Dear members of the EARSeL association,

The mandate of National representative (Council) will soon expire and therefore every country within EARSeL will have to elect its deputy for the next 4 years.

The role of the Council member is really important as described in the EARSeL statutes:

“The Association is governed by a Council consisting of one representative of each of the countries that have Member Laboratories. Laboratories in two or more countries may agree to be represented by one member of Council. A representative’s term of office shall be four years, renewable for further terms of four years. The national representatives of individual countries are elected after a regular call prepared by the EARSeL Bureau.

The duties of the Council members are:

• To elect the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary General and Treasurer of the Association who shall constitute the EARSeL Bureau.
• To approve the annual budget of EARSeL prepared by the Bureau, and the final annual accounts of the previous year.
• To choose the organizer of the annual EARSeL Symposium and its location at least two years in advance.
• To elect an auditor for the period of two years who shall audit the accounts of EARSeL annually.
• To approve a newly proposed SIG.

As described in the EARSeL statutes, the position of Council member is open to any representative/member of a member laboratory.

We would also like to invite young scientists to apply as well for the role of National Representative.

To submit your candidacy please use the link: http://earsel.org/council-election/

The application should contain: CV, portrait, member laboratory, professional activities, and motivation letter.

The deadline for submission of applications is January 31st, 2023.
The first step of the process is the call for candidacies in each EARSeL country.

The second step will depend on the results of the call for candidacies and 3 options are possible:

1. In countries with no candidacy a second call will be launched
2. In countries with only one candidate the election process will be considered as completed
3. In countries with more than one candidate the member laboratories of the country will have to vote for a candidate. The candidate with the greatest number of votes will win the election. In case more than one candidate receives the highest number of votes, a second round will be organized.

The schedule of the election process is as follows:

- Launch of call for candidates in each country: November 2022
- Reminder: December 2022
- Deadline for candidacy submission: January 2023
- Virtual voting: February 2023
- Reminder: March 2023
- Deadline for votes: April 2023
- Official approval of elections results: July 2023

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