

ESCMID Guidelines for Partnerships with Other Associations

- 1** Partnerships with other associations are based on mutual benefit, and aim at adding value to both partners. Reciprocity should be sought whenever possible.
- 2** ESCMID will only establish partnerships with national and international societies or organisations that are complementary in terms of purposes, membership and activities.
- 3** The added value offered by the partnership might consist, among other things, of:
 - i) mutual promotion and extension of the respective membership bases
 - ii) joint symposia at international congresses, to be organised in collaboration with the ESCMID Scientific Affairs Officer
 - iii) joint Study Groups and working parties
 - iv) joint education courses or workshops
 - v) joint research fellowships or awards
 - vi) joint position papers and advocacy campaigns on health and research policy issues.
- 4** Proposals for partnerships with other associations are addressed to the ESCMID President, who assesses them in collaboration with the ESCMID Secretary General and – in regard to their organisational aspects – with the ESCMID Managing Director.
- 5** Partnerships are validated by means of a *Memorandum of Understanding* outlining the agreed areas and terms of the co-operation. They must be ratified by the ESCMID Executive Committee and are subject to periodic review.
- 6** Scientific societies, which are candidates for ESCMID partnership, should be part of the ESCMID European Council, if the conditions for affiliation with ESCMID are fulfilled.
- 7** Financial obligations arising from co-operation with partner associations must be reviewed by the ESCMID Treasurer and should be included in the budget.

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