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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

EFLM project "Exchange of practical knowledge and skills in Laboratory Medicine" – EFLMLabX

<https://eflmlabx.eflm.eu/en>

Dear All,

EFLM is happy to announce the start of a new important project for exchange of practical knowledge and skills in Laboratory Medicine.

In many EFLM countries there is a need to acquire additional practical knowledge and skills in different fields of Laboratory Medicine (LM); this can happen during the period of specialisation or even, more generally, during the professional life of a Specialist in Laboratory Medicine. These skills may be obtained in other laboratories in the country or abroad. Until now, there were no possibilities, on official and open way to find the link to such additional but very important education, especially for young trainees, but also for all other European Specialists of Laboratory Medicine (EuSpLM), who want to share the knowledge of LM on different level. Under the umbrella of EFLM, as a main and central European professional organization, there is now an option which could help to address this problem: the project "**Exchange of practical knowledge and skills in Laboratory Medicine**" which the Working Group for Congresses & Postgraduate Education (WG-CPE) is developing.

The aim of this project is:

- to create a database of medical laboratories, which are ready to offer additional practical education and training for skills in practice and research science in a different field of Laboratory Medicine.
- to create links between the medical laboratories and European Specialists in Laboratory Medicine searching for training so that Specialists can:
 - achieve higher level of experience on different field of laboratory diagnostics;
 - share the knowledge and experience among practice in different lab-institution;
 - expand contacts between experts;
 - get the opportunity to be part of a team research and writing scientific papers;
 - get the opportunity to find new potential co-workers.

According to the first very positive Survey results, that we have obtained in 2015 from EFLM National Societies, we found a great interest for training and exchange of practical knowledge and skills in Laboratory Medicine amongst EFLM countries. Therefore, we were encouraged for the next further steps, to create the website program for the start and running the project.

In cooperation with Slovenian IT firm PublikMarket a dedicated website EFLMLabX program was developed and placed within the frame of the main EFLM website, with the information on the practice/education that could be gained/offered in different laboratories/institutions and the possibility to search for them. Training opportunities

in the database can range from visiting, general specialist training to gaining skills necessary for specialized measurement methods or systems (introduction of new IVD systems), research methods provided by groups in laboratories and practical courses in laboratory medicine related topics. The program offers the possibility to search with a dropdown menu (by country, institution, type of practice, field of diagnostics, period of time, methods, sub-methods) and apply to the above mentioned offer and to establish direct links and communications between both, providers and users /applicants of practices. Each new provider/offerer will sign the *Contract of partnership* with EFLM and will be responsible for editing and updating all data about institution and their actual practices. At the end of each concluded practice, each applicant/participant will receive *Certificate of attendance*.

Who and why should apply as user:

Trainee fellows, young specialists and any Specialists in Laboratory Medicine from any EFLM country to gain new skills, to be potential co-workers, to get more knowledge and experience about different methods, IVD products/systems not present in their labs, to make new experiences and establish new contacts and opportunity for research work.

Who and why should host as offerer:

National institutions and any medical laboratories in any EFLM country providing a good level of practice to share with other Specialists in Laboratory Medicine good models of achieved lab practice and expose these models to a wide audience in Europe.

To support this important exchange of knowledge and skills in LM, especially for young trainees, we would like to create a bursary programme, supported by IVD partners, covering the travel and offering a monthly fee for the accommodation and daily subsistence of the participant.

The important goal of this project, is to obtain higher level of knowledge/experience of different fields of laboratory diagnostics, better networks between professionals, experts, and scientists thereby gaining an improvement of the general quality of our profession.

Among the potential 81 laboratories/institutions offering training in the survey, the WG-CPE selected 10 laboratories from different EFLM countries to participate as starting offerers/providers in this project. We now invite further EuSpLM, trainees, specialists and especially the laboratories/institutions in Europe to apply to become a user or provider/partner of EFLM in this very important educational project. More and all important informations about the project can be found on the EFLM website at <https://efmlabx.eflm.eu/en>.

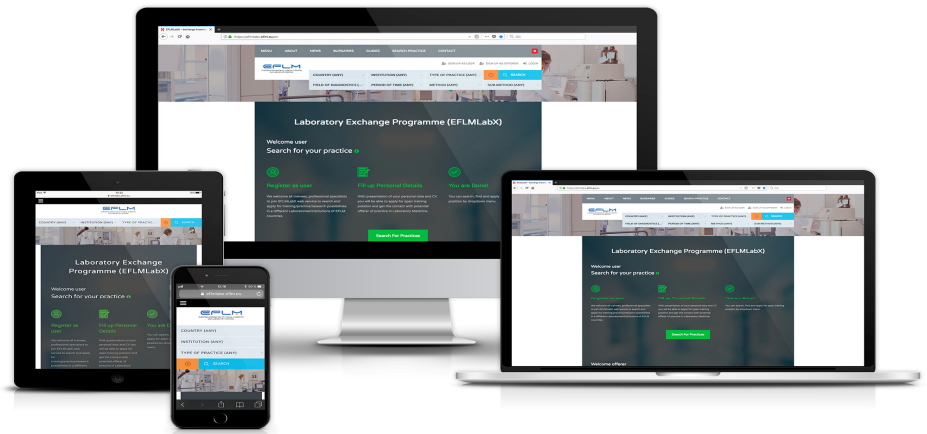
Join the project and take the opportunity to be better Specialist in Laboratory Medicine!



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EFLMLabX website for searching practices in Laboratory Medicine