Bylaws of the ESCMID Study Group for Infections in the Elderly

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 Infections in the Elderly (ESGIE)

§ 2 Purpose of the Study Group
There is an increase of human life expectancy and people >85 years old are the fastest growing segment of population. According to projections, old (65-79 years) and very old persons (> 80 years) will represent 15% and 9% of the global population through 2060.

In 2008, there were 1.7 million nursing home beds in 15,730 facilities compared to 0.95 million beds in 5,815 acute-care hospitals. In 2013, there were approximately 63,224 LTCFs for older adults in EU/EEA Member States with a capacity of approximately 3.6 million beds.

Infections in the elderly are a major challenge for physicians due to high frequency, different epidemiology, atypical clinical presentation, age-related modifications in drug metabolism.

The missions of the ESGIE group are: less infections, better infection management, antibiotic stewardship, better quality of life with less bacterial resistance.

§ 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

§ 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 the biannual 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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