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EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY  
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

To: National Society Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National  
Society Members

### EQUIVALENCE OF STANDARDS CRITERIA TO JOIN THE EFLM REGISTER

Dear National Society President and National Representative,

In 2018 eligibility to join the Register of Specialists in Laboratory Medicine (EuSpLM) was extended from EU-based National Societies to all 43 EFLM National Societies.

The Register plays key roles, whereby it:

- IDENTIFIES individuals who practice at specialist level, particularly when there is no established mechanism for such recognition across European borders;
- SUPPORTS EFLM's drive to achieve recognition of non-medical specialists through EU Directive 2013/55/EC (The Recognition of Professional Qualifications);
- SUPPORTS through setting Equivalence of Standards the delivery of high quality, equivalent laboratory medicine across Europe, that in turn increase quality throughout the testing process and thereby safeguards patients' safety;
- PROMOTES awareness of laboratory medicine's role and contribution to better health and best care.

**This letter comes as a request for a rapid response from your Society as to whether the Equivalence criteria (shown overleaf) can be met.**

The response can be provided by email to eflm@eflm.eu as follows:

- Equivalence of Standards can be met (please feel free to submit evidence now or later on the attached proforma)
- Equivalence of Standards cannot be met
- Equivalence of Standards has already been recognized by EFLM

We very much look forward to hearing from you by end September 2019.

Yours sincerely

Gilbert Wieringa  
Chair, EFLM Profession Committee

Evgenija Homsak  
Incoming Chair, EFLM Profession Committee

## Equivalence of Standards criteria to join the EFLM Register

The criteria are as follows:

- Minimum 9 years (ideally 10) years academic (4/5 years) and specialist (4/5 years) training;
- Education and training to standards set in the EFLM syllabus ([click here for more information](#));
- A Master's degree in Medicine, Pharmacy or Science;
- An EFLM Profession Committee recognised 'Equivalence of Standards' exit qualification, certificate or licence to practice at specialist level
- Evidence of participation in continuous professional development (CPD).

It requires curriculum content to include:

- General chemistry of at least 35%;
- General chemistry plus haematology of at least 65%;
- Flexibility as to the remaining 35%, including general chemistry, haematology, microbiology, and genetics and IVF in a proportion consistent with the requirements in the country of destination.