



Dear All,

We are delighted that Liverpool is hosting the most important clinical laboratory meeting in the UK for nearly a decade. The 3<sup>rd</sup> EFLM-EUMS Congress “Laboratory Medicine at the Clinical Interface” – EuroLabFocus 2014 promises to be a key event in the calendar of all our organisations as we welcome our colleagues from across Europe in a conference that cuts across the traditional boundaries of laboratory medicine. The EFLM/UEMS/ACB scientific committee, led by Ian Watson, has designed a world class programme catering for individual specialties and in mind as well as current topics of relevance to specialists in laboratory medicine across Europe. With nearly 400 abstracts submitted from 25 countries we look forward to learning from each other’s practice and forging new links and friendships. Such links become increasingly important in our efforts to influence the delivery of high quality clinical practice across Europe.

We need you there! This platform is important not only for UEMS and EFLM as representative organisations for the profession across Europe but for the ACB, an Association that has long been recognised as having made some of the most significant contributions to clinical biochemistry practice. As it evolves to an Association for specialists in laboratory medicine EuroLabFocus is a key milestone in that journey.

With the 1<sup>st</sup> August ‘early bird’ registration date looming we are also conscious that the summer holiday season is upon us. With the agreement of the local organising committee ***we are delighted to be able to extend the ‘early bird’ registration date from 1<sup>st</sup> August to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.*** The Invitation to Participate describes the scientific and social programme, the web site outlines the latest updates and the registration packages ([www.eurolabfocus2014.org](http://www.eurolabfocus2014.org)).

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2008 European Capital of Culture!

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