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**Call for nominations for the new EFLM Task & Finish Group on Standardization of the colour coding for blood collection tube closures (TFG-STCC)**

Dear President and National Representative,

EFLM has recently established a Task-and-Finish group (TFG) with the running title:

**Standardization of the colour coding for blood collection tube closures.**

We are aware that proper sampling and sample additives are essential and may substantially affect the quality of the sample. Tubes and additives are identified not only in writing on the tubes but also by the colour of the tube closures. Unfortunately these colours have not been standardized, running the risk of error when tubes from one manufacturer are replaced by the tubes from another manufacturer that use different colour coding.

Hence, the aim of this project is to initiate and manage a dialog between interested parties in order to achieve the world-wide harmonization of the colour coding for blood collection tube closures and labels.

The detailed TFG terms of reference are in attachment.

**We are now calling for nominations to form the team.**

All EFLM National Societies are encouraged to propose nominations of experts who can actively contribute to the work of this TFG.

**Procedure for applications**

Nominations should be submitted using the attached application form. Applicants are expected to detail in the form the vision on how they could contribute to the work of the TFG. 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](mailto:silvia.cattaneo@efcclm.eu) within **April 15, 2015**.

We look forward to hearing from you!

With kindest regards,

  
**Elvar Theodorsson**

Chair of the EFLM Science Committee

cc: Prof. Ana-Maria Simundic – TFG-STCC Chair