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**To: IFCC Full Member Societies' National Representatives
IFCC Affiliate Societies' Representatives
IFCC Corporate Members' Representatives**

Dear Colleagues,

The Committee on Standardization of Thyroid Function Tests (C-STFT), under the chairmanship of Dr. Katleen Van Uytfanghe, intends to fill two vacant position.

Terms of Reference

- Establish a system to maintain traceability of free thyroid hormone and TSH measurements.
- Coordinate programs to evaluate free thyroid and TSH assays with regards to their analytical performance.
- Develop reference intervals for free thyroid hormones and TSH.
- Liaise with key stakeholders to promote the use of the standardized assays in routine clinical practice and public health, to ensure analytical performance requirements meet clinical needs, and to help with developing and establishing reference intervals

Current Projects

- Establishment of a reference laboratory network for FT4.
- Develop and establish follow-up panel for TSH.
- Collaborate with relevant organizations to ensure that free thyroid hormones and TSH are standardized consistently.
- Collaborate with stakeholders to define reference populations and plan study to establish reference intervals.
- Provide information and training to stakeholders about the importance of standardized thyroid function assays, and support organizations working on promoting high quality of thyroid function tests.

Information on the current composition of the C-STFT and its activities are available on the IFCC Website at following link: <https://www.ifcc.org/ifcc-scientific-division/sd-committees/c-stft/>

More specific information can be obtained directly from Dr. Katleen Van Uytfanghe (Katleen.VanUytfanghe@UGent.be).

Candidates would share their knowledge and expertise and assist in the design and execution of projects related to the terms of reference. This includes participation in conference calls (2-3 times per year), in in-person meetings at least once per year, and other forms of communications such as email.

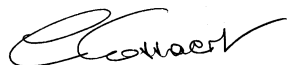
Nominations should be sent directly to the IFCC Office (paola.bramati@ifcc.org) by **January 10th, 2024**, providing following documents:

- Society/Corporate Member support letter to the nomination;
- Candidate curriculum vitae;
- Completed enclosed application form.

Following approval, the candidates will be appointed for a three-year term (2024-2026). 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-STFT Chairman.

Yours sincerely

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Chair IFCC Scientific Division