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Dear MEDICHEM Member,

I am sending out a call for nominations for the MEDICHEM Board until May 27, 2016. From the nominated candidates you, the MEDICHEM Membership, will elect the next MEDICHEM Board for the period October 2016 to September 2019. The election will be performed by Ballot in July 2016. The elected new Board Members, together with the current and the re-elected Board Members, who attend the Board Meeting in Basel anyway, will be invited to our next MEDICHEM Board Meeting on August 30, 2016 in Basel, however with no vote, and start their official Membership in the Board in October 2016.

The following is said in our **Constitution about election of the Board:**

In Article 2, Section 2:

Board Members are elected for a term of 3 years, but may be re-elected for further terms, if they have the support of the Board and the Membership (cf. Article 5, Section 5). In Section 3 it is written: As far as practicable, not more than 25% of Board Members should resign in any one year, to ensure a reasonable level of continuity; and in Section 4.1: To ensure maximum international representation, each Board Member shall be from a different country. This rule does not apply for those holding the offices of President, Secretary General, Treasurer and the immediate Past President during his year on the Board after his Presidency; Section 4.2: If the Treasurer or Secretary General relinquishes office, and there is already a Member from the same country on the Board, the Board may co-opt him or her as an Additional Member. Additional Members may vote at Board Meetings. Additional Members shall not count towards the Board maximum of 17 Members, and shall retire from the Board, remaining eligible for re-election, at the same time as the other Board Member from the same country.

All current Members of the Board, as well as our President have reached either their first term of three years in 2016 (*Dr. William Murray Coombs, Dieter Junker, Dr. Maren Beth-Hübner*), or their second, third or even more terms (*Dr. Peter J. Boogaard, Prof. Dr. Elpida-Niki Emmanouil-Nikoloussi, Dr. Jiin Ger, Dr. Steffen Hitzeroth, Prof. Dr. Koichi Kono, Dr. Vedat Mizrahi, Dr. Jorge A. Morales Camino, Dr. Abed bin Onn, Dr. Martina Piasek, Dr. Shrinivas Shanbhag, Dr. Edwin A. Whiteside, Dr. Avi Wiener, Priv.-Dozent Dr. Robert Winker*). Therefore I call for candidates not only for President (with different e-mail of today) but also for the complete Board.

This year, candidates are eligible from all countries, since the complete MEDICHEM Board will complete their terms of office. However, the current Board Members are eligible for re-election.

Please consider whether you might be interested in serving as Member in the MEDICHEM Board from Oct. 2016 to Sept. 2019. In case you are personally interested to stand for election in July 2016, please be so free to propose yourself for the Board with the attached Form until May 27, 2016. This also applies for all current Board Members who would like to stand for re-election.

So, self nominations are not only welcome but necessary for this year nomination of candidates. In case you want to propose another Member the nomination shall only be valid if it is sent in along with written acceptance of the nomination from the candidate himself or herself. To make it easier I do only need a confirming e-mail of the nominated candidate sent together with the nomination.

The Board generally meets at least once a year prior to the General Assembly held during the annual MEDICHEM Congress or ICOH meeting, and in the recent past at a second, mid-term meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board (Officers: President, Secretary General, Treasurer; and if possible also the other Board Members).

All nominations must be submitted to the Secretary General by May 27 to be valid. The ballot with the list of nominated candidates will be sent to you for election in July 2016.

Please use your chance for nominating yourself or another MEDICHEM Member as candidate for election of the next MEDICHEM Board!

Best regards,

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