measurement methods and services that are available from around the world.

Currently there are very few Laboratory Haematology inclusions on the JCTLM database. The appointment of ICSH to the JCTLM Executive will allow:

The potential to significantly increase the number of Laboratory Haematology listings on the JCTLM database

Increase the number of JCTLM Laboratory Haematology based projects

Give JCTLM better access to world authorities and thought leaders instrumental in development of Laboratory Haematology standards and guidelines

Provide a forum for increased collaborations with all IVD stakeholders

This collaboration is important as it reinforces ICSH's position as the leading developer globally of Laboratory Haematology based standards and guidelines. It is important that the continued development and world wide implementation of haematological and haemostasis standards remains under the umbrella of working haematological laboratory clinicians and scientists. The ICSH coordinates Working Groups of experts to examine laboratory methods and instruments for Haematological analyses, to deliberate on issues of standardization and to stimulate and coordinate scientific work as necessary towards the development of international standardization materials and guidelines.

For ICSH  
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