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To: **Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members**

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Call for nominations for the EFLM Working Group on Harmonisation of Total Testing Process

Dear President and National Representative,

Clinical laboratory science has made extraordinary developments in recent years, but medicine will only partially benefit from this if the pre-analytical, analytical and post-analytical phases of the diagnostic approach are not be harmonised. This harmonisation requires an end-to-end diagnostic approach to a disease which includes the correct collection of the biological sample, analysis using a standardized method, reporting with the correct units and interpretation using the most appropriate reference intervals and / or decision limits. If the entire process is optimally performed, the efficacy of laboratory results on the patient's outcome will only improve. The aim of the EFLM Working Group on "Harmonisation of the Total Testing Process", Chaired by Prof. Ferruccio Ceriotti (Italy), is to improve the level of harmonisation along the total testing process of Laboratory Medicine.

This is to inform you that a vacancy arises inside this WG and we are calling nominations for:

- **1 Full Member position**

Here below the WG Terms of Reference:

- *Survey and summarize National European and Pan European harmonisation initiatives;*
- *Promote and coordinate the diffusion of at least two especially promising harmonisation initiatives among the EFLM member societies;*
- *Take initiatives to harmonise nomenclature, units and reference intervals on a European level.*

The term of office will be for 2 years ending on 31 December 2017.

The position could be renewable for another two more terms upon the advice of the Committee Chair and continuing support from the National Society.

The work is mainly conducted by e-mail and teleconferencing, the WG usually meets once per year.

Procedure for applications

Each EFLM National Society Member in good standing with the membership fee can submit one nomination through the attached application form. A brief plan of the applicant's contribution to the aims and objectives of the relevant Working Group has to be included in the form. Together with the application, a short CV should also be submitted underlining the qualifications and prior experience and publications in the relevant area. Candidates have to be officially recommended by their National Society through a formal letter of support. Applicants who are not selected as full members may be eligible for corresponding membership.

Nominations have to be electronically submitted to the EFLM Office: Silvia Cattaneo - e-mail: silvia.cattaneo@eflm.eu within the deadline of **20 February 2016**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,

Eric S Kilpatrick
Chair of the EFLM Science Committee

cc: Prof. Ferruccio Ceriotti – WG-H Chair