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To: All National Representatives of the Full Members

Dear Colleagues,

In 2005, the IFCC established a Committee on Reference Intervals and Decision Limits (C-RIDL). Since then, the Committee has provided IFCC with high level expertise in the specific area of metrological traceability and standardization. The Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Yesim Ozarda, wishes to appoint one new member to start early 2016.

The specific terms of reference of this Committee are:

- To review current concepts relating to the establishment of reference intervals and decision limits and to prepare state of the art position statements that respect the requirement of international directives, such as the European IVD Directive 98-79, and relevant Standards.
- To determine a priority list of measurands (analytes) for which reference intervals have to be studied considering various factors such as age, gender, ethnicity, and for which the greatest improvements in medical decision making are anticipated.
- To monitor and evaluate currently proposed reference intervals for selected measurands (analytes) in the light of the concept of traceability and of the quantification of the uncertainty.
- To establish transferability protocols for reference intervals and decision limits which take into consideration inter-laboratory method variations and which have the potential to achieve better applicability in clinical practice.
- To collaborate with other organizations working in the same field.
- To work in close collaboration with the other Committees and Working Groups of SD and other Divisions for the development and appropriate clinical utilization of reference intervals and decision limits.

The selected candidates will have a demonstrable expertise in the area of epidemiology, biostatistics of population studies, and, above all, they should be able to provide a practical contribution by actively participating in multicenter reference intervals studies.

Nomination of a young scientist is welcome.

Nominations should be directly sent to the IFCC Office (paola.bramati@ifcc.org) using the attached Application Form, **by March 1st, 2016**.

The application must include:

- 1) Name, Institution address, telephone number and e-mail address of the nominee.
- 2) A full description of his/her professional career particularly highlighting the issues which could be important for his/her selection.
- 3) National Society's letter of support.

Following approval, the candidate will be appointed for a three-year term on the C-RIDL starting early 2016. A second three-year term is allowed following satisfactory review at the end of the first term by the SD Executive Committee following consultation with the C-RIDL Chair.

Looking forward to receiving your nomination, I remain

Sincerely yours

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