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To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members

Call for nominations for the EFLM Working Group "Biological Variation"

Dear President and National Representative,

By this letter, EFLM asks for your support in the call for nomination of new members for the Working Group Biological Variation (WG-BV). This group, currently headed by Dr. Aasne Karine Aarsand, has been very successful, developing the recently published Biological Variation Data Critical Appraisal Checklist (BIVAC), establishing the European Biological Variation Study (EuBIVAS) and publishing many papers on biological variation. Presently the focus of the WG is to develop the EFLM Biological Variation Database, in collaboration with the Task Group on the Biological Variation Database and to explore new methods to deliver biological variation estimates.

Some members of WG-BV will be finishing their terms by the end of 2018, therefore we are calling for nominations of:

- **2 full members**
- **1 young scientist member (must be ≤ 35y of age at the time of nomination).**

The first term of office will be for 2 years starting on January 1st 2019 with the potential extensions for two more terms beyond 2020. The work of WG-BV is mainly conducted by e-mail and teleconferencing. Additionally, the WG usually meets once or two times per year.

The new Terms of Reference of WG-BV are:

1. To develop the EFLM Biological Variation Database in collaboration with the Task Group on the Biological Variation Database
2. To publish biological variation data
3. To explore new methods to deliver biological variation estimates

In order to complement the successful work conducted in the past, the Executive Board of EFLM has decided to put major emphasis and support future collaborative studies in areas of Biological Variation, also with the goal of attracting public grant funding. Accordingly, we ask you to consider the scientific profile of colleagues you may want to nominate. EB expects that the nominated group members are willing to interact with scientists within the EFLM to further said collaborative project activities.

Procedure for applications

Each EFLM National Society Member in good standing with the membership fee can submit one nomination through the attached application form. A brief plan of the applicant's contribution to the aims and objectives of the relevant Working Group has to be included in the form. Together with the application, a short CV should also be submitted underlining the qualifications and prior experience and publications in the relevant area. Candidates have to be officially recommended by their National Society through a formal letter of support. Applicants who are not selected as full members may be eligible for corresponding membership.

Nominations have to be electronically submitted to the EFLM Office: Silvia Cattaneo - e-mail: silvia.cattaneo@eflm.eu within the deadline of **30 November 2018**.

With kindest regards,

Eric S Kilpatrick
Chair of the EFLM Science Committee

cc: Dr. Aasne Karine Aarsand, WG-BV Chair