

European Society of Intensive Care Medicine

ESICM Job Descriptions for ESICM Officers

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Description

This document contains the job descriptions for ESICM officers to be elected.

Used Abbreviations

CoBaTrICE	Competency-based training in Intensive Care in Europe
CPD	Continuous professional development
CC	Congress Committee
EBICM	European Board of Intensive Care Medicine
EC	Executive Committee
EDEC	European Diploma in Intensive Care EchoCardiography
EDIC	European Diploma in Intensive Care
ESICM	European Society of Intensive Care Medicine
ETC	Education and Training Committee
GA	General Assembly
ICM	Intensive Care Medicine
IOI	Internal Operating Instructions
ME	Mandatory Elect
MJCICM	Multidisciplinary Joint Committee for Intensive Care Medicine
N&AHP	Nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
UEMS	European Union of Medical Specialists

Further applicable Documents

- Statutes of the ESICM
- General SOPs of the ESICM

Responsibility

For the content: The Secretary of the ESICM.

For the implementation: The President of the ESICM on behalf of the Executive Committee

Prerequisites for candidates for official ESICM positions

1. Candidates can only apply for one position in the Society. It is not possible to hold two simultaneous positions within the Society.
2. Any elected member may stand as a candidate for a new position in the same year as his or her current term of office ends, i.e. he or she may apply before the General Assembly, only in the last year of his or her mandate.
3. Resignation for any reason before the completion of a mandate does not permit the person to apply for a new position before the theoretical end of the mandate.
If successfully elected for a new position, it is assumed that candidates should stand down from their previous positions at the General Assembly.
4. Candidates for elected or nominated positions must be ICU professionals who devote most of their clinical, research and educational time to intensive care medicine.
5. Candidates for elected or nominated positions are expected to read and accept both the prerequisites to stand and the job descriptions.
6. Candidates for elected or nominated positions should have filled in and signed the ESICM Conflict of Interest Form.
7. Candidates for both nomination and election must serve the interest of ESICM and therefore must respect a framework of principles and rules that govern their conduct regarding ethics and integrity. They are expected to sign the ESICM Code of Conduct AND the specific Code of Conduct for ESICM Elections when standing for an elected position.
8. To apply to an elected position, candidates cannot place themselves under any obligation or time constraint to any international organisation which might affect their ability to act impartially and objectively as ESICM Officers in the best interest of ESICM members, as long as the ESICM mandate or election period is running
9. Candidates for an elected position commit to devoting the necessary time to the organisation and smooth running of tasks within the Committee or Section they apply for.
10. All elected officers can hold positions once, except the ICM & ICMx Editors-in-chief
11. All nominated positions will be for two years, renewable once.
12. No one who has already held two different elected positions in the Executive Committee can stand for further election within 6 years from the end of their last mandate, except the Presidency
13. No one who has already held an elected position in the Executive Committee can apply for any elected position outside the Executive Committee.
14. The ballot shall be open only if there are two or more candidates for an elected office
15. The EC is responsible for monitoring the election process to guarantee diversity and inclusiveness among all candidates.
The EC can extend the candidature period if diversity and inclusiveness are not reflected in the current applications. Examples of this, but not limited to, are situations in which there is only one candidate for several elected positions. If no eligible candidate stands, the Executive Committee will nominate a member from the (Sub-)Committee ad interim until a candidate comes up.

The Executive Committee shall review the application criteria and decide upon the eligibility of each candidate.

Chairperson of the Congress Committee

Prerequisites for Candidates

Profile

- Candidates must be ESICM Ordinary members or Honorary members
- Candidates must be present or past members of the ESICM Elected Council Members
- Candidates must be working in Europe

They are expected to

- Be experienced, accredited senior intensivists
- Hold a university or university-affiliated teaching position
- Have an established track record in education, teaching, research and publication
- Be experienced and competent in the organisation of scientific meetings, at least at the National level and preferably at the international level
- Be in a position to sustain reliable, especially e-mail, communication with the Brussels Office
- Fairly represent all views about intensive care medicine regardless of base speciality and personal scientific interests

This position is high-profile and ambitious and requires a substantial commitment of time and energy. Consequently, the candidates should be willing to commit themselves to the task.

Conditions of participation

Candidates complying with the profile for the job should apply to the ESICM Secretary, using the appropriate application form. The Executive Committee will select candidates based on the pre-established profile according to the information in the application form and compliance with the person specification. Interview attendance may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. Candidates deemed by the Executive Committee to meet the required profile are presented to the Council for election.

Election and term of office

- The Council shall decide by election, the winner being the candidate with the majority of votes. In the case of an equal vote, seniority (in terms of duration of ESICM membership) will decide the outcome; in the case of equal seniority, the vote of the President shall prevail.
- The elected Chairperson will serve for a single two-year term of office.
- Election details and term of office are explained in the General SOPs

Job description

Background information

The Congress Committee is responsible for the scientific development and proceeding of the ESICM Annual Congress and other scientific live events organised by the Society.

Responsibilities

The Chairperson of the Congress Committee is also:

- Voting Member of the Executive Committee and the Council
- Member of the Live Events Management Committee
- Member of the Education and Training Committee
- Member of the European Board of Intensive Care Medicine of UEMS

Specific responsibilities include (non-exhaustive)

- To attend and chair the Congress Committee meetings at least three times a year as well as to attend the meetings of the Live Events Management Committee and the Executive Committee. Should always be available during the ESICM Annual Congress in the Autumn (September or October)
- To ensure the timely preparation and presentation of the ESICM Annual Congress. To accomplish this task, the main job is to coordinate the proposals and activities of the ESICM scientific sections and project groups,

as well as the other members of the programme committee (such as the Chairman of the Research Committee and the Chairman of Education and Training Committee), and in close collaboration with the Congress Team in the ESICM Office.

- To ensure a fair representation of speciality interests in the Annual Congress, a balance of material and participants' views, and sensitivity to political and national considerations.
- To prepare the scientific content of other live events of ESICM, and shared sessions in ESICM or other society congresses.
- To advance the role of the Society in the field of intensive care medicine and develop the discipline at the European and international levels, including participating in the European Board for Intensive Care Medicine (EBICM) depending on UEMS within the EU.
- To develop tools to promote and foster communication within the intensive care community
- To develop and promote scientific knowledge through the organisation of the ESICM Annual Congress and other meetings in conjunction with other associations and partners
- To encourage research projects through the Research Committee and integrate them in the ESICM Annual Congress to foster the exchange of knowledge and competencies
- To actively collaborate with the Education and Training Committee to combine educational and scientific tools

Reporting relationships

The Chairperson of the Congress Committee reports to the Executive Committee, the President, the Council and the General Assembly.

The functions and responsibilities of the Chairman may evolve with time at the behest of the Executive Committee, Council or General Assembly.