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From: Prof. Christa Cobbaert - IFCC SD Chair

Date November 19th, 2025

Ref: 8.2.24 Call for Nominations for Membership of Committee on

Reference Intervals and Decision Limits (C-RIDL)

To: **IFCC Full Member Societies' National Representatives**

> **IFCC Affiliate Societies' Representatives IFCC Corporate Members' Representatives**

Dear Colleagues,

The Committee on Standardization on Reference Intervals and Decision Limits (C-RIDL), intends to replace one member who has completed his term of office.

The terms of reference and current projects of the C-RIDL are as follows:

Terms of Reference

- To review current concepts of establishing reference intervals and decision limits and to prepare state-of-the-art position statements regarding new avenues.
- To train and educate members of the IFCC on the verification and estimation of reference intervals using different methods (direct, indirect).
- To make available reference intervals and decision limits that respect the requirements of international legislation such as the European IVDR, and relevant ISO standards.
- To monitor and evaluate currently proposed reference intervals for selected measurands (analytes) in the light of the concept of traceability and of the identification of the uncertainty.
- To establish transferability protocols of reference intervals and decision limits, which take into consideration inter-routine laboratory method variations and achieve better applicability in clinical practice.
- To collaborate with other organizations and/or to undertake establishment of reference intervals or decision limits for measurands (analytes) identified as a priority.
- To work in close collaboration with other Cs and WGs of SD and other IFCC Divisions for the development and appropriate clinical utilization of reference intervals and decision limits.

Current Projects

- Conduction of a new study to compare alternative approaches (conventional and big data) for the determination of reference intervals.
- Creating a website to provide the reference intervals obtained from the global study for practice of Evidence Based Laboratory Medicine.
- Preparation of a publication on comparison direct and indirect approaches for the determination of reference intervals.

Information on the current composition of the C-RIDL and its activities are available on the IFCC Website, under Scientific Activities. More specific information can be obtained directly from Dr. Thomas Streichert (thomas.streichert@uk-koeln.de), C-RIDL Chair.

Nominations, giving preference to young candidates (≤ 40 years of age) should be directly sent to the IFCC Office (elisa.fossati@ifcc.org) by using the enclosed application form, before December 19th, 2025.

Following approval, the candidates will be appointed for a three-year term (commencing in January 2026). A second three-year term is allowed following satisfactory review at the end of the first term by the Scientific Division Executive Committee following consultation with the C-RIDL Chairman.

Yours sincerely

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