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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

### **New EFLM initiative for its national society members: EFLM Postgraduate Courses**

Dear National Society Presidents and National Representatives,

According to the results of the satisfaction survey that EFLM conducted in 2017 to understand the expectations from its National Society Members, it was noted the great demand for educational tools. During 2018, the EFLM Executive Board carefully considered this issue and explored which would have been the best solution to respond to this need. It was decided to ask the EFLM Education & Training Committee to organize two EFLM courses to be proposed to our National Societies.

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new EFLM initiative: the **EFLM Postgraduate Courses** which are proposed as a "turnkey course", i.e. with a defined structured programme and designated speakers' team ready to travel to your country to deliver the EFLM course.

The first two courses that we are proposing are:

- **Biostatistics in Laboratory Medicine**
- **How to write a good scientific and professional article**

Each course is structured on 2 days, with two speakers and addressed to a small group (up to 50 participants). It is a low budget course (not profitable) ideally to be organized as a satellite meeting on occasion of a National Societies Congress or another national educational event.

The EFLM Education & Training Committee and the EFLM Executive Board are working to find financial support from IVD companies for this project in order to be able to deliver a good number of these courses, but in the meantime, the Executive Board decided to offer two courses in 2019 where the speakers' travels will be directly covered by the EFLM budget.

In attachment, you can find the detailed programme for each course which has been prepared by the EFLM Working Group on Congresses and Postgraduate Education under the chairmanship of Prof. Evgenjia Homsak, and the application form. In the form you can select the option to apply for the opportunity to have speakers' travels covered by EFLM (only two applications will be selected in 2019) or decide to support the full cost of the course in case this can be sustained by your National Society and therefore, provided the availability of the speakers' team, be sure in this way to have the course delivered in your country.

We invite you to apply by no later than **December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018** by sending back the application form with the indication of the preferred course and the financial coverage's option. You will be informed about the selection of the grant applications by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

We do hope that you can find this new EFLM initiative a fruitful opportunity for your National Society!

Yours sincerely,

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Chair EFLM Education and Training Committee