Study Group Statutes

§ 1 Name and Legal Status
The Study Group shall carry “ESCMID” and “Study Group” in its name. The Study Group shall be subject to the laws of the country in which the hosting Society ESCMID has its registered office (Basel-Stadt, Switzerland). Since the Study Group itself is not a legal entity, it is subject to the statutes of ESCMID and governed by the same law as ESCMID. Therefore, the Study Group Statutes have to be in agreement with the Statutes of ESCMID and the ESCMID Operating Procedures for Study Groups. To ensure this, these statutes are identical for all ESCMID Study Groups. They may be complemented – but not substituted or superseded – by individual Study Group Bylaws.

§ 2 Objects of the Study Group
The Study Group shall devote itself to the promotion of research and education in diagnosis and therapy in its defined field(s) of expertise, which shall be published on the Study Group website. The Study Group shall strive to bring together persons who are active in the above-mentioned fields in the European countries and beyond.

§ 3 Membership
Membership is open to all ESCMID members who are interested and working in fields covered by the Study Group. There are no membership fees to the Study Group. ESCMID members employed by commercial institutions can become Study Group Members as long as they do not appear as an official representative of their employer.

§ 4 Organisation
The Study Group will be organised by an Executive Committee and an Assembly of Members. Executive power of the Study Group is vested in the Executive Committee, which shall consist at least of the Chairperson, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Assembly of Members must take place at least once a year at ECCMID.

The Executive Committee shall adopt resolutions by the majority of its members; in case of a tie, the majority is decided by the Chairperson’s casting vote. The Executive Committee may appoint subcommittees for specific purposes.

Elections of the Study Group Executive Committee take place every two years. The election process is conducted by the Election Committee composed of two Study Group members who are not members of the current Executive Committee. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by simple majority from among the members of the Study Group.

Nomination of candidates requires the candidate to approve the nomination and two Study Group members to support it. The selection of candidates to be considered for election to the Executive Committee shall be made by the Election Committee.

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 ECCMID Programme 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.

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

Positions within the Executive Committee are decided on by the Executive Committee members themselves, after internal deliberations. Each position can be held by the same person for a maximum of four years.

A term starts and ends at the date of the Study Group Assembly of Members that takes place at ECCMID.

§ 5 Amendments to the Statutes and Bylaws
The ESCMID Scientific Affairs Officer has the right, upon legal advice and upon the advice of the ESCMID Executive Committee, to make any amendments to the Study Group Statutes that are necessary for registration of ESCMID or for recognition of its non-profit status by the tax authorities or otherwise in the interest of ESCMID.

The Study Group Executive Committee has the right, upon legal advice and upon the advice of the ESCMID Scientific Affairs Officer or the ESCMID Executive Committee, to enact Study Group Bylaws and make any amendments to the Study Group Bylaws that are necessary or otherwise in the interest of the Study Group. These Bylaws and its amendments must be approved afterwards by the Study Group Assembly of Members.

§ 6 Language
The language of the Study Group and its publications is English. The English version of the Statutes shall be determinative in all cases. The language for accounting and tax purposes is the language governing ESCMID.

§ 7 Operating Procedures for Study Groups
The operating rules of the Study Group are stated in the ESCMID Operating Procedures for Study Groups and are the responsibility of the ESCMID Scientific Affairs Officer. All activities of the Study Group must be in accordance with the ESCMID Operating Procedures for Study Groups and the ESCMID Statutes.

§ 8 Termination
If the Study Group has not covered the minimum activity as detailed in the ESCMID Operating Procedures for Study Groups, the Scientific Affairs Subcommittee may propose through the Scientific Affairs Officer to the ESCMID Executive Committee to terminate the Study Group.

In addition, Study Groups may be terminated either by a majority vote of members or by a decision of the ESCMID Executive Committee if there is a documented violation of the present operating procedures. In such cases, remaining funds from Study Groups are transferred to ESCMID.

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