

## **THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (ECC)**

### **I. Committee composition and election procedure.**

1. The ECC will have 7 members, a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, the EiC of NDT-Educational@ENP and 2 Ordinary Members;
2. All members must be ERA-EDTA members (categories A and B);
3. All members must be knowledgeable and active in electronic communications (websites, Social Media, etc.);
4. The Chair must be elected by the Council following an open call. A specific template for the candidacy must be used ([http://www.era-edta.org/2019\\_01\\_13\\_ECC\\_Chair\\_CV\\_Template.docx](http://www.era-edta.org/2019_01_13_ECC_Chair_CV_Template.docx)). The term of the Chair is three years and cannot be renewed, however the Chair will remain within the ECC an extra year, as Past Chair, to allow a smooth transition;
5. The term within the ECC for the EiC of NDT-Educational@ENP is the same as his/her term as EiC;
6. It is the Chair who suggests the names of the Vice-Chair, the Secretary and the Ordinary Members to the Council for formal acceptance;
7. The term of the Vice-Chair, the Secretary and the Ordinary Members is the same as the term of the Chair (= three years), thus NOT including the extra year that the Chair remains within the ECC as Past Chair;
8. Communication among members of ECC will normally be organised via the Internet;
9. During elections/voting held within the Committee, in case of an equal number of votes, the Chair has the casting vote.

## II. Duties of committee members.

1. The ECC is responsible for overseeing the electronic communications of the ERA-EDTA, this includes the Social Media activity ([http://www.era-edta.org/2019\\_01\\_13\\_General\\_Social\\_Media\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.era-edta.org/2019_01_13_General_Social_Media_Guidelines.pdf) / [http://www.era-edta.org/2019\\_01\\_13\\_ECC\\_Congress\\_Social\\_Media\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.era-edta.org/2019_01_13_ECC_Congress_Social_Media_Guidelines.pdf) ) and, obviously the ERA-EDTA web-site and all its various sections/pages (with particular focus and attention to ENP – the European Nephrology Portal);
2. The ECC is also responsible for the Social Media Team that is, for example, active during the annual ERA-EDTA Congress ([http://www.era-edta.org/2019\\_01\\_13\\_ECC\\_Social\\_Media\\_Team\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.era-edta.org/2019_01_13_ECC_Social_Media_Team_Rules.pdf) );
3. The ECC must prepare a yearly survey on how the ERA-EDTA website/Social Media is perceived by the ERA-EDTA membership;
4. The ECC is supported in its activities by the ERA-EDTA Operative Headquarters;
5. The ECC Chair must normally give a report to the Council at each meeting (except the post-Congress Council meeting);
6. If possible, the ECC committee members will meet each year during the ERA-EDTA Congress and, in between, if needed, will organise teleconferences in order to coordinate its activities;
7. For the rules regarding the reimbursement policy for ECC committee members who participate in face-to-face meetings, for example organised at the time of the annual ERA-EDTA Congress, one must refer to the "[General Rules for ERA-EDTA Committees](#)";
8. Diplomas for ECC committee members. For this matter one should refer to the appropriate section in the "[General Rules for ERA-EDTA Committees](#)" document;
9. All ERA-EDTA ECC publications, if any, and initiatives must clearly mention the fact that the ECC is an official body of ERA-EDTA. The sentence approved by Council related to this matter is: "*This article (to be adapted accordingly) was written by (to be adapted accordingly) on behalf of the ERA-EDTA ECC which is an official body of the ERA-EDTA (European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association)*".

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