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To: **Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members**

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Call for nominations for 1 Full Member position inside the EFLM Working Group on Biological Variation

Dear President and National Representative,

Biological variation affects the clinical utility of reference values. Characterisation and understanding of biological variation enables a valid assessment of the significance of a laboratory result. The EFLM WG on Biological Variation intends to explore the sources of variation in and to develop a critical appraisal checklist for papers on biological variation.

At the end of the year, one vacancy arises due to the expiring third term of office of one WG member. Therefore, we are calling nominations for:

➤ **1 Full Member position**

Here below the WG Terms of Reference:

- *To describe and characterize papers on biological variation for one or two constituents. Sources for variation in papers on estimation of biological variation in the papers should be identified;*
- *To develop a critical appraisal check list for papers on biological variation;*
- *To develop a method for meta-analysis of data on within-subject variation..*

The term of office will be for 2 years from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017.

The position could be renewable for other two more terms upon advice of the Committee Chair and continuing support from the National Society.

The work is mainly conducted by e-mail and teleconferencing, the WG usually meets once per year.

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 **31 January 2016**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,

Elvar Theodorsson

Chair of the EFLM Science Committee

cc: Dr. Aasne Karine Aarsand – Incoming WG-BV Chair