Bylaws of the ESCMID Study Group for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases

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 Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases (ESGS).

§ 2 Purpose of the Study Group
Staphylococcus aureus remains one of the most frequent bacterial pathogens, both in the community and health-care setting. In recent years, considerable research efforts have been put forward to improve our understanding of its complex pathogenesis and its relationship with the human host as a commensal.

While our understanding of the lifestyle and the pathogenic strategies of S. aureus is constantly increasing, the burden of staphylococcal infections is still on the rise and several important questions have remained unresolved.

The aims of the ESCMID Study Group for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases are to:
- coordinate fundamental and applied research in this field at the European level
- facilitate cooperation between microbiologists, clinicians and basic researchers to identify and focus on the most relevant clinical questions and subsequently translate to the clinical field the advance of research
- establish guidelines in the field of diagnosis, clinical management and prevention of staphylococcal colonisation and infection
- promote educational activities both at the master degree and PhD levels
- formalise the existing network of researchers in this field to gain a better visibility of the staphylococcal community.

§ 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 Study Group 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
- Education officer
- Science 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.

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