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To: All National Representatives of the Full and Affiliate Member Societies
All Corporate Members' Representatives

Dear Colleagues,

In 2004, IFCC established a Committee on Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (C-TLM). Since then, the Committee has provided IFCC with high level expertise in the specific area of metrological traceability and standardization. The Committee, under the Chairmanship of Prof. Lothar Siekmann, wishes to appoint one member to start in January 2018 to replace a member who is coming to the end of his period of appointment.

The specific *terms of reference* of this Committee are:

- To support activities regarding Traceability in Laboratory Medicine, permitting IFCC to continue its international role in this area and providing an operating link between the SD and the WGs of the Joint Committee on Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (JCTLM), concerning identification of reference measurement procedures, reference materials and reference laboratories.
- To support reference laboratories in the context of complete reference systems (accepted reference measurement procedures of higher order, reference materials, and reference laboratories) by establishing an External Quality Assessment Scheme (EQAS) for reference laboratories in order to monitor their competence.
- To promote establishment and maintenance of IFCC reference laboratory networks for clinically relevant measurands (e.g. the IFCC HbA1c network).

Current projects:

Organization of IFCC Ring Trials for reference laboratories

C-TLM consists of 5 full members, including the Chair, nominated by the IFCC Member Societies and/or Corporate Members. This letter asks you for a nomination for this position.

Nominations should be directly sent to the IFCC Office (paola.bramati@ifcc.org) using the attached Application Form **by December 20th, 2017**. We would particularly welcome applications from candidates with experience in directing a JCTLM listed reference laboratory or in standardisation activities, as well as nominations of young scientists.

Information on the current composition of the C-TLM and its activities are available on the IFCC Website, under Scientific Activities. More specific information can be obtained directly from Prof. Lothar Siekmann (Lothar.Siekmann@ukb.uni-bonn.de).

Following approval, the candidates will be appointed for a three-year term on the Committee. A second three-year term is allowed following satisfactory review at the end of the first term by the Scientific Division Executive Committee following consultation with the C-TLM Chairman.

Looking forward to receiving your nomination, I remain

Sincerely yours



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