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To: All Representatives of IFCC Full and Affiliate Member Societies

Invitation to propose a corresponding member

The Task Force for Chronic Kidney Disease (TF-CKD) has been established by the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and laboratory medicine (IFCC) and the World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory medicine (WASPALM) with the goal of promoting good laboratory practice for testing relevant to chronic kidney disease. Specifically at this time this involves the indications, analysis and reporting of serum creatinine (including estimated of GFR), urine albumin and serum cystatin C. It is the belief of the TF that the laboratory community can best support patients with CKD by forming close collaborations with relevant clinical groups such as nephrologists and developing common practice across a country or region.

The current members of the TF-CKD have experience with the issues related to CKD testing and implementing CKD testing programs in their own countries. The TF carries out business by e-mail, teleconference and face to face meetings.

Your organisation is invited to propose a corresponding member to the TF-CKD. This person will be included in all activities of the TF, however as a corresponding member will not be eligible for financial support to attend meetings. It is anticipated that corresponding members, along with the formal members, contribute to the discussions and proposals for improving CKD testing as well as using the TF membership to gain further knowledge and understanding of the issues. Each organisation is limited to one member (formal or corresponding). The preferred candidate for the role is a person who either is now, or may in the future, be able to co-ordinate local activities in this area, including liaison with renal physicians.

Looking forward to receiving your feedback, I thank you and remain

Truly yours



Dr. Graham Jones
TF-CKD Chair

For reference the current full members of the TF-CKD are as follows:

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