

## THE FINAL GOODBYE- SUGANDHA GOSWAMI

The medical laboratory family have lost a beautiful angel, Late miss Sugandha Goswami. Late miss Goswami was born on the 31st of January 1991 and was called for eternal rest on the 9th of February 2023. She was a Senior Research Officer - CDR Unit at Fiji National University. Late miss Goswami had attained Masters in Laboratory Medicine from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and Bachelors in Medical Laboratory Science from the college of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences. She was part of the Scientific Presentation team for the FIMLS Seminar 2023. The Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science farewells Late Miss Sugandha Goswami with a heavy heart as it is one of the greatest loss for the laboratory family.



## LABORATORY HUMOUR

LAB TECHS TEST  
YOUR PATIENTS



"What do you  
call an organic  
compound with  
an attitude?  
A-mean-o acid"

What is the  
biggest  
challenge of  
science?

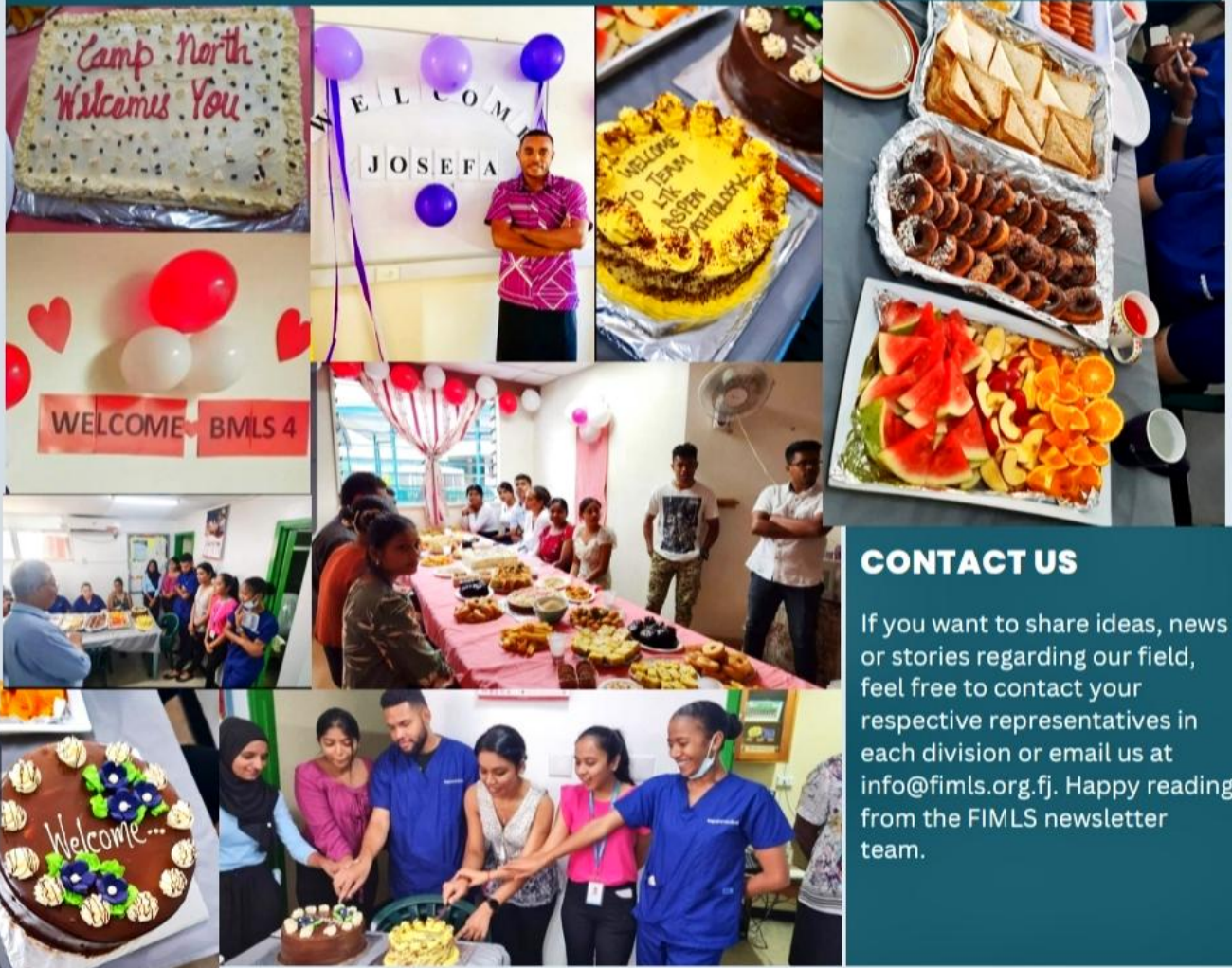
The scientists.



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## STUDENTS AND STAFFS WELCOMED

Various hospitals around Fiji welcomed the year 4 BMLS students who began their practical attachment at the laboratories. The practical's are a requirement for the BMLS students in their final year, in order to qualify them for graduation. Along with students, many new staffs were welcomed in these laboratories including Labasa hospital and Aspen Medical, Lautoka. The new staffs included transfers and also new recruits, who had graduated in the previous year.



## CONTACT US

If you want to share ideas, news or stories regarding our field, feel free to contact your respective representatives in each division or email us at [info@fimls.org.fj](mailto:info@fimls.org.fj). Happy reading from the FIMLS newsletter team.

# FIMLS NEWSLETTER

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## NEW WALK-IN COOLER FOR THE NORTH

The northern laboratory have their first-ever walk-in cooler to improve storage conditions of specimens, reagents and consumables. The walk-in cooler and freezer were funded by Ty-FIVE in partnership between Ministry of Health and Medical Services of Fiji, the International Vaccine Institute, Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the University of Melbourne.



## Month of Love

The Labasa laboratory celebrated Valentines day in style. It was a sight of love in the northern air with beautiful red decorations and outfits at the northern laboratory.



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## FIMLS REGISTRATION

### NEW REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Filled and witnessed FIMLS registration form ( form #FIMLSF-01)
2. Payment receipt
3. Proof of qualification (certificate)
4. Valid photo ID (preferred TIN card)

### RENEWALS REQUIREMENTS

1. Filled and witnessed FIMLS registration form ( form #FIMLSF-02)
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4. Valid photo ID (preferred TIN card)
5. Completed CPO activities on membership portal



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- Note:**
1. All forms are to be witnessed by a laboratory professional from the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) field.
  2. In the narration part of the deposit, mention your name
  3. All the above requirements for registrations and renewals are to be emailed to [membership@fimls.org.fj](mailto:membership@fimls.org.fj)
  4. All forms can be found on the FIMLS website ( <http://fimls.org.fj> )

## FIMLS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

### MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST

All Scientist who have obtained Bachelors in Medical Laboratory Science or equivalent qualifications.

### MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN/TECHNOLOGIST

All Laboratory Professionals who have obtained Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science qualification.

### CLINICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT

All Laboratory Professionals who have obtained Certificate in Medical Laboratory Science qualification.

### MEDICAL PHLEBOTOMIST

All Laboratory Professionals who have obtained Certificate in Medical Phlebotomy qualification.

### MEDICAL LABORATORY STUDENT

All Medical Laboratory Students of FIMLS from year one to four.

### AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

All professionals who are affiliated with Medical Laboratory field in Fiji. They specifically do not have a Medical Laboratory qualification but do have Medical Laboratory background.

### MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (SPECIALIZATION)

All Scientist who have obtained qualifications above Bachelors. Specializing in a specific field of Medical Laboratory Science or equivalent.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

All Laboratory staff who are associated with the Medical Laboratory field. This are our Laboratory staff who do not have a specific Medical Laboratory Science or equivalent qualifications but work with us in the field.

### PRIVATE/COMMERCIAL LABORATORY REGISTRATION

All Private and Commercial Laboratories which are operating in Fiji and are regulated under the Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

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**FIJI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE (FIMLS) PRESENTS**

**FIMLS MEMBERS ONLY EVENT**

**MINI SEMINAR 2023**

ON THE 29TH OF APRIL 2023  
 9AM TO 3PM  
 Registrations begin at 7.30am  
 VENUE: HOLIDAY INN, SUVA

**THEME:**  
 THE IMPORTANCE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE IN MEDICINE: CASE STUDY REFLECTIONS

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$50**

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**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 31ST MARCH 2023**

Membership Level	New Registration Fees
Student Membership (yearly)	\$30.00
Associate Membership	\$80.00
Medical Phlebotomist	\$100.00
Clinical Laboratory Assistant	\$130.00
Medical Laboratory Technician/Technologist	\$150.00
Medical Laboratory Scientist	\$180.00
Medical Laboratory Scientist (Specialization)	\$200.00
Affiliate Membership	\$300.00
Private/Commercial Laboratory Registration	\$500.00

Membership Level	Renewal Fees
Student Membership (yearly)	\$30.00
Associate Membership	\$40.00
Medical Phlebotomist	\$50.00
Clinical Laboratory Assistant	\$60.00
Medical Laboratory Technician/Technologist	\$70.00
Medical Laboratory Scientist	\$90.00
Medical Laboratory Scientist (Specialization)	\$100.00
Affiliate Membership	\$150.00
Private/Commercial Laboratory Registration	\$300.00