



Bylaws of the ESCMID Study Group for Clinical Parasitology

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 Clinical Parasitology (ESGCP)

§ 2 Purpose of the Study Group

Parasitic infections have a world-wide distribution with high prevalence in warmer climates. Due to an ever-increasing rate of travelling, parasitic infections are always relevant for the clinicians in Europe in differential diagnosis of patients who returned from an endemic area in a state of unhealth. Due to global warming it is likely that parasites will increase in number and species in Europe in the near future. Knowledge in this field and updated information on the current situation is of value for clinical practice and for decisions makers with influence over funding for research and control measurements.

The objectives of ESGCP are:

- Provide information about the prevalence of parasitic infections in different parts of Europe
- Provide information on clinical policies and practices within Europe
- Provide comparisons of diagnostic performances of different assays including quality control
- Provide information on parasitic infections in immunocompromised patients

§ 3 Membership

No additions to what are 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.



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§ 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.

§ 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.

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