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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

Call for nominations for the EFLM Working Group "Accreditation and ISO/CEN standards"

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 "Accreditation and ISO/CEN standards" (WG-A/ISO). The focus of the WG, currently headed by Prof. Florent Vanstapel, is to represent EFLM and the interest of European laboratories in EA, ISO TC212 and CEN TC140 & EU regulatory frameworks and to harmonize accreditation in Europe. Some members of WG-A/ISO will be finishing their terms by the end of 2018, therefore we are calling for nominations of:

- **2 full members**
- **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-A/ISO is mainly conducted by e-mail and teleconferencing. Additionally, the WG usually meets once or two times per year.

The new terms of reference of the WG-A/ISO are:

1. To represent EFLM and the interest of European laboratories in EA, ISO TC212 and CEN TC140 & EU regulatory frameworks (EU IVD Regulation, EU Health Policy Group)
 - to remain informed on developments and to disseminate this information to EFLM National Society Members;
 - to address legitimate concerns (see point 2) of the profession in these organizations;
 - to cooperate with the diagnostics industry (MedTech Europe observers in the WG).
2. To harmonize accreditation in Europe:
 - by carrying out international surveys on current practices;
 - by developing guidance documents for laboratories which support the translation and implementation of accreditation standards in practice;
 - by educating and training Specialists in Laboratory Medicine and assessors of accrediting bodies on the application of specific professional standards of ISO 15189.

In order to complement the successful work conducted in the past, the Executive Board of EFLM has decided to put major emphasis and support future collaborative studies in areas of quality and regulations, 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 **2 December 2018**.

With kindest regards

Wim Huisman

Chair of the EFLM Quality and Regulations Committee

cc: Prof. Florent Vanstapel, WG-A/ISO Chair