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**Call for Nominations for the Committee on Public Relations (C-PR)**

The Communications and Publications Division (CPD) has responsibility for all publication and public relations activities of the IFCC. These include the eJIFCC, the IFCC newsletter, the website, the eAcademy, social media and the development of promotional material.

**We are inviting nominations for one member position on the Committee  
Public Relations (C-PR) for the time in office 2026-2028.**

The candidates should have extensive experience in the area of work of the Committee. For further information, please visit: <https://ifcc.org/ifcc-communications-publications-division-cpd/cpd-committees/public-relations-c-pr/>

The candidate should be able to demonstrate a commitment to the promotion and reinforcement of the IFCC, its goals and its image.

The candidate must:

- Understand the mission of the IFCC organization and commit to contributing to the promotion of the organization as well as the field of laboratory medicine worldwide.
- Possess fluent spoken and written English language skills;
- Have relevant experience in the areas of communication and publications and/or other public relation activities

The amount of work is equivalent to 1-3 days per month. The C-PR meets once each year, mainly on occasion of the IFCC Congress, and has regular monthly conference calls.

Applications must include:

- a proposal statement from the candidate for one of the positions.
- a short CV (max 2 pages), describing the professional and/or academic career, particularly highlighting the issues which could be important for the selection.
- letter of support from his or her National Society/Corporate member. The nominating member must be a current and fully paid member of IFCC.

Appointment for this position will be for one 3-year term of office, which is renewable for one additional 3-year term.

Nominations should be sent directly to the IFCC office ([colli-lanzi@ifcc.org](mailto:colli-lanzi@ifcc.org)) before **28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

Sincerely yours,

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