



Regulations of the Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease EASD Study Group

The **Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease EASD Study Group (D&CVD)** exists to promote advancement of knowledge on all aspects of cardiovascular disease and diabetes through active co-operation between interested diabetologists and other specialists, particularly cardiologists.

It is the intent of the **D&CVD** to bring together researchers working in the field of cardiovascular disease in diabetes, to exchange experiences in research, and to promote discussions during regular meetings. The **D&CVD** may work actively for the establishment of European and international collaborative studies and act as a reference group for EASD in matters related to cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

New membership in the **D&CVD** is open to all members of the EASD who present an abstract during the annual meeting. Members that do not attend three annual meetings in a row will forfeit their membership in the **D&CVD**. The members of the **D&CVD** will elect the Executive Committee during the annual business meeting by a simple majority (only members of the **D&CVD** who are in attendance at the annual meeting may vote). The members of the Executive Committee may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. Each member of the Executive Committee has one vote; when necessary, the President will have the deciding vote. The elected Executive Committee for the **D&CVD** is as follows (the term for members of the Executive Committee will begin upon official approval of the **D&CVD** by the EASD):

- President (A. Ceriello, term 3 years)
- Vice-President (E. Standl, term 2 years)
- Secretary (C. Giorda, term 4 years)
- Additional members (N. Hancu, term 3 years; J. Petrie, term 3 years; J. Tuomilehto, term 2 years; P. Valensi, term 2 years)

The **D&CVD** shall meet on an annual basis for a scientific meeting and business meeting. Three members of the Executive Committee (including the President) and local organisers will determine the time, place, and structure of the annual meeting of the **D&CVD**, as well as the final programme and acceptance of abstracts. The meeting will be announced in *Diabetologia*. Abstracts selected for oral presentation and abstract discussion will be published in a booklet. Abstracts not selected for presentation during the meeting may also be included in the booklet. In addition to the annual meeting, the **D&CVD** may promote seminars, workshops, or other meetings, preferably together with other EASD working groups. If such a meeting is to be held in the name of the **D&CVD**, prior approval by the Executive Committee is required. Each year the **D&CVD** will submit a written summary to the EASD of the **D&CVD**'s activities for publication in *Diabetologia*. A member of the **D&CVD**'s Executive Committee must attend the annual EASD General Assembly.

The financial support for the annual meeting or for any other initiative of the **D&CVD** will be sought from pharmaceutical companies; if financial problems arise, the organisers will be allowed to establish a registration fee for all participants to cover the administrative costs of the meeting. The financial support will be used for accommodation, meals, etc, during the annual meeting. The travel expenses will generally be covered by the members, however, the members of the Executive Committee may give travel grants to selected members of the group who present an abstract during the meeting and/or who need financial support.

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members attending the annual business meeting of the **D&CVD**. Contact:

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