

Study Group Rules for election of the Executive Committee

§ 1 Composition of the Study Group Executive Committee

Study Group Executive Committee consists of at least 3 members as stated in the Study Group statutes.

If the Study Group decides to increase the number of Executive Committee members, that should be stated in the Study Group Bylaws approved by the ESCMID Executive Committee. No more than 5 members can sit in the Executive Committee.

No more than one elected member of the Executive Committee shall come from the same country¹.

§ 2 Role of Executive Committee members

The Study Group Executive Committee assigns role and responsibility to its members. At least a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer must be nominated. If stated in the bylaws, the Executive Committee can have up to 5 members; additional roles are Education officer and Scientific officer. Each position can be held by the same person for a maximum of four years (two consecutive mandates of two years).

§ 3 Eligibility

All members of the Study Group are eligible to become elected as member of the Executive Committee if they fulfil the basic nomination requirements listed under § 7.

Members employed by commercial institutions cannot stand for elections; if a member of the Executive Committee is hired by a commercial institution during their office, they must leave the Study Group Executive Committee.

Members of the ESCMID Executive Committee cannot stand for elections; if a member of the Study Group Executive Committee is elected in the ESCMID Executive Committee, they must leave the Study Group Executive Committee.

Members of other ESCMID committees are eligible, but a position in the Study Group Executive Committee is incompatible with a position in an ESCMID committee*, except the ESCMID Global Programme Committee and the ESCMID Ethics Advisory Committee. If a member of the Study Group Executive Committee is appointed in another ESCMID committee during their office, they must leave the Study Group Executive Committee.

Members that have spent eight consecutive years in the Study Group Executive Committee are not eligible for re-election until 4 years have passed after leaving the Executive Committee.

Note that only ESCMID members can join Study Groups and stay in.

§ 4 Duration of the term of office

The Executive Committee is elected for a term of two years. A term starts and ends at the date of the Assembly of Members held at ESCMID Global.

§ 5 Re-election

Members can be elected into the Executive Committee for a maximum of 8 consecutive years; at least four years must elapse before re-election may take place.

Elected members can hold the same position in the Executive Committee for a maximum of four years (two consecutive mandates of two years).

§ 6 Election Committee

The election process is conducted by two Study Group members who are not members of the Study Group Executive Committee. The Election Committee is nominated and installed by the Executive Committee. Members of the Election Committee are not allowed to take part in the election.

The Election Committee

- monitors the entire nomination and election process.
- checks that all nominees and candidates meet the criteria defined in this document and in the respective Study Group Bylaws.
- assures that there is a balanced set of candidates and might therefore propose additional candidates to be included on the ballot, after approval by the Study Group Executive Committee (with no need to for supporting members).

§ 7 Nomination of candidates

The Election Committee invites the membership of the SG to nominate candidates, which can be themselves or other members. The candidate must agree with the nomination and have the support of two other members of the Study Group. Candidates should be an active Study Group member in good standing for at least three years at the time of nomination and ideally can provide evidence for a solid research track record in the respective field. It is at the discretion of the Election Committee to exclude candidates who do not fulfil these criteria.

The candidate stands for a position as member of the Executive Committee, not for a specific role. Roles are distributed among elected members when the new Executive Committee takes office.

§ 8 Voting rights

All members of the SG have the right to cast as many votes as there are positions available.

§ 9 Results

The candidates with the highest number of votes are elected, but no more than one elected member of the Executive Committee shall come from the same countryⁱ. The number of elected members must be at least 3. Two additional members can be elected if the Study Group bylaws state it. Candidates receiving equal number of votes stand for run-off ballot.

§ 10 Replacement of Executive Committee Members Before the End of the Regular Term

If a member of the Study Group Executive Committee steps down before the end of their term, an election will be held to fill the vacancy. This election will follow the same procedures as a regular Executive Committee election. The newly elected member will serve until the next scheduled election for the full Executive Committee.

ⁱ country of working place

* This includes other SG Executive Committees