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Subject: IOC recognition of sensory testing laboratories
Ref. T.28/

Dear Ms Tagliabue,

At its 104th session (Madrid, 22–25 November 2016) the IOC Council of Members adopted the list of sensory testing laboratories that meet the conditions for recognition specified in Decision No DEC-13/103-V/2015 of 26 November 2015.

I am therefore pleased to inform you that the tasting panel of the INNOVHUB – Stazioni Sperimentali per l'Industria, Area SSOG - Azienda Speciale della C.C.I.A.A. di Milano, has been awarded IOC recognition for the period from 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2017. The pertinent certificate will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

I would like to draw your attention to the duties of recognised laboratories listed in the above-mentioned Decision, particularly as regards using and citing IOC recognition.

The list of recognised sensory testing laboratories for virgin olive oils (T.28/Doc No 13/Rev. 19–12.2016) has been posted on the IOC website (www.internationaloliveoil.org).

Please also note that, according to the Decision, if your panel wishes to participate in the two check tests arranged by the Executive Secretariat in 2017 it may do so provided that the laboratory fulfils the following requirements, as appropriate:

- European Union countries: The laboratory has to be included in the list supplied by the EU naming the laboratories approved by the competent authorities of each country as being responsible for the official control of virgin olive oils by means of sensory analysis.
- Non-European Union countries: The laboratory has to submit an application for recognition, transmitted through the competent domestic authority which approved it as being responsible for the official control of virgin olive oils by means of sensory analysis. The application must arrive by 28 February 2017.

Please also be reminded that Annex I must be completed and returned together with your application in compliance with section 1.1.4 of the Decision.

Yours sincerely,

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