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Dear Colleagues,

The International Clinical Cytometry Society (ICCS) greatly appreciates the opportunity to partner with your society to foster the worldwide growth and development of clinical cytometry. This document aims to outline the benefits and responsibilities of affiliation between our societies in order to foster improved collaboration and identify opportunities where we might work more closely together.

Clinical cytometry societies represent a heterogeneous group of laboratory professionals including trainees, medical technologists, laboratory scientists, and physicians. The ICCS recognizes that because of different economic, regulatory and credentialing requirements the way in which cytometry technology is applied and the discipline practiced is different in different parts of the world; it further recognizes that these aspects of cytometry are best addressed by encouraging the development of local, national and regional societies. However, everyone practicing cytometry still needs to understand the technology, and to be aware of certain best practices necessary to maximize the benefit of the technology in their local setting; communicating these fundamentals will be greatly enhanced by fostering interaction between societies internationally. Despite our differences, one common feature is the need for education and training, the provision of which can form the linkage that binds our societies together. In order to facilitate interaction, the barriers to participation should be low.

With these factors in mind, ICCS proposes that affiliated clinical cytometry societies outside of the United States, Canada and Europe will accrue the following benefits:

1. Allowing their members to become members of ICCS at no additional cost, which will entitle them to:
 - a. Receive the society journal, Clinical Cytometry, at member rates
 - b. Attend the annual meeting at member rates
 - c. Access the ICCS website, which includes educational materials and presentations from prior meetings
 - d. Attend ICCS cytometry courses at member rates
2. The right to send one representative to attend the ICCS Council meeting as a non-voting ex-officio member.
3. Two travel grants (flight, hotel and per diem) per year to allow two individuals to attend the ICCS annual meeting, provided that the affiliated society establishes a competitive mechanism based on merit to select the attendees. Documentation of the selection criteria and particulars used

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for each attendee each year must be provided in order to receive the travel award.

4. Access to a bureau of ICCS speakers to present at the affiliated society's meeting. Normally, travel costs for this will be split between the two societies, though this provision may be waived for societies from disadvantaged areas.

5. Access to a list of ICCS laboratories willing to accept members for on-site training. Ideally time could be spent in the laboratory immediately prior to or following attendance at the ICCS annual meeting.

6. Description of the affiliated society and link to the affiliated society's web page on the ICCS web site. A reciprocal description and linkage for ICCS would be present on the affiliated society's web page.

It must be noted that support for all activities, particularly those involving travel, are dependent on the availability of funds.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brent" and last name "Wood" clearly distinguishable.

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