EUROTOX Early Career Forum (ECF) kick-off

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RATIONALE, GOAL AND ELIGIBILITY

☐ Rationale: background and motivation
  - Retreat EUROTOX Executive Committee in February 2023
  - Definition of strategic objectives for the future of EUROTOX
  - Increasing the involvement of early career researchers set as a priority

☐ Goal: set up a group of motivated early career researchers to
  - Represent and serve as a voice for early career scientists in EUROTOX
  - Be involved in all EUROTOX activities
  - Propose and set up new EUROTOX activities customized for early career scientists
  - Develop towards an autonomously acting group, yet supervised by and in continuous collaboration with the EUROTOX Executive Committee

☐ Eligibility: definition of a EUROTOX ECF early career researcher
  - Having maximum 10 years of professional/research experience following receipt of the highest obtained degree (bachelor/master/PhD/…)
  - Being EUROTOX member (member society/individual member/corporate member)
ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

☑️ Publish the call for ECF expression of interest
  - Launched during the EUROTOX conference in September 2023
  - Registrations received from more than 100 researchers worldwide

☑️ Organize webinars to inform registrants
  - 10 November 2023 (morning and afternoon)
  - Overview of goals, planning and organization
  - Launch the call for setting up the ECF core team
  - Questions by the registrants

☑️ Select the ECF core team
  - Deadline for application on 15 January 2024
  - Selection/discussion during EUROTOX Executive Committee meeting in February 2024
  - Inform selected applicants in March 2024

☑️ Initiate ECF activities
  - Meetings of the ECF core team with Manon and Mathieu in March-April 2024
  - Meeting(s) organized by the ECF core team with ECF members in May-June 2024
  - First activity during the EUROTOX conference in September 2024
ECF CORE TEAM (2-years term)

1 chair
- Act as ECF lead and main point of contact
- Act as EUROTOX Executive Committee liaison
- Draft operational guidelines

1 co-chair/chair-elect
- Support the chair for specific tasks
- Act as substitute for the chair in case of absence
- Draft an activity plan

1 secretary
- Organize ECF meetings
- Document ECF meetings and events
- Draft a communication plan

5 officers
- Provide general support to the core team
- Take to the lead in specific activities organized for members
- Act as ECF ambassadors and maintain contact with members
ECF CORE TEAM APPLICATION (max. 1 A4 PDF page)

☑️ General information
   - First and last name
   - Date of birth
   - Gender (woman/man/non-binary/prefer not to say/…)
   - Country of birth
   - Country of current residence
   - Highest degree (bachelor/master/PhD/…)
   - Graduation date of highest degree
   - Current affiliation
   - Contact information (e-mail address/telephone number/…)
   - Membership to EUROTOX

☑️ Motivation for application, including personal expectations

☑️ Vision on ECF, including proposals for organization of activities

☑️ Deadline: 15 January 2024 (send to mathieu.vinken@vub.be)
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