

News Item

New Members Join IFBA's Board of Directors

The IFBA is pleased to announce the addition of new members to the IFBA's Board of Directors. The Board provides leadership for carrying out the IFBA's mission to promote "*Safe, Secure, & Responsible Work with Biological Materials*" worldwide. Board members are elected by the IFBA Member Biosafety Associations and selected based on a demonstrated record of possessing the specific qualifications and competencies necessary for effective governance of the IFBA.

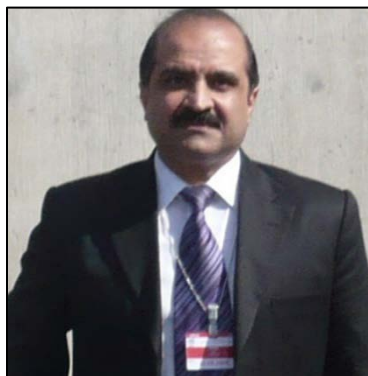
2017 IFBA Board of Directors:

1. Lela Bakanidze, **Chair**



- Past Vice-Chair IFBA Board of Directors; IFBA Professional Certification in Biorisk Management; Vice-President Georgia Biosafety Association (GeBSA); Vice-President Biosafety Association for Central Asia & Caucasus (BACAC)

2. Aamer Ikram, **Vice-Chair**



- IFBA Professional Certification in Biorisk Management; IFBA Professional Certification in Biological Waste Management; President Pakistan Biosafety Association (PBSA); Member IFBA Certification Body

3. Ben Fontes
 - Past Chair IFBA Board of Directors
4. Reed Cohen
 - Past Member IFBA Board of Directors; Frontline Foundation
5. TM Chua
 - Past Member IFBA Board of Directors; Past-President, Asia-Pacific Biosafety Association (A-PBA); Member IFBA Certification Body
6. Jose Alberto Diaz-Quinonez
 - Past-President Mexican Biosafety Association (AMEXBIO); IFBA Biosafety Heroes Award; Assistant Director General Institute de Diagnostico y Referencia Epidemiologicos
7. Pierrette Mefomdjo
 - President Cameroon Biological Safety Association (CamBSA); Member IFBA Certification Technical Committee
8. Dr. Asadulghani
 - President Bangladesh Biosafety & Biosecurity Association (BBBA)
9. Leonora Nusblat
 - IFBA Certified Professional in Biorisk Management; Argentina Association of Microbiology Subcommittee on Biosafety
10. Odile Ouwe Missi Oukem-Boyer
 - Foundation Merieux, Head Mali Country Office
11. Viji Vijayan
 - Past-President, Singapore Biorisk Association; IFBA Biosafety Heroes Working Group; Assistant Dean, Duke NUS Medical School

Observers to the IFBA Board:

1. Keith Landy
 - Past Observer to the Board
2. Sheila Ribiero
 - CRDF Global