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From: Prof. Christa Cobbaert – IFCC SD Chair

Date 7 October 2026

Ref: 8.2.25 Call for Nominations for Membership of Committee on
Standardization of Thyroid Function Tests (C-STFT)

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)**, intends to replace one member who has completed his term of office.

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

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.
- 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.
- 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 give guidance in their studies 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, under Scientific Activities. More specific information can be obtained directly from Dr. Katleen Van Uytanghe (Katleen.vanuytfanghe@ugent.be), C-STFT Chair.

Nominations, giving preference to young candidates with demonstrable interest and/or expertise in metrological traceability and global test standardization / harmonization, 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-STFT Chairman.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Christa Cobbaert



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