

**MISSION STATEMENT FOR JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRACEABILITY IN LABORATORY
MEDICINE (JCTLM)**

The aim of the Joint Committee is to support world-wide comparability, reliability and equivalence of measurement results in Laboratory Medicine, for the purpose of improving health care, by:

- promoting the concept of traceability of measurement results to the Système International d'Unités (SI) or, where necessary, to other internationally agreed references;
- promoting close links between Reference Laboratories in Laboratory Medicine and National Metrology Institutes;
- co-ordinating and giving guidance in the establishment of Reference Measurement Systems with respect to medical needs
- identifying and prioritizing the measurands requiring international traceability and comparability and thereby encouraging appropriate organizations to accept responsibility for the development of suitable reference methods and measurement procedures and certified reference materials;
- encouraging the in-vitro diagnostic (IVD) industry to apply the agreed reference measurement systems;
- providing support for Reference Laboratories preparing for accreditation;
- publicising widely relevant information to interested parties;
- providing scientific and organizational expertise to the parties involved.