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**From: Prof. Christa Cobbaert – IFCC SD Chair****Date January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026****Ref: 08.20 SD Membership****To: IFCC Full Member Societies' National Representatives  
IFCC Affiliate Societies' Representatives  
IFCC Corporate Members' Representative**

Dear Colleagues,

The Executive Committee of the Scientific Division (SD) has one vacant position as **Member** for a three-year term of office (2026 – 2028).

The SD Executive is a management group that has the overall responsibility for all activities within the remit of the SD. The SD Executive manages projects and oversees the activities of a number of Committees and Working Groups. The Executive is responsible for ensuring that all SD groups work at the highest professional level to address agreed objectives. It may terminate an activity or initiate another based on the needs and goals of the IFCC. It is also responsible for revision of SD documents. The goals to which the SD is committed are to:

1. Identify research areas of relevance to Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine and assist the transfer of research results to the profession as well as their accuracy.
2. Identify scientific and technological problems in current practice and provide solutions and guidelines on how to resolve them.
3. Facilitate the development of reference measurement systems and the production of reference materials for prioritized analytes, according to relevant ISO-standards, in order to ensure metrological traceability of test results within allowable measurement uncertainty.
4. Facilitate and give guidance, in close collaboration with JCTLM, to IFCC working groups and committees to ensure both IFCC-endorsement and JCTLM-listing of higher order reference materials, reference methods and reference services,
5. Establish networks of reference laboratories to implement and maintain test standardization through endorsed reference measurement services at the level of IVD-manufacturers.
6. Identify scientific and technological problems and regulatory challenges in current practice and provide solutions.
7. Facilitate the development and transfer of technical innovations to the clinical laboratory and the practicing clinician.
8. Facilitate the development and implementation of diagnostic strategies.
9. Establish standards for scientific and technical aspects of good laboratory practice.
10. Respond to scientific and technical needs of IFCC Member Societies, IFCC Corporate Members and external agencies.
11. Participate actively in the scientific program committees of IFCC congresses and scientific meetings.
12. Ensure the quality of IFCC scientific documents.
13. Organise master discussions.

The SD coordinates currently the activities of Committees and Working Groups (for more details, see IFCC Website: <http://www.ifcc.org/ifcc-scientific-division/>). Each SD member has a responsibility to contribute to all of the objectives of the SD within the IFCC and also specifically manages, as liaison to the Division, a number of Committees and Working Groups.

The time required by a member to fulfill the various tasks related to his/her participation in the activities of the SD is on average approximately one half day per week. Most of the work of the Division is done through exchanges of correspondence and emails throughout the year. Also, the Division holds usually two in person meetings of two days duration per year. One of the meetings is usually held during a regional meeting sponsored by IFCC or during the International Congress of the IFCC when it occurs. Conference calls are planned accordingly to the needs.

An ideal nominee is a candidate well acquainted with a specific area of Laboratory Medicine who also has a broad knowledge of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine. A nominee can also be a candidate with a metrology background and in depth metrology expertise in the domain of laboratory medicine and medical test standardization. Fluent written and spoken English is important. We would particularly welcome visionary candidates with a strong professional interest in metrology and strategic standardization management. Prospective candidates who wish to discuss the work of the SD in more detail before agreeing to be nominated are invited to contact the Chair for further information.

Nominations have to be send to **IFCC Office (elisa.fossati@ifcc.org)** **before 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026** including below documents:

- Enclosed Application Form
- Support letter on behalf of the Society or Corporate Member

Following approval, the candidate will be appointed for a three-year term on the Executive Committee. A second three-year term is allowed following satisfactory review at the end of the first term by the Scientific Division Executive Committee.

I look forward to receiving your nomination.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Christa Cobbaert



IFCC Scientific Division Chair