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**To: All National Representatives of the Full and Affiliate Member Societies
All Corporate Members' Representatives**

Dear Colleagues,

The Committee on Standardization of Thyroid Function Tests (C-STFT), under the chairmanship of Dr. Hubert Vesper, intends to fill one vacant position.

The terms of reference and current projects of the C-STFT are as follows:

Terms of Reference

- Establish a system to maintain traceability of free thyroid hormone and TSH measurements.
- Coordinate programs to evaluate free thyroid and TSH assays with regards to their analytical performance.
- Develop reference intervals for free thyroid hormones and TSH.
- Liaise with key stakeholders to promote the use of the standardized assays in routine clinical practice and public health, to ensure analytical performance requirements meet clinical needs, and to help with developing and establishing reference intervals

Current Projects

- Establish Reference Laboratory Network for free thyroxine (FT4) measurements.
- Implement standardization of FT4 assays and harmonization of thyroid stimulating hormone internationally.
- Coordinate the development of reference intervals using standardized/harmonized assays.
- Educate and engage stakeholders about the standardization/harmonization activities on a national/regional level

Information on the current composition of the C-STFT and its activities are available on the IFCC Website at following link: <https://www.ifcc.org/ifcc-scientific-division/sd-committees/c-stft/>

More specific information can be obtained directly from Dr. Hubert Vesper (hvesper@cdc.gov).

Candidates would share their knowledge and expertise and assist in the design and execution of projects related to the terms of reference. This includes participation in conference calls (2-3 times per year), in in-person meetings at least once per year, and other forms of communications such as email. IFCC covers economy class travel expenses, hotel and ground transportation for the in-person meeting, accordingly to IFCC rules.

Nominations should be sent directly to the IFCC Office (paola.bramati@ifcc.org) by using the enclosed application form, **before January 30th, 2020**

Following approval, the candidates will be appointed for a three-year term (commencing in February 2020). A second three-year term is allowed following satisfactory review at the end of the first term by the Scientific Division Executive Committee following consultation with the C-STFT Chairman.

Sincerely yours



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Chair Scientific Division