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Ref: Nominations for Membership of Task Force on Ethics

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To: All National Representatives of Full and Affiliate Members
To: All Corporate Members

Dear Colleagues,

The Task Force on Ethics (TF-Ethics), under the chairmanship of Dr Ann Gronowski (US) invites nominations to fill two vacant positions within the Task Force.

Terms of Reference of the Task Force:

- To increase awareness among Laboratory Medicine professionals of ethical issues
- To encourage the practice of Laboratory Medicine to the highest ethical standards
- To provide a voice for Laboratory Medicine on ethics policies
- To link Laboratory Medicine, ethics and public interest

Recent Projects:

- Developed teaching materials on "Publication Ethics", "Ethics in Laboratory Medicine", and "Ethics Education".
- [Conflict of interest policy for IFCC](#)
- [Code of Practice for the relationship between IFCC and its Corporate Members](#)
- Survey of training in ethics for Laboratory Medicine professionals
- Chapter entitled "Essentials of Clinical Laboratory Management in Developing Regions"

Possible New Projects:

- Create Ethics "toolbox" for member societies
- Create educational materials on "Ethics in Biobanking" and "Clinical cases in Ethics"
- Draft an IFCC newsletter on task force accomplishments and future plans

Nominations should be submitted by IFCC Members. They should comprise details of the individual being nominated and a supporting statement (~500 words) indicating why he/she is a suitable person to join TF-Ethics. Experience of working with ethics and Laboratory Medicine at local or national level is required.

Nominations should be sent directly to the IFCC Office to the attention of Silvia Colli Lanzi (colli-lanzi@ifcc.org) before **28 February 2017**. The term of office will be for a three year period in the first instance.

With kind regards.

Prof. Maurizio Ferrari
IFCC President

