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Call for nominations for the EFLM Working Group on Patient Focused Laboratory Medicine (WG-PFLM)

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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.

The WG-PFLM, chaired by Dr. Ian Watson (UK), intends to improve patient ownership of their disease and provide a service that better reflects patients' expectations.

Due to an internal reorganization of the WG, a vacancy arises starting from January 2015 and we are calling nominations for:

▪ **1 Full Member position**

The term of office will be for two years, from January 2015 to December 2016.

The position could be renewable for other two more terms upon advice of the Committee Chair.

The work is mostly conducted by e-mail and teleconferencing, and meet once per year.

Here below the WG Terms of Reference and the plan of action:

Terms of references:

- 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.

Plan of action 2015

- Submit professionals survey for publication;
- Analyse data from patients survey and prepare for presentation/publication;
- Potential participants for the Horizon 2020 consortium bid being approached with several informal confirmations of participation; follow-up to be addressed in November aiming for submission in April 2015.

All National Societies are requested to encourage their members to apply for this position. Applicants who are not selected as full members may be eligible for corresponding membership.

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 WG 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@efcclm.eu

Deadline for applications: **February 28, 2015.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,


Elvar Theodorsson
Chair of the EFLM Science Committee

cc: Dr. Ian Watson – WG-PFLM Chair