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From: Prof. Christa Cobbaert – IFCC SD Chair

Date: 7 October 2026

Ref: 8.2.6 Call for Nominations for Membership of Committee on
Nomenclature, Properties and Units (C-NPU)

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

Dear Colleagues,

The **Committee on Nomenclature, Properties and Units (C-NPU)**, intends to replace two members who have completed their term of office.

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

Terms of Reference

- To continuously provide advice in relation to the management, updating and publishing of NPU terminology.
- To make recommendations on NPU for reporting clinical laboratory data that conform to or adapt current standards of authoritative organizations, and that will improve their utilization for health care.
- To provide a connection with other organizations concerned with NPU, such as the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and, by extension, clinical laboratory sciences societies, such as the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), and the in vitro diagnostics industry, to ensure that problems encountered by health care professionals in the area of NPU are considered by those organizations.
- To act as a consultant group on NPU in clinical chemistry and, by extension, in the rest of clinical laboratory sciences to international scientific panels, regional and national clinical laboratory sciences organizations, editors of scientific journals, manufacturers of clinical laboratory instrumentation and products, and to individual clinical laboratory professionals and other health care professionals.
- To report and offer advice to the SD Chair and the SD Executive Committee on matters concerning NPU in all its aspects (all items above).

Current Projects

- Revision of Terms of reference.
- To establish a Laboratory Information Data Model and a coherent concept system that will ideally support global comparisons of laboratory results.
- To provide an online platform that presents the principles and rules of the NPU terminology, including recommendations of measurement units to clinical laboratorians. The platform has been established on <https://labterminology.com/>, and is under development.

Information on the current composition of the C-NPU and its activities are available on the IFCC Website, under Scientific Activities. More specific information can be obtained directly from Dr. Young Bae L. Hansen (yysl@hotmail.com), C-NPU Chair.

Nominations, giving preference to young candidates with demonstrable interest and/or expertise in NPU should be directly sent to the IFCC Office (elisa.fossati@ifcc.org) by using the enclosed application form, before **10 November 2026**.

Following approval, the candidates will be appointed for a three-year term (commencing in January 2027). A second three-year term is allowed following satisfactory review at the end of the first term by the Scientific Division Executive Committee Chair following consultation with the C-NPU Chairman.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Christa Cobbaert



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