

# **ESCMID** Operating Procedures

# Partnership with Other Associations

# §1

Partnerships with other associations are based on mutual benefit, and aim at adding value to both partners. Reciprocity should be sought whenever possible.

# §2

ESCMID will only establish partnerships with national and international societies or organisations that are complementary in terms of purposes, membership and activities.

# §3

The added value offered by the partnership might consist, among other things, of:

- 1. mutual promotion and extension of the respective membership bases
- 2. joint symposia at international congresses, to be organised in collaboration with the ESCMID Scientific Affairs Officer
- 3. joint Study Groups and working parties
- 4. joint education courses or workshops
- 5. joint research fellowships or awards

6. joint position papers and advocacy campaigns on health and research policy issues.

# §4

Proposals for partnerships with other associations are addressed to the ESCMID President, who assesses them in collaboration with the ESCMID Secretary General.

# §5

Partnerships are validated by means of a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the agreed areas and terms of the co-operation. They must be ratified by the ESCMID Executive Committee and are subject to periodic review.

#### §6

Scientific societies, which are candidates for ESCMID partnership, should be part of the ESCMID European Council, if the conditions for affiliation with ESCMID are fulfilled.

# §7

Financial obligations arising from co-operation with partner associations must be reviewed by the ESCMID Treasurer and should be included in the budget.

#### §8

Officer Tasks:

- 1. actively maintain the specific relationship
- 2. periodically ensure that the defined rules for the specific partnership such as agreements or memorandum of understanding are up-to-date
- 3. propose joint activities/events such as workshops, conferences etc.
- 4. keep the ESCMID office informed of all activities and procedures

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