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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

Call for nominations for the Committee "Accreditation and ISO/CEN standards"

Dear President and National Representative,

By this letter, the EFLM asks for your support in the call for the nominations to cover some vacancies in the Committee "Accreditation and ISO/CEN standards" (C-A/ISO) located under the EFLM Division "Quality, Standards and Regulations".

At the end of 2025, there will be some vacancies, as some officers will complete their third and final term of office in the group.

We are now calling for nominations for:

- 2 Full Members
- 1 Young Scientist Member (to be less than 40y of age as of 1st January 2026*)

The first term of office will start on 1st January 2026 and will end on 31 December 2027 with the potential extensions for two more terms (of two years' duration each) beyond 2027 (*please note that renewal of Young Scientist position is possible only if within the age limit definition).

The work of the Committee is mainly conducted by e-mail and teleconferencing. Additionally, the Committee usually meets once per year.

Below are the Terms of Reference of the C-A/ISO:

To represent EFLM and the interest of European laboratories in EA, ISO TC212 and CEN TC140 & EU regulatory frameworks (EU IVD Regulation, EU Health Policy Group)

- to remain informed on developments and to disseminate this information to EFLM National Society Members;
- to address legitimate concerns of the profession in these organizations;
- to cooperate with the diagnostics industry.

To harmonize accreditation in Europe:

- by carrying out international surveys on current practices;
- by developing guidance documents for laboratories which support the translation and implementation of accreditation standards in practice;
- by educating and training Specialists in Laboratory Medicine and assessors of accrediting bodies on the application of specific professional standards of ISO 15189.

Requirements of the nominated individual

The nominated members should be Specialists in Laboratory Medicine, with experience in laboratory accreditation, quality management, and regulatory compliance; should possess strong knowledge of the ISO 15189 standard; remain well-informed on developments in accreditation, standardization, and regulatory affairs; and be able to actively contribute to the development of guidance documents that assist laboratories in translating and implementing accreditation standards. For making such guidance also practical and related to the work of the EFLM science division it is essential that the nominee has experience in publishing work on the fullfilment of technical requirements in the ISO15189 standard. Nominated young scientist have no need to be registered as specialist in Laboratory Medicine yet, but do

need to have a promising record of output on the topics mentioned above to make them recognizable as the rising stars in this field.

The criteria used to evaluate the received nominations are:

Criteria		Score
Lecture at national meeting or e-seminar in the past 5 years (PhD public defence included).	1-3 >3	1 2
Lecture at international meeting or e-seminar in the past 5 years.	1-3 >3	1 2
Published manuscript in scientific journal with international peer reviewing in the past 5 years.	1-5 >5	1 2
Other publications (i.e. book chapters, e-books) in the past 5 years - poster abstracts not included.	1-3 >3	0.5 1
Scientific projects – PhD/postdoc research and scientific Societies' functional units' positions included.	1-3 >3	1 2
Participation in the creation of a(n) (inter)national guidance or standard on the topics of the particular EFLM functional unit	1-2 >2	1 2
Positively evaluated previous activity in EFLM functional units		1
Evaluation of applicant's proposed contribution to the work of the Committee		1-5
How relevant is previous work/experience of the applicant to this Committee? (Note: based on the CV/publications listed by the applicant)		1-5
TOTAL (max. 22) - To be evaluated, a nomination must meet at least 4 out of the 9 indicated requirements and the minimum necessary score to be considered for selection is 8.5 points.		

Procedure for applications

Each National Society FULL Member in good standing with the membership fee can submit one nomination per each indicated position through the attached nomination form. A brief plan of the applicant's contribution to the aims and objectives of the functional unit must be indicated in the form. Together with the form, a short CV should also be submitted underlining the qualifications and prior experience in the relevant area. Candidates must be officially nominated by their National Society through a formal letter of support. As per the EFLM Transparency Policy, all received nominations and reasons for the successful one will be made available to all those National Societies who submitted a nomination specifying also the criteria used during the evaluation process.

EFLM Affiliate Members may only nominate Corresponding Members, while Corporate Members are entitled to nominate Experts/Consultants. Interested parties are invited to contact the EFLM Office for further information.

Nominations must be electronically submitted to the EFLM Office (eflm@eflm.eu) within the deadline of 30 November 2025.

With kindest regards,

Marc Thelen

Chair, EFLM Division "Quality, Standards and Regulations"

cc: Dr Guilaine Boursier, Chair EFLM C-A/ISO Snezana Jovicic, EFLM Executive Board Secretary