



Bylaws of the ESCMID Study Group for Biofilms

These Bylaws are written rules of conduct of the Study Group, based on the Statutes of the Study Group and in particular Article 5. They set out the form, manner or procedure in which the Study Group is run.

§ 1 Name

ESCMID Study Group for Biofilms (ESGB)

§ 2 Purpose of the Study Group

Biofilms are communities of microorganisms that are attached to each other and/or a biotic or abiotic surface, are embedded in a self-produced extracellular matrix, and show markedly reduced susceptibility to antimicrobial agents. It is estimated that the majority of chronic infections and most device-related infections are biofilm-associated. However, biofilm infections are difficult to diagnose and extremely difficult to treat.

The objective of ESGB is to increase knowledge on various aspects of microbial biofilms with as ultimate goals improved diagnostic tools for biofilm infections, and better approaches to prevent and treat such infections. In order to obtain these goals, a multidisciplinary approach is necessary and one of the objectives of the ESGB to facilitate cooperation between scientists working on biofilms in different disciplines

§ 3 Membership

No additions to what is stated in the Article 3 of the Study Group Statutes.

§ 4 Assembly of members

All members of the Society shall be entitled to attend the Assembly of Members, which is usually held during ECCMID. The chair of the Study Group convenes the Assembly of Members by sending electronically the Agenda. The notice period shall be at least six weeks from the day following the dispatch of convocation. Assembly of members can be held online, except for the annual assembly at ECCMID. The Assembly of Members pass resolutions by a simple majority of the members present.

§ 5 Composition of the Executive Committee

The executive power of the Study Group is vested in the Executive Committee, which consists of :

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Science officer
- Education officer

As stated in article 4 of the Statutes, no more than one elected member of the Executive Committee shall come from the same country.

§ 6 Meetings of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee passes resolutions with the simple majority of its members present; the Chair has the casting vote. The quorum consists of four voting members.

A secret voting procedure may be requested by the majority of the voting members.



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§ 7 Vacancies in the Executive Committee

A member of the Executive Committee may vacate the position by resignation or termination of ESCMID membership. Any vacancy occurring in the Committee will normally be filled at the next scheduled election. If the vacancy cannot be filled with the interim appointment of another member, the Executive Committee may initiate new elections for a new member, to cover the remaining period of the term

§ 8 Conferences

The Executive Committee decides on the location and timing of the biannual Eurobiofilms meeting. The Executive Committee appoints a local organizing team that is in charge of the organisation of this meeting. The local organizing committee is responsible for drafting a budget that needs to be approved by the Executive Committee.

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