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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

Call for nominations for the EFLM Working Group "Test Evaluation"

Dear President and National Representative,

By this letter, the EFLM asks for your support in the call for the nomination of a new member to the Working Group "Test Evaluation" (WG-TE) currently headed by Prof. Christa Cobbaert. The Young Scientist Member of the WG-TE will be finishing his terms by the end of 2018, therefore we are calling for nominations of:

> 1 young scientist member (must be \leq 35y of age at the time of nomination).

The first term of office will be for 2 years starting on January 1st 2019 with the potential extensions for two more terms beyond 2020.

An ideal candidate is an early career laboratory professional who has already done or is carrying out research (e.g. a PhD student or postdoctoral fellow) related to biomarker development and translation and has experience in Precision Medicine and -omics technologies. Knowledge of bio-informatics is also highly appreciated.

The time required by a YS to contribute to the terms of reference of the Test Evaluation working group is on average two hours per week. Most of the work of the working group is done through exchanges of correspondence and emails which are discussed during 2-monthly telephone conferences and during two physical meetings per year.

Prospective candidates who wish to discuss the work of the EFLM WG TE in more detail before agreeing to be nominated are invited to contact the EFLM WG on Test Evaluation-Chair for further information (C.M.Cobbaert@lumc.nl).

The Terms of Reference of WG-TE are:

- 1. Collaboration with epidemiologists, industry and regulatory authorities in setting standards for clinical evaluation of new biomarkers and new technologies in general as well as for personalized medicine;
- 2. To develop frameworks for evaluation of the clinical effectiveness and impact of medical tests, including mass spectrometry-based targeted proteomics tests for personalized medicine;
- 3. To develop practical toolboxes which support the design and conduct of clinical research trials for the above purposes and for evaluating the added clinical value for personalized medicine;
- 4. To give guidance on how to position clinically relevant biomarkers, including emerging biomarkers for personalized medicine, in current clinical pathways and/or clinical guidelines;
- 5. Education and training of biomarker researchers, IVD- and/or mass spectrometry-industry, lab professionals and clinicians by means of international courses, webinars, social media, etc on how to design test evaluation studies, also for emerging biomarkers and -omics technologies, including quantitative proteomics.

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: <u>silvia.cattaneo@eflm.eu</u> within the deadline of **10 February 2019**.

With kindest regards, 10

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