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ICCBBA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Redlands, CA – ICCBBA is proud to announce that three new members have been selected to serve on the organization’s Board of Directors: Dr. Zbigniew M. Szczepiorkowski, MD, PhD, FCAP, Dr. Kelly Tilleman, MD, PhD, and Professor Joy Mammen, MD.

Dr. Szczepiorkowski has served in many leadership capacities with organizations and professional societies. He was a past president of AABB, a past president of the American Society for Apheresis (ASFA), chair of the Biomedical Excellence for Safer Transfusion Collaborative (BEST), a past treasurer of the World Apheresis Association, and a past member of the board of directors of the National Marrow Donor Program. Dr. Szczepiorkowski is currently an associate professor of pathology and medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth as well as the section chief of laboratory medicine, medical director of the Transfusion Medicine Service, medical director of the Center for Transfusion Medicine Research, and director of the Cellular Therapy Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon, N.H, USA.

Dr. Kelly Tilleman is currently the director of the in vitro laboratory at Ghent University Hospital, where their facility for reproductive tissues and cells was licensed in 2010 and processes and banks gametes, embryos, and gonadic tissues. She is also the coordinator of the Special Interest Group Safety and Quality in Assisted Reproductive Technologies (SQART) of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology. She has also collaborated in the drafting of the Guide to the quality and safety of tissues and cells issued by the EDQM as a Belgian representative and has participated as project leader of an Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) specific work package in the EUROGTPII project funded by the Health Program of the European Union.

Professor Joy Mammen currently heads the department of Transfusion Medicine at the Christian Medical College Vellore. He is trained in laboratory informatics and his interest areas are in proficiency testing, laboratory automation, voluntary blood donation and public policy in connection with transfusion practice. He also coordinates two national External Quality Assessment Schemes (EQAS) for haemostasis and transfusion medicine, is a member of the National Blood Transfusion Council of India, and serves on two subcommittees of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for medical instruments. He also consults for the World Health Organization on issues related to blood safety. His publications are in the areas of quality assurance, haemostasis, laboratory haematology, and transfusion medicine.

More information on each of these Board members and other Board members can be found on the ICCBBA website at www.iccbba.org.
About ICCBBA:

ICCBBA is the not-for-profit, nongovernmental standards body in official relations with the World Health Organization whose mission is to enhance safety for patients by managing and promoting the ISBT 128 international information standard for use with medical products of human origin. ICCBBA's Board of Directors and members of its Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) are volunteers who give freely of their time and effort. ICCBBA has a small staff who manages the technical documentation and databases, promote and support the global implementation of the standard, organize technical meetings, and administer registration and licensing.

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