

THE GREEN NEPHROLOGY COMMITTEE (GNC)

I. Committee composition and election procedure.

1. The GNC will have up to 11 members: a Chair and ordinary members;
2. All members must be nominated/confirmed by the Council;
3. The Chair should be a person with an interest in the topic. Candidates should use a specific candidacy application template ([Chair Application Template](#));
4. Ordinary members are: the ERA-EDTA President, the Secretary Treasurer, the Renal Science Chair/Chair of the Administrative Offices, the Clinical Nephrology Governance Chair/Chair of the Registry, the Chair of the Congress Scientific Committee of the up-coming annual Congress, a representative of EDTNA/ERCA and 4 other members. Furthermore, these 4 other members must use a specific template to submit their candidature ([Ordinary Member Application Template](#));
5. The term of the ordinary members is that of their term within the Council (ERA-EDTA President, the Secretary Treasurer, the Renal Science Chair/Chair of the Administrative Offices, the Clinical Nephrology Governance Chair/Chair of the Registry) or linked to their role (Chairs of the Congress Scientific Committee of the annual ERA-EDTA Congresses) or, again, three years. In this last case the person can renew for only one more second three-year term;
6. The term of the Chair is three years and can be renewed only for another three-year term: it will be the Council who will decide on the eventual renewal, provided that the Chair submits a request for a second term using the specific candidate application form template mentioned above;
7. Communication among members of GNC will normally be organised via the Internet;

8. 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 main objective of the GNC is to create a platform within ERA-EDTA to start a dialogue and foster interaction among different stake holders related to the subject of environment and health/disease. Awareness on the topic is another task of the Committee: this can be done by producing position statements, making scientific presentations and organising meetings;
2. All GNC members, especially the Chair and the ordinary members who are not linked to a specific role within the Council and/or the annual ERA-EDTA Congress, should be really motivated and dedicated to environmental issues or have specific knowledge in the topic, or network, or be otherwise useful to the tasks of the Committee;
3. The GNC is supported in its activities by the ERA-EDTA Operative Headquarters;
4. The GNC Chair must normally give a report to the Council at each meeting (except the post-Congress Council meeting);
5. If possible, the GNC 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;
6. For the rules regarding the reimbursement policy for GNC 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](#)";
7. Diplomas for GNC committee members. For this matter one should refer to the appropriate section in the "[General Rules for ERA-EDTA Committees](#)";
8. All ERA-EDTA GNC publications, if any, and initiatives must clearly mention the fact that the GNC 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 GNC which is an official body of the ERA-EDTA (European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association).*

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