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**To IFCC National Representatives  
IFCC Members' National Societies**

The Education and Management Division (EMD) is a key resource for all members of IFCC. EMD facilitates the development of managerial skills, supports educational activities in laboratory medicine and offers critiques, advice and cutting-edge expertise on issues and problems related to laboratory management, teaching and education. EMD provides many of these educational, teaching and consultative services through its committees.

A new EMD Committee, the Committee on Distance Learning (C-DL) has been established and we are seeking **nominations for individuals with an interest and expertise in the field to sit as Committee members**. I will be assuming the chairmanship of the Committee for its first three year term when my term as EMD Chair is completed at the end of December 2011. The Committee will work closely with the Communications and Publications Division Committee on Internet and eLearning (C-leL).

Individuals applying for Committee membership should have extensive experience in the area of work of the Committee and be able to contribute to its key objectives for this important first term. These are listed below:

- *To develop an IFCC strategy for distance learning, in partnership with the Communications and Publications Division Committee on Internet and eLearning (CPD C-leL)*
- *To provide educational material which can be used for on-line learning*
- *To solicit suggestions from National Societies, IFCC Committees, Task Forces and Working Groups to identify distance learning topic areas of value to IFCC*
- *To identify and evaluate existing distance learning programmes in relevant areas and, with permission and collaboration, modify these as necessary to fit IFCC requirements*
- *To develop new distance learning programmes where none already exist*

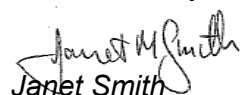
The Committee will meet once a year, but as with all EMD committees, most of the work is conducted by email and teleconferencing.

All National Societies are requested to encourage appropriate members of their organisations to apply for IFCC committee positions. Applicants who are not selected as full members may be eligible for corresponding membership. Membership provides a real opportunity to promote quality in Laboratory Medicine throughout the member countries of IFCC.

Applications, describing your relevant interest and experience with a short CV and a letter of support from the National Society, should be sent to Silvia Cattaneo in the IFCC Office (silvia.cattaneo@ifcc.org) by **28 February 2012**.

I will be happy to provide further information. Please contact me at:  
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Yours sincerely



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