



ISBER Elections Candidate Statement President-Elect

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I am Clare Allocca, with the US National Institute of Standards & Technology. I am deeply involved in international biotechnology standards development and actively contribute to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Biobanking standards. I first came to ISBER to share my standardization experience and, finding myself among such a knowledgeable, welcoming, and creative community, chose to stay. ISBER's combined expertise in science, policy, standards, markets, and tools is integral to the continued growth of biobanking. Education/communications complements this expertise to foster knowledge dissemination and effective partnering.

As ISBER Standards Committee Vice-Chair, I have promoted ISBER as a treasure trove of assembled tools and resources (T&R), e.g., best practices and standards, to facilitate fit-for-purpose biobanking. I look forward to working with our vibrant ISBER community to realize my vision, consisting of three components:

- **ISBER as Connection Hub:**
 - The global biobanking community is a partner for rigor and reproducibility in science essential in the development of quality products. ISBER can foster connections among the extended Biobanking community for closer and even more effective collaborations by:
 - Identifying and involving key players who influence development/use of fit-for-purpose products but might not consider themselves part of the community.
 - Increasing its reach to better understand the needs of international members.
 - Investigating different routes to expand reach to non-members, e.g., those who access a single tool such as ISBER Best Practices.
- **ISBER as World-Recognized Tools & Resources Hub (T&R):**
 - ISBER can take T&R use to the next level on multiple fronts, enhancing community recognition of:
 - **ISBER as internal biobanking tool developer / provider** of existing and future tools.
 - **ISBER as conduit to external tool developers** by providing clear pathways for member input to development of biobanking T&R by other organizations.
 - ISBER can provide additional resources to assist biobanks specifically in selecting and implementing an appropriate/custom T&R suite, thus



strengthening members' positions in transitioning to a post-COVID era.

- **ISBER as Education / Communication Hub:**

- Education and communication are implicit for organizational success. ISBER can enhance education and communication paths to increase awareness and understanding of all facets of ISBER activities.
- Explore and increase effectiveness of communication in achieving the ISBER mission.
 - Solicit continual feedback to influence communication mechanisms.

It would be my privilege to serve as ISBER President-elect. I look forward to a bright and enriching future...together, we can take Biobanking to an even higher standard!