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**From:** Prof. Leslie Lai, EMD Chair – Dr Evi Lianidou , C-CMBC Chair

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**Ref:** Junior Members participating with the C-CMBC activities

To Ing. Jan Balla

IFCC National Representative for the **Slovak Society of Clinical Biochemistry (SSKB)**  
C.C Prof. Oliver Racz, President (SSKB)

Dear Ing. Jan Balla,,

The C-CMBC wishes to increase the sustainability of its teaching efforts in molecular Diagnostics and to involve previously visited national societies in their efforts to disseminate molecular diagnostics technology among their laboratory professionals. Towards this end, the C-CMBC has proposed to integrate young colleagues, also known as "longtimers" or "C-CMBC guest members", from the countries visited during the last years.

IFCC is willing to partially grant **Dr. Michael Cibulka** for the activities as junior member of the C-CMBC.

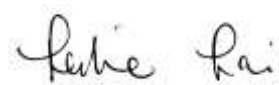
As such, he will be invited on behalf to the IFCC (EMD) to attend some of the IFCC conferences and the C-CMBC group meetings. The IFCC has agreed to partially cover, through the C-CMBC budget, the travel/accommodation costs for these trips. Therefore, in addition to this, any further support from the respective national societies is warmly welcomed. The National Societies could contribute a supplement to the costs of keeping the Junior Member inside the committee e.g. providing some bursaries. Moreover, National Societies could provide a platform and contacts within their organisations or dedicated working groups to their respective junior members to link themselves into C-CMBC activities of the IFCC.

With this strategy, C-CMBC hopes to achieve several things for engaged young scientists and laboratory professionals in molecular diagnostics like:

- opportunities to meet with their peers in the committee and in the IFCC in general better visibility within their societies; it is assumed that national societies will take an interest in having young enthusiastic scientists involved in the C-CMBC activities;
- entry point to be engaged in national activities and to promote molecular diagnostics and the respective programs;
- participating at the C-CMBC activities will enable junior members to better network with their fellow colleagues, making contacts, learn from each other's experiences and promote education in molecular diagnostics;
- eventually, new regular members of the C-CMBC could be recruited from the junior members, in case that these members will further get involved in relative activities in their countries or at an international level.

I hope you find this initiative of interest for your National Society.

With kindest regards,



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