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Dear IFCC Member Representative,

The IFCC Executive Board has approved the renewal of the members of the IFCC Task Force for Young Scientists.

The aim of IFCC Task Force for Young Scientists (TF-YS) is to ensure that young scientists make a significant and growing contribution to the activities of IFCC and to the promotion of laboratory medicine at the center of healthcare. For the purposes of definition a young scientist (YS) is a medical or science graduate working or training in laboratory medicine normally be aged less than 35 years.

The objectives of the Task Force are:

- ✓ To identify young scientists amongst IFCC Full and Corporate Members
- ✓ To use modern information technology to establish formal and informal networks to facilitate the communication between young scientists who are involved in laboratory medicine. Linkage with national society young scientist initiatives will be encouraged
- ✓ To encourage young scientists to share experience of laboratory medicine and other healthcare practice around the world
- ✓ To disseminate and promote innovation and high quality scientific and clinical practice standards
- ✓ To facilitate opportunities for young scientists to train in modern, state of the art laboratory practice
- ✓ To enable young scientists to participate in scientific, clinical and educational meetings and other learning sessions
- ✓ To encourage young scientists to participate in national and international programs to promote the essential contribution of laboratory medicine to healthcare
- ✓ To make young scientists aware of the existence and role of IFCC and to encourage their participation in IFCC activities
- ✓ To assure the future of IFCC through the identification of young scientists who may develop into future experts capable of leading IFCC Divisions, Committees and Working Groups and becoming IFCC Officers

The Task Force is seeking to recruit 6 members, one from each IFCC regional organization plus one from North America, acting as Task Force members and coordinators for their regions. The Task Force will work mainly by conference calls, electronic communication, congress session and networking activities. Appointments will be for the period of work of the Task Force, with a maximum term of three years.

Applications must include a proposal statement from the candidate indicating their interest in the work of the Task Force and any previous experience in this field, plus a short CV (max 2 pages) and a letter of support from his or her National Society. The National Society must be a current (fully paid) member of IFCC.

Nominations should be sent to Paola Bramati at the IFCC office ([paola.bramati@ifcc.org](mailto:paola.bramati@ifcc.org)) with a copy to [gruson\\_damien@yahoo.fr](mailto:gruson_damien@yahoo.fr) before **January 15, 2013**.

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