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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

Call for nominations for the Committee "Laboratory Error Database"

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 new Committee "Laboratory Error Database" (C-LED) led by Hikmet Can Çubukçu (Türkiye) and located under the EFLM Division "Science: Value-based Laboratory Medicine" chaired by Michel Langlois (Belgium).

We are now calling for nominations for:

- 3 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 soon after the appointment 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 or two times per year.

Below are the Terms of Reference of the C-LED:

- Develop and maintain an evidence-based, publicly accessible Laboratory Error
 Database under EFLM governance, covering the factors affecting test results and
 their potential impact (severity of harm) on patient care.
- Continuously monitor the literature and other relevant information sources to keep up-to-date laboratory error database.
- Collaborate with national and international societies and federations, IVD manufacturers, external quality-assessment providers, and laboratory professionals to supply error data and incident reports.
- Foster research and disseminate best practices for studying and preventing laboratory errors.

Requirements of the nominated individual

National societies are encouraged to nominate candidates who will play an active, hands-on role in the Committee on Laboratory Error Database (C-LED). Ideal nominees will:

Demonstrate recognised expertise in laboratory medicine, particularly in analytical quality management, pre- and post-analytical error investigation, and interpretation of assay interferences.

Familiar with evidence-based laboratory medicine, scientific evidence curation (systematic reviews meta-analysis) and interpretation literature findings.

Be comfortable with emerging technologies such as AI/LLM.

Show a collaborative mindset and fluent English communication, enabling effective interaction with IVD manufacturers, EQA providers, and international professional bodies.

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 September 2025.

With kindest regards,

Michel Langlois

Chair, EFLM Division "Science: Value-based Laboratory Medicine"

cc: Hikmet Can Çubukçu, Chair EFLM C-LED Snezana Jovicic, EFLM Executive Board Secretary