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**TO: Full Member National Representatives and Presidents
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Increasing Clinical Effectiveness

IFCC is pleased to collaborate with the Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA) and other supporters to bring an international dimension to the Increasing Clinical Effectiveness (ICE) programme. ICE has been launched to encourage laboratory medicine specialists to collaborate with clinical colleagues to demonstrate that optimal use of the laboratory can have a measurable positive impact on patient outcomes.

ICE is open to any laboratory medicine specialist. He/she is invited to submit an abstract that describes testing-related interventions and the quantifiable positive impact for patients that they produced. Abstracts will be assessed and the winners of the 2015/16 competition will be invited to present their work at the CLMA Knowledge Lab Conference in March 2016. **The winners of the ICE competition in 2016/17 will be invited to present their work at the IFCC: EFLM EuroMedLab congress in Athens in June 2017.**

The window for submitting abstracts to the current ICE competition is now open. It will close on **11 December 2015**.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 750 words and comprise:

- Statement of Problem and Background (Goal, Context, Rationale)
- Intervention/Study Plan/Measures (Intervention choice, Study Design, Measure Appropriateness)
- Data Analysis and Results (Actual data, Quality Assessment of Data, Data Interpretation, Limitations, Findings)
- Discussion and Lessons Learned (Conclusions, Generalizability, Implications for Others)

Further details of ICE may be accessed from www.ICE-lab.org, where details can be found of the project, together with instructions on submitting an abstract and on-line training sessions to help choose and deliver the best project for an abstract submission.

Past President