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Constitution of the European Diabetes Epidemiology Group - EDEG

Goal and aims

The goal of the group is to lead and facilitate epidemiological research on disorders of glucose tolerance and its complications, and to act as a forum for interchange and dissemination of findings.

This goal will be achieved by the following aims:

- Stimulate the establishment of international epidemiological studies.
- Produce position statements, commentaries and other modalities on epidemiological topics such as diagnosis, prognosis, aetiology, interventions and prevention.
- Support investigators starting out in diabetes epidemiology by mentorship, training and support to attend the annual EDEG meeting.
- Organise an annual scientific meeting.

Membership

Ordinary Membership

This will be awarded after written application to the EDEG Secretary, to all individuals who have, within a 5-year period, attended at least 3 meetings, and presented an accepted abstract as first author at 2 meetings.

Failure to attend three successive meetings will lead to forfeiture of membership. To recover membership, the ex-member will have to fulfil the criteria for membership as stated above.

Emeritus Membership

This will be awarded to existing ordinary members who have organised an annual scientific meeting of EDEG. Only one individual from the organising centre will be awarded this membership status each year.

Emeritus members will be allowed to bring one junior colleague per annum to the meeting whose registration fees will be met by the organising committee.

The EDEG committee can nominate individuals for emeritus status based on an important contribution to the area of diabetes epidemiology to the general assembly.

Committee and its officers

All members of the committee should be members of EDEG.

The committee will consist of three officers: a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary, with three additional members. The President of the EASD, or his/her nominated deputy, is a member ex-officio.

All elections to the committee will be by a simple majority vote of members of the group present at the annual general meeting of EDEG. Proposals for committee members should be made to the Secretary in person, or in writing, or by e-mail, before the next annual general meeting. A proposer and a seconder are required, with confirmation from the candidate that they are happy to stand.

One of the organisers of the next annual scientific meeting will be an ex-officio member of the committee until the annual scientific meeting is completed.

Committee officers and members shall serve for a term of three years, with a maximum of three terms. Committee members are eligible for officer status after serving one term on the committee. The committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members for a term of up to 3 years. Committee officers and members must be members of the EASD.

Meetings

At the annual general meeting, the members of EDEG, advised by the committee, will select the venue and themes for future meetings.

The meeting venue will always be in Europe.

The decisions on abstract selection and the final programme will be made by all officers and members of the EDEG committee, in collaboration with the host organising committee. At their discretion, they may decide that attendees can only be first author of one oral or one poster presentation.

Organisation of the meeting and its funding will be the joint responsibility of the host members and host organising committee, as well as officers and members of the EDEG committee.

Registration and accommodation fees for the annual scientific meeting of EDEG are waived for retired members. Such fees may be reduced for ordinary members compared to non-members. Bursaries for the meeting are usually available for individuals starting out in diabetes epidemiology.

Other matters

All contested matters shall be brought to the EASD council, to whom an annual report of the activities of the group shall be rendered by the EDEG Secretary within 2 months of the meeting.