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

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Call for nominations for the EFLM Working Group on Postanalytical Phase

Dear President and National Representative,

Clinical knowledge and skills combined with laboratory expertise are needed for optimal interpretation of laboratory results in the setting of the individual patient. Increasing number of studies emphasise the need for improving the clinical utilisation of laboratory tests and that laboratory professionals should play a more prominent in this optimization process. A spectrum of activities have been identified that assist clinicians in translating a certain laboratory result to diagnostic information but all too little is known about how these activities are practiced in laboratories. The WG-POST, chaired by Prof. Eva Ajzner (Hungary), intends to support laboratories in taking a more active role in supporting a better clinical utilisation of laboratory tests. The WG-POST is a joint working group of EFLM and the European Organisation for External Quality Assurance Providers in Laboratory Medicine (EQALM).

A vacancy arose from January 2017 and we are calling nominations for:

1 Full Member position

The terms of reference of the WG-POST are the development and organisation of surveys and external quality assurance (EQA) programs focusing on laboratory and/or clinical activities that can improve clinical utilisation of laboratory test results.

The term of office will be for 2 years ending on 31 December 2018. The position could be renewable for other two more terms.

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 **15 April 2017**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,

Eric S Kilpatrick
Chair of the EFLM Science Committee

cc: Prof. Eva Ajzner – WG-POST Chair