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**Call for nominations for  
two Full Member positions and one Young Scientist Member position  
inside the new EFLM Working Group: Personalized Laboratory Medicine**

Dear President and National Representative,

Personalised Medicine is considered a novel approach for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease in which patients are treated using targeted therapies according to their individual characteristics (biological and genetic data, lifestyle, etc.). This new healthcare model has wide ranging implications for all stakeholders, from individual patients to institutional, regional and European policymakers.

A key role is played by the professionals of the Laboratory Medicine that are called to produce and interpret biochemical and molecular data at individual level in order to support, together with other Health professionals, the appropriate treatment for the patient.

A new EFLM Working Group on "Patient Focused Laboratory Medicine" has been created under the EFLM Science Committee with the aim to develop appropriate knowledge and professional skills in this area in order to adequately implement new biomarkers with defined analytical procedures, quality control protocols and interpretation of the data.

Prof. Mario Pazzagli (IT) will act as Chair for this Working Group.

**We are now seeking for membership: two Full Member positions and one Young Scientist Member position (less than 35y).**

The term of office will be for two years, from March 2013 to December 2014. The position could be renewable for other two more terms upon advice of the Committee Chair.

**Terms of reference for this WG are:**

To define the role and responsibilities of medical laboratories in procedures linked to personalized medicine approaches in cancer. This could be achieved by developing scientific publications or guidance on:

- the recent improvements in analytical techniques (mainly genomics), linked to the rapidly increasing knowledge on biological mechanisms;
- the improvements and requirements in the corresponding computing resources;
- specific oncological pathologies describing the process of the use of co-dependent technologies (including laboratory tests) for the management of individual patients;
- the potentials and limitations of the most recent laboratory technologies applied in personalized medicine;
- setting competency standards for staff involved in testing; or
- specifying professional criteria for quality goals and for accreditation in this field.

**Procedure for applications**

Nominations should be submitted using 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 and a formal letter of support must accompany the application.

Please send the signed and scanned application electronically to the EFLM Office: Silvia Cattaneo - e-mail: silvia.cattaneo@ifcc.org.

Deadline for applications: **February 28, 2013.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,

Sverre Sandberg  
Chair of the EFCC Science Committee

Encl.: application form