Bylaws of the ESCMID Study Group of Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance

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 of Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (ESGARS)

§ 2 Purpose of the Study Group
- To provide a unifying forum for clinical microbiologists, ID as well as for fundamental scientists actively involved in antimicrobial resistance surveillance and in understanding the mechanistics and transmission of resistance, in order to promote a better understanding of antimicrobial resistance.
- To provide opportunity to enhance co-operation and to establish links with and between networks of resistance surveillance programs.
- To promote awareness and facilitate the early detection of emerging antimicrobial resistance.
- To contribute to an understanding of the (molecular) epidemiology of antimicrobial resistance in Europe in a One health context
- To reconcile techniques used in resistance surveillance and to investigate the diversity of European techniques.
- To provide an opportunity for training in state-of-the-art resistance detection and surveillance methods.
- To improve access to European data on surveillance.

§ 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.

§ 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 ESGARS potential meetings. The Executive Committee appoints a local organizing team that is in charge of the organisation of the meetings. The local organizing committee is responsible for drafting a budget that needs to be approved by the Executive Committee.

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