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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

Call for nominations for the EFLM Working Group "Patient Focused Laboratory Med"

Dear President and National Representative,

By this letter, EFLM asks for your support in the call for nomination of new members for the Working Group Patient Focused Laboratory Medicine (WG-PFLM) established in 2013 with the aim to explore and promote the engagement of patients and professionals in enabling patients to receive individualised support in understanding what their results mean for them. This group headed by the EFLM Past President Ian Watson, has been very successful e.g. performing surveys that have led to various papers like the one on the interpretive support from Specialists in Laboratory Medicine or on the European views on patients directly obtaining their laboratory test results.

Some members of WG-PFLM will be finishing their terms by the end of 2018, therefore we are calling for nominations of:

- 2 full members
- \triangleright 1 young scientist member (must be ≤ 35y of age at the time of nomination).

The first term of office will be for 2 years starting on January 1st 2019 with the potential extensions for two more terms beyond 2020. The work of WG-PFLM is mainly conducted by email and teleconferencing. Additionally, the WG usually meets once per year for reports.

Currently, the Terms of Reference of WG-PFLM are:

- 1. To explore and promote the engagement of patients and professionals in enabling patients to receive individualised support in understanding what their results mean for them;.
- 2. To develop surveys and projects that support the above.

In order to complement the successful work of the past, the EB of EFLM has decided to put major emphasis and support future collaborative laboratory studies in this areas, also with the goal of attracting public grant funding. Accordingly, we ask you to consider the scientific profile of colleagues you may want to nominate. EB expects that the nominated group members are willing to interact with scientists within the EFLM to further said collaborative project activities.

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 16 December 2018.

With kindest regards.

Éric S Kiløatrick

Chair of the EFLM Science Committee

cc: Dr. Ian Watson, WG-PFLM Chair