



WORLD FEDERATION FOR CULTURE COLLECTIONS (WFCC)

Message from the President

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Dear WFCC Members,

It is a great honour and privilege to serve as President of the WFCC for the next three years, beginning in January 2026. I am equally privileged to work alongside an outstanding and highly committed Executive Board. I am confident that, together, we will lead the WFCC into a new and dynamic phase.

At present, the WFCC faces several important priorities. These include internal reorganisation, the revision of our statutes, and the development of an updated and effective website as a dynamic communication hub. These steps are essential to strengthening WFCC as a not-for-profit international organisation capable of meeting the demands of modern operations.

The WFCC must evolve beyond being solely the “voice of microbial collections worldwide.” It should stand as a global organisation that actively supports microbiology and clearly demonstrates to society the critical role of microbial resources in advancing science and the bioeconomy.

To achieve this, the WFCC will reinforce its activities through existing and new initiatives such as the International Conference on Culture Collections (ICCC), grants, publications, training programmes, and awards. Enhanced collaboration with the World Data Centre for Microorganisms (WDCM) will benefit our members and the broader community. Furthermore, the WFCC must reassert its presence at the international level by strengthening partnerships with global organisations and civil society, being a bridge between science and society.

A medium- to long-term objective, aligned with WDCM, is to strengthen WFCC’s global network by both supporting existing members and expanding membership from countries that are not already members of WFCC. Achieving this milestone will require active engagement with

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bioindustries, new stakeholders, and developing networks, particularly in underrepresented regions and low-income countries. In parallel, WFCC will enhance its support to member culture collections through improved access to information, training opportunities, visibility, and stronger integration with global platforms. Continuous monitoring and strategic outreach will ensure that WFCC remains relevant, supportive, and impactful.

Finally, the sustainability of WFCC activities depends on strengthening our community and resource base, while ensuring that all WFCC members benefit from and actively contribute to a vibrant and sustainable Federation.

The coming years will be critical. With your support, we will address key priorities and achieve meaningful progress. I remain fully committed to serving the WFCC with dedication and am supported by a motivated Executive Board. I encourage all members to engage with the Federation actively. Please share your activities with the Secretary so they can be disseminated across our network.

Keeping the WFCC website active and dynamic will be essential to increasing visibility and demonstrating our global impact through measurable performance indicators.

Thank you for your trust and collaboration.

Nelson Lima
President of WFCC