

Name Changes at the APFCB

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The APFCB Council Meeting held in Seoul on 4th October 2010, voted to change the name of the federation from the Asian and Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry to the *Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine*. This was done to accept societies of laboratory medicine as members in countries did not have national societies of clinical (bio)chemistry. We also took our cue from the IFCC which has “Laboratory Medicine” in its name. The abbreviation **APFCB**, however, will still be retained.

The congress of the APFCB will no longer be called the Asian-Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry (APCCB). Recognising that there was always confusion between the abbreviations of the federation and that of the congress, the Council decided that henceforth, it would be called the **APFCB Congress**. The name would also enhance the APFCB brand. The 13th APFCB Congress will be held in Bali in November 2013.