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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

### **Call for nominations for the EFLM Working Group "Preanalytical Phase"**

Dear President and National Representative,

By this letter, EFLM asks for your support in the call for nomination of new members for the Working Group Preanalytics (WG-PRE) established in 2013 with the aim to achieve harmonization in the preanalytical phase across European member societies. This group headed by now-President-Elect Ana-Maria Simundic, has been very successful e.g. performing surveys that have led to various recommendations like the definition of fasting status, patient and blood tubes identification issues, colour coding and validation of blood collection tubes, the sequential order of draw, hemolysis detection and management, quality assurance of HIL indices and others. Also, WG-PRE has organized four European conferences to promote the visibility of Preanalytics in laboratory diagnostics.

As all members of WG-PRE will be finishing their terms by the end of 2018, the group needs to be refurbished in all positions. At this time, EFLM is calling for the nomination of

- **3 full members**
- **1 young scientist member (must be below 35 years of age at the time of nomination).**

The first term of office will be for 2 years starting on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 with the potential extensions for two more terms beyond 2020. The work of WG-PRE is mainly conducted by e-mail and teleconferencing. Additionally, the WG usually meets once per year for reports.

Currently, the Terms of Reference of WG-PRE are:

1. *To promote the importance of the quality of the preanalytical phase of laboratory medicine;*
2. *To define the best practices and provide recommendations for some critical activities in the preanalytical phase;*
3. *To design and validate questionnaires for assessing the current practices related to some pre-analytical variables;*
4. *To conduct surveys using validated questionnaires with the aim to assess the current pre-analytical practices;*
5. *Organize symposia, workshops, webinars or training courses on preanalytical phase issues.*

In order to complement the successful work on guidelines and recommendations of the past, the EB of EFLM has decided to put major emphasis and support future collaborative laboratory studies in areas of Preanalytics, also with the goal of attracting public grant funding. Accordingly, we ask you to consider the scientific profile of colleagues you may want to nominate. EB expects that the nominated group members are willing to interact with scientists within the EFLM to further said collaborative project activities.

#### **Procedure for applications**

Each EFLM National Society Member in good standing with the membership fee can submit one nomination through 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 through a formal letter of support. Applicants who are not selected as full members may be eligible for corresponding membership.

Nominations have to be electronically submitted to the EFLM Office: Silvia Cattaneo - e-mail: [silvia.cattaneo@eflm.eu](mailto:silvia.cattaneo@eflm.eu) within the deadline of **31 October 2018**.

With kindest regards,

**Eric S Kilpatrick**  
Chair of the EFLM Science Committee

cc: Prof. Ana-Maria Simundic, WG-PRE Chair