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## To: Presidents of IFCC Regional Federations

Dear Colleagues,

Further to the establishment of the IFCC Task Force on coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), whose leading objectives are:

- to encompass the provision of regular updates on epidemiology, pathogenesis and laboratory diagnostics of COVID-19
- to develop practical recommendations for harmonizing the use of diagnostic tests for COVID-19 and biosafety measures for managing the specimens
- to organize international studies to improve the knowledge on pathogenesis, diagnostics and therapeutic management of COVID-19.

IFCC is now inviting the Regional Federations to nominate representatives that preferably have relevant expertise in clinical and/or laboratory aspects of viral outbreaks such as COVID-19 and are willing to join the Taskforce as Expert Consultants.

Participation of regional federations around the world will ensure broad representation ensuring that the taskforce would benefit from the knowledge and experiences gained worldwide. Regional federations will be updated regularly via their representatives as well as directly by the taskforce chair.

We look forward to receiving a positive feedback in order to commence a fruitful cooperation in the important work of this urgent and timely taskforce.

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