Bylaws of the ESCMID Study Group for Veterinary Microbiology

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 Veterinary Microbiology (ESGVM)

§ 2 Purpose of the Study Group
The mission and objectives of ESGVM are:

- Contribute to advancement and harmonization of methods for diagnosis and antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of veterinary pathogens
- Provide a joint European forum for veterinary microbiologists and infectious disease veterinarians working in research, public health and animal health care
- Prevent animal infectious diseases and promote evidence-based antimicrobial therapy, antimicrobial stewardship and best infection control practices in veterinary medicine
- Promote One-Health by facilitating joint research and training collaborations between medical and veterinary microbiologists within areas of common interests (e.g. zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance)

§ 3 Membership
The Study Group consists of members in the following categories:

1. Regular members, appointed following Article 3 of the Statutes of Study Group.
2. Affiliated members are accepted by the Executive Committee based on their professional background in fields covered by the Study Group or on their membership of other scientific groups. They do not need to be ESCMID members, they have no voting right at the Assembly of Members and they cannot be elected in the Executive Committee.

§ 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
Regular meetings are held at least twice a year. 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 decided by the Chair or 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 Subcommittees
The Study Group has the following subcommittee:
• ESGVM Guideline core group

All subcommittees are accountable to the Executive Committee and can take no unilateral action.

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