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Dear European colleagues

We are living moments never before experienced in terms of preventive measures, changes in attitudes and adaptation to new circumstances, which may still change suddenly.

The SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) has currently a huge impact on our life's.

We, as Biomedical Scientists, have a major role in the actual scenario, therefore we must bring our expertise to bear here. We have knowledge, skills and competences in several key areas such as virology, infection, molecular biology and biosafety, among others.

The tests are performed in our laboratories, but we should also be actively involved in the development of contingency plans of each institution to which we belong.

We must be an example to the community, by strictly adhering to the recommendations, to minimize the COVID-19 transmission.

A special acknowledgement belongs to all the Biomedical Scientists that are in the frontline but still behind the scenes, working 24/7 to have accurate results in time. These results are guiding authorities to start preventive actions where needed.

The skills and dedication of the Biomedical Scientists all essential for the implementation of such intensive testing and are the key to prevent a much more drastic spread of the disease.

The EPBS is monitoring the situation daily. I would like to inform you that, without any alarmism but consciously, each member of the Management Body has adhered to the world recommendations on COVID-19.

Let's all together face this challenge and minimize its impact on our societies.

We would like to encourage all EPBS members to say a big thank you to all Biomedical Scientists in each country to acknowledge their great contribution to this difficult situation.

Yours faithfully,

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