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Working Group on “Hypertension and the Brain”

Rules and Regulations

Article 1.

The working group (WG HT & Brain) is established as a working group of the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) according to the by-laws of the ESH. The internal governance of the WG is regulated by ESH Council-approved Rules and Regulations.

Article 2.

The WG encourages research, teaching, and communication of knowledge, and participates in education focused on the effects of high blood pressure and associated cardiovascular risk factors on the brain.

Specific objectives include:

- To promote, organize and/or co-ordinate research on this subject
- To gather and exchange information regarding research and related activities within the working group
- To contribute to the organization, preparation and delivery of the scientific program of the annual ESH Congress and to support and participate in other ESH scientific meetings and symposia
- To organize and participate in educational activities within the ESH
- To organize teaching workshops on suitable topics related to the brain
- To contribute to the organization, preparation and delivery of joint sessions with other relevant national or international societies in scientific meetings
- To promote and organize education on this subject
- To contribute to task forces for the development and implementation of ESH guidelines and joint guidelines with sister societies
- To establish appropriate recommendations for the ESH Council regarding the subject matter of the WG
- To develop position papers and consensus documents on hypertension and the brain in collaboration with sister societies
- To contribute to the content of the ESH website

Article 3.

The Nucleus consists of:

- Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, immediate Past-Chair, Secretary, and four officers.

- Ex-officio members: the Nucleus may nominate ex-officio members to carry out specific tasks

The Chair is elected for a non-renewable period of 2 years. The Vice-Chair automatically becomes the Chair for the following 2 years. A person may not be re-elected to these posts.

The Chair automatically becomes Past-Chair for the following 2 years, after his/her term of office has expired.

The Secretary, the Vice-Chair and the four officers are elected for 2 years, renewable for a further 2 years. After these 4-years, a person may not be re-elected to these posts during the following 4 years.

The ex-officio members are appointed for 2 years, renewable for a further 2 years.

Article 4.

The Secretary, with the agreement of the Chair, is responsible for preparing an annual report on the activities of the WG for the ESH Council and the membership, to be presented and approved at the Annual General Assembly.

Article 5.

The members of the WG Nucleus will elect the Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary). In order to guarantee continuity, the position of Vice-Chair will only be open to an Officer who has been a member of the Nucleus for at least 2-years.

Article 6.

The Nucleus will consist of members with a proven record in the field of hypertension and the brain. Potential members should apply to the Chair by submitting a brief (one page) curriculum vitae including relevant references related to the subject of the working group. The Chair will ratify the application, but may ask for advice from the other Officers if deemed appropriate. If an application is rejected there is no obligation to provide reasons to the applicant.

Article 7.

The Nucleus will meet at least once a year at the annual ESH Congress. The Nucleus may meet in conjunction with other events and hold conference calls when required.

Article 8.

The General Assembly will be held once a year during the annual ESH Congress. The agenda of the General Assembly will be drawn up by the Chair.