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Memorandum of Understanding between EFI and EA

The European Federation for Immunogenetics (EFI) is an organization of immunogeneticists in Europe, working in the field of immunogenetics and histocompatibility, with the aim to advance immunogenetics as a discipline of medicine and to standardize techniques and criteria for the accreditation of laboratories in this field.

The European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA) is the cooperation of the national Accreditation bodies in Europe.

EFI and EA, recognizing the need for an efficient cooperation in accreditation of laboratories in the field of immunogenetics and histocompatibility, have reached the following understanding:

The two organisations:

(a) agree that a close cooperation between the two organisations should be established in order to avoid duplication of assessments;

(b) agree to ensure the timely exchange of information on matters of common interest whereby information relating to assessments of individual laboratories must be mutually provided to EFI and EA, with agreement of those laboratories;

(c) will strive to harmonize future policy on technical matters important to implement the ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 15189 standards in the respective laboratories;

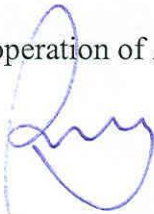
(d) will cooperate to establish interlaboratory comparisons (ILCs) to verify the comparability of test results in the field of histocompatibility and immunogenetics

(e) will cooperate to establish technical and scientific criteria for technical assessors and as far as necessary operate training programs for those assessors;

(f) agree to nominate a working group/task force with members from the two organizations in order to establish in more detail how the cooperation between the two organizations can best be achieved.

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