European Laboratory Day 2026: Leaders in the Lab



Celebrating the incredible diversity, skills, and contributions of laboratory medicine professionals across Europe, from local labs to top-tier research centres.

On **5 November**, European Laboratory Day brings us together to celebrate the diversity, expertise and contributions of laboratory medicine professionals across Europe.

We are the heart of modern medicine: supporting clinical decisions, advancing research, improving diagnostics, and helping to deliver better care for millions of people.

Many skills, one profession.

We come from different disciplines, different countries, and different stages of our careers. We all bring different skills to the same purpose: better outcomes for patients. This year's theme, **Leaders in the Lab**, champions the people shaping the present and future of our profession - from researchers and innovators to mentors, educators, and communicators.

Leaders in the Lab is about what we achieve together, through collaboration across laboratory medicine, across healthcare, and across Europe.

How do you lead in the lab?

Leadership in Laboratory Medicine is not defined only by seniority or job title. It can be seen every day in the different ways laboratory professionals support patients, colleagues and the wider profession.

European Laboratory Day 2026 celebrates six types of **Leaders in the Lab**:

- **The Researcher discovers** – asking new questions, generating evidence and improving laboratory medicine.
- **The Mentor inspires** – sharing knowledge and helping colleagues learn, develop and grow.
- **The Collaborator connects** – bringing people, disciplines and organisations together to achieve more.
- **The Voice amplifies** – helping others understand the people, expertise and impact behind laboratory medicine.
- **The Advocate champions** – representing colleagues, promoting the profession and helping shape its future.
- **The Guardian protects** – safeguarding quality, standards, patient safety and trust.

Which Leader in the Lab best represents you? Explore the campaign toolkit, download your graphic and join the European Laboratory Day celebration on 5th November.

Have a look at the the toolkit here

All EFLM members, and national societies are also invited to mark EuLabDay 2026 by sharing campaign content, celebrating laboratory medicine as a profession, supporting and championing Young Scientists and organising activities that make the contribution of laboratory medicine more visible.

Take a look at the previous years' celebreations!

- 1st EFLM EuLabDay 2022
- 2nd EFLM EuLabDay 2023
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