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**To: IFCC Full and Affiliate Members' National Representatives  
IFCC Corporate Members' Representatives**

Dear Colleagues,

A committee on **Harmonization of Autoimmune Tests (HAT)** will be established beginning January 2017, under the auspices of the IFCC Scientific Division (SD). The Committee will consist of 5 Members including the Chair, with the possibility of a 6<sup>th</sup> member from a developing country. A call for nominations is now issued to cover the above member positions. The Chair will be appointed from among successful applicants by the SD.

The specific terms of reference of this Committee are:

- To evaluate what are the main causes of variability for a number of diagnostically critical autoantibodies.
- To identify autoantibodies where a common calibrator could reduce the inter-assay variability
- To identify or produce commutable materials that could be used as interim calibration material for autoantibody assays.
- To produce well-characterised pure antibody preparations with known concentration and identity and use these to transfer values to a matrix preparation.
- To evaluate the impact of new reference material on the variability of autoantibody tests and identify areas where further harmonisation would improve diagnostic accuracy.

The selected candidates will have demonstrable expertise in laboratory aspects of autoimmune diseases, with particular emphasis on identifying variability in autoantibody testing, identifying potential sources of variability and working towards processes to reduce the variability.

Nominations should be directly sent to the IFCC Office ([paola.bramati@ifcc.org](mailto:paola.bramati@ifcc.org)) using the attached Application Form, **by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

The application must include:

- 1) Name, Institution address, telephone number and e-mail address of the nominee.
- 2) A full description of his/her professional career particularly highlighting the issues which could be important for his/her selection.
- 3) National Society's letter of support.

Following approval, the candidate will be appointed for a three-year term on the C-HAT starting February 2017. A second three-year term is allowed following satisfactory review at the end of the first term by the SD Executive Committee following consultation with the C-HAT Chair.

Looking forward to receiving your nomination, I remain

Sincerely yours



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