



To: **National Society Presidents and EFCC National Representatives of EFCC Member Societies**

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

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Dear President and National Representative,

Accession to Laboratory Medicine data with support to aid comprehension is limited and difficult for many patients. In chronic disease management, where laboratory medicine values are key indicators, there is an opportunity to engage patients with their disease management by enabling access to results and support to understand them the better to enable their disease management.

A new EFLM Working Group on "Patient Focused Laboratory Medicine" has been created under the EFLM Science Committee with the aim to improve patient ownership of their disease and provide a service that better reflects patients' expectations.

Dr. Ian Watson will act as *Interim* Chair for this Working Group.

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

The term of office will be for two years, officially starting in January 2013. The position could be renewable for other two more terms upon advice of the Committee Chair.

Terms of reference for this WG are:

- Evaluate and study methods for how specialists in laboratory medicine can communicate directly with the patients;
- Evaluate and study how the laboratory can play an active role in patients using self-monitoring for monitoring their disease.

The proposed action plan for 2013 is:

1. Carry out a survey among European countries to evaluate what (if any) activity the EFLM member states have in the two areas above;
2. Perform a study to evaluate the usefulness of a direct report of laboratory data to the patient.

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.

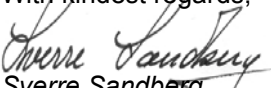
Together with the application, a short CV should also be submitted underlining the qualifications and prior experience and publications in the relevant area. Candidates have to be officially recommended by their National Society and a formal letter of support must accompany the application.

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

Deadline for applications: **January 31, 2013.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,


Sverre Sandberg

Chair of the EFCC Science Committee

Encl.: application form