

### **Project 3. 'Adopt a Professional': Collaboration to support the training of laboratory medicine specialists**

Date supported: June 2016

Description of project:

The 'Adopt a Professional' project is a collaboration between the FEN and the Società Italiana di Biochimica Clinica e Biologia Molecolare Clinica (SIBioC).



The FEN and SIBioC have signed a memorandum of understanding to collaborate in providing training in laboratory medicine to scientists from designated emerging nations. Trainees will be selected on merit to spend time training in an Italian centre of excellence. Trainees will be supported after their visit through a mentorship scheme.

SIBioC will be responsible for the following elements of the project:

- Definition of the training programme and targets for completion
- Selection of the laboratories to deliver the training
- Selection of the training supervisor and mentor for each selected young professional
- Provision of information on suitable accommodation while in Italy
- Provision of the finance for the project

The FEN will be responsible for the following elements of the project:

- Promotion of the project to eligible countries through IFCC Full and Affiliate Member societies
- Selection of young professionals to participate in the project. Selection will be made on the basis of information provided on a standard application form and will be undertaken by independent assessors
- Communication with the young professionals to obtain an evaluation report, in standard format, on completion of the project
- Coordination of feedback from the project and publication of outcomes
- Handling the finance for the project through the FEN account

The 'Adopt a Professional' project will commence towards the end of 2016. The FEN views this project as an exciting collaboration that could be repeated in other countries.

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