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To: IFCC National Representatives, Presidents

I am pleased to inform you that the IFCC VLP is being sponsored over the next four years by Abbott. With this major sponsorship we are now able to grant IFCC Visiting Lectureships to all member associations in both developed and developing countries. It is preferable for these IFCC Visiting Lectureships to be organized on a regional basis as has been the case in the Asia-Pacific Region, although this is not essential. In previous years, due to limited funding we allowed member associations to apply for the IFCC Visiting Lectureships only once every two years. For the next four years this restriction is being lifted so that member associations may apply for the IFCC Visiting Lectureship once a year. In the past, the IFCC VLP funded only the return economy air fare of the Visiting Lecturer, while local hospitality, hotel accommodation and local travel had to be funded by the host member association. For the next four years, if the host association is unable to raise sufficient funds for local hospitality, hotel accommodation and local travel, the IFCC VLP Committee will be prepared to fund these expenses on a case by case basis.

The IFCC is developing a list of experts on various topics who have stated their willingness to be Visiting Lecturers. In addition, member associations may nominate the lecturer for the topic chosen.

I would like to encourage you to apply for the IFCC VLP. Please use the attached application form.

Yours sincerely

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