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The Association for Clinical Biochemistry (ACB), founded in 1953, is a professional body dedicated to the practise and promotion of clinical science and laboratory medicine and has medical and non-medical members in all major UK healthcare laboratories, many university departments and several commercial companies. It has a relationship with the clinical diagnostics industry through links with its Corporate Members. The Association liaises with, and is consulted by, many national and international organisations on issues relating to Clinical Biochemistry. It was instrumental in establishing accreditation for clinical scientists in all disciplines and administers accreditation in all disciplines through the Association of Clinical Scientists. It also plays a significant role in the training of Clinical Scientists in the Biochemistry discipline and its training framework is used by other disciplines.

UK CLINICAL BIOCHEMIST ELECTED TO PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL POST

The Association for Clinical Biochemistry is pleased to announce that its immediate past president, Doctor Graham Beastall CBE was elected on Saturday 27th September to the office of president of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) at its meeting in Brazil. His period of office will run from January 2009 to 2011

This prestigious appointment is well deserved. Graham has made significant contributions to Clinical Chemistry in the United Kingdom and throughout the world. Those contributions were recognised last year by the award of a CBE. He has served the Association and The Royal College of Pathologists in high office over many years. Graham is a Consultant Clinical Scientist, and until recently Clinical Lead in Biochemistry, at Glasgow Royal Infirmary and is involved with the UK Department of Health on the topic of modernising scientific careers.

Graham’s personality and dedication to his field equip him well to discharge this important new office with charm and efficiency at a time of great change and challenge in healthcare science across the world. The election is warmly welcomed by the Association, which has long been a supporter of, and active participant in the work of, the IFCC.