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**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**Nomination of Experts for the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision [CP-9/11](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cp-mop-09/cp-mop-09-dec-11-en.pdf), the Executive Secretary was requested to continue to facilitate online discussions of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (<http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_detection/lab_network.shtml>). Furthermore, in decision [14/19](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-19-en.pdf), the Conference of Parties to the Convention of Biological Diversity requested online discussions of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms to share experiences on the detection, identification and monitoring of the organisms, components and products of synthetic biology. Accordingly, online discussions of the Network of Laboratories will be held from 28 October to 8 November 2019 through the Biosafety Clearing-House. The discussions will focus on new detection and identification techniques, current capacities to detect and identify living modified organisms and sharing of experiences regarding the detection, identification and monitoring of the organisms, components and products of synthetic biology.

Based on the above, I would like to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to nominate experts to participate in the online discussions of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms. The nominees must be involved in laboratory-based detection and identification of living modified organisms and have an understanding of techniques used in molecular biology. The official nomination letter must be accompanied by the completed attached nomination form indicating the activities in which the nominee has been involved that are relevant to detection and identification of living modified organisms. Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points or Heads of organizations, as appropriate, are kindly requested to submit nominations for experts via e-mail to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int). Nominations should be submitted no later than **4 October 2019**.

Please note that there is no need to re-nominate experts that have been previously nominated for online discussions of the Network, as nominations from other intersessional periods remain valid unless the Secretariat is advised by the National Focal Point, or Head of organization, that those experts are no longer endorsed. The list of registered participants is available at <https://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art18/lab_participants.shtml>.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD

Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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| **General information** | |
| 1. Title: | Mr.  Ms.  Dr.  Prof.  Other (specify): <Text entry> |
| 1. First name:\* | <Text entry> |
| 1. Middle name: | <Text entry> |
| 1. Last or Family name:\* | <Text entry> |
| **Work related information** | |
| 1. Job title: | <Text entry> |
| 1. Employer / Organization\* | <Text entry> |
| 1. Acronym:[[1]](#footnote-1) | <Text entry> |
| 1. Department / Division / Unit: | <Text entry> |
| 1. Type of organization: | Academic or research institute  Government agency  Intergovernmental organization (IGO)  Non-governmental organization (NGO)  Private sector (business and industry)  Regional economic integration organization  UN and other specialized agency of the UN Common System  Other (specify): <Text entry> |

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| 1. Fax number:[[3]](#footnote-3) | <Text entry> |
| 1. Email address:\* | <Text entry> |
| 1. Websites[[4]](#footnote-4): | <URL and website name> |

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| **Nominee’s experience with detection and identification of living modified organisms** | |
| 1. Work experience on detection and identification of living modified organisms (please list employers and relevant tasks performed): | <Text entry> |
| 1. Relevant educational background: | <Text entry> |
| 1. Relevant publications: | <Text entry> |

Please submit the completed nomination form to the Secretariat: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int).

1. Abbreviation of the long name of an organization. Examples: EA, SCBD. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Please use the following format: + [country code] [city code] [telephone number] [extension, if necessary]; Example: +1 514 288-2220 ext 221 (where 1 = North America, 514 = Montreal, 288-2220 = CBD Secretariat number, ext 221 = direct extension to the switchboard). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See footnote above. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Please provide the URL of the website (e.g. http://bch.cbd.int) and the name of the website (e.g. "Biosafety Clearing-House"). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)