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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

Call for nominations for the Committee "Drugs of Abuse Testing"

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 "Drugs of Abuse Testing" (C-DOA)** led by Ayla Yildiz (Türkiye) and located under the newly renamed and merged EFLM Division "Science, Quality and Value of 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 2027*)

The first term of office will be for 2 years starting after the appointment in January 2027 and ending on 31 December 2028 with the potential extensions for two more terms beyond 2028 (*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-DOA:

- To assess drug of abuse testing practices across Europe
- To promote professional development and harmonisation of drug of abuse testing practices across Europe
- To support education and knowledge sharing in drug of abuse testing
- To provide timely scientific guidance on novel psychoactive substances and emerging drugs of abuse
- To develop evidence-based recommendations and promote analytical innovation
- To strengthen collaboration across relevant clinical, toxicological, forensic, occupational health and public health stakeholders

Requirements of the nominated individual
National Societies are encouraged to consider candidates who are dedicated to active involvement in this functional unit. Ideal candidates have a particular interest and preferably proven track record of experience in drugs of abuse testing. They should have at least one year of hands-on laboratory experience in drugs of abuse screening or confirmatory testing, including actively performing tests and reporting patient results. They are driven to actively participate in this Committee and are available for a high commitment. They should attend all group meetings, participate in discussions, contribute to the projects, write manuscripts and promptly provide feedback and comments on items that have been provided by the Committee Chair and colleagues.

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 **15 November 2026.**

With kindest regards,

Michel Langlois
Chair, EFLM Division "Science, Quality and Value of Laboratory Medicine"

cc: Ayla Yıldız, Chair EFLM C-DOA