



EPMA-YPS Statutes

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

The official name of the section shall be the “The European Association for Predictive, Preventive and Personalised Medicine. Young Professionals Section” (hereinafter referred to as the EPMA-YPS).

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

- To introduce young researchers and clinicians to the field of Predictive and Personalised Medicine;
- To educate students about the main principals of PPPM (in order to help medical schools);
- As the official branch of young researchers and clinician in EPMA, to play an advisory role for PPPM-related international and national projects;
- To promote initiation of the primary research projects, within the frame of EPMA’s PPPM strategy;
- To create an international network of young scientists, medical undergraduate and postgraduate students and representatives of other health/life science specialties. This network would help facilitate the global remodelling of medicine for future generations, with reference to the PPPM framework ;
- To devise a basis for effectively introducing new PPPM members into the field of PPPM at the international level;
- To promote collaborations between young scientists and other (medical and health-related) representatives globally as a crucial step for successful partnerships between Universities, research laboratories and Pharma and Techological companies;

- To publicise the concept of PPPM by utilising different internet resources and other types of mass media;
- To enable young researchers to partake in the discussion of problems associated with implementing aspects of PPPM (both fundamental and clinical application)
- The final goal of EPMA-YPS is to recruit and educate of future young professionals interested in disseminating the concept of PPPM.

In fulfilling these objectives, the EPMA-YPS shall be guided by the established socio-cultural and ethical principles of the international medical profession.

ARTICLE 3: POLICY

The policies of the EPMA- YPS shall be formulated and implemented by the EPMA's Working Group, within the provisions of the Statute and as set out by the General Meeting.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the association shall consist of:

- undergraduate students
- postgraduate students
- young professionals (aged below 35 yrs) in areas related to medicine (biologists, physicists, chemists, molecular biologists, medical professionals, etc.), economy, law

Regular members are elected to branches that inform the Working Group. The EPMA-YPS membership procedure is being carried through by prospective applicants completing an application form, which is then subject to approval by The Working Group.

The rights and duties of EPMA-YPS members are:

1. to follow the principles of this Statute;
2. to adhere to the principles of medical ethics and to not compromise the reputation of the EPMA-YPS (and the medical profession) by improper conduct;
3. to enhance and improve their knowledge in PPPM;
4. to promote high quality of publications of the EPMA- YPS;
5. to elect EPMA-YPS BOARD-members;
6. to submit proposals and comments on the activities of the EPMA-YPS and its members;

7. to ensure members have the right to be elected in executive bodies of the EPMA- YPS, its branches and related professional societies;
8. to effect decisions of the EPMA- YPS bodies;
9. to honour and protect the interests of the EPMA- YPS as a whole, as well as those of its individual members;

ARTICLE 5: Working Group

The Working Group of the EPMA-YPS shall consist of the follow members:

- EPMA-YPS Representative delegated to the EPMA- BOARD of Directors
- International representatives from each country
- System administrator
- Treasurer

The Working Group shall have the power:

- To administer the affairs of the EPMA-YPS in accordance with the provisions of this statute;
- To exercise such powers as may be exercised by the EPMA- YPS;
- To co-opt additional members to the Working Group as deemed necessary. Such members shall enjoy all the benefits of Working Group members, but will not be allowed to vote;
- To formulate and implement policies in accordance to Article 3.

ARTICLE 6: Duties of the Working Group and Its Officials

The duties of the Working Group shall include:

- The enrolment of members;
- Taking appropriate action to safeguard and/or to further the interests of the EPMA-YPS, and to protect the interests of its members;
- Convening the statutory general meeting and other general meetings;
- Bringing before meetings any matter considered necessary;
- Holding Working Group meetings as required;
- Holding and controlling the funds of the EPMA- YPS;
- Delegating one or more members to represent the Union in any legal proceedings;
- Appointing sub-committees for any specific activity or responsibility. Each sub-committee shall report back to the Working Group.

The duties of the EPMA-YPS Representatives shall include:

- Convening all general meetings and Working Group meetings;
- Presiding at Working Group meetings;
- At general meetings, to initiate election (by the assembly) of a meeting chairman;
- Addressing the annual general meeting and reporting on the activities of the Association during the previous year;
- To notify members of the Working Group of any general meeting Arrangements;
- To preserve and file all letters received by any other EPMA official;
- To keep an updated roll of all members, their titles, qualifications, addresses and professional status;
- To deal with all correspondence and to sign all official notices and communications of the Association;
- To liaise with all international bodies communicating with the EPMA- YPS;
- To present a written report to the Working Group whenever a delegate attends an international event;

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS AND METHODS OF ELECTION

- The elections of the Working Group shall take place every three years except when the whole Working Group resigns prior to its term of office. In such cases, elections shall be held immediately.
- All elections shall be conducted by the EPMA-YPS Electoral Commission which shall be appointed at the annual statutory.
- The EPMA-YPS Electoral Commission shall be composed of three election commissioners (one of whom shall be elected to chair) and two substitute election commissioners
- Elections shall be held in the following manner:
A ballot shall be held among all eligible members of the EPMA- PS to elect five members to the Working Group. Candidates shall be from all eligible members. Each eligible member may vote for a maximum of five candidates. The five with the highest number of votes obtained shall be elected as Working Group members. EPMA-YPS Representative delegated to the EPMA-BOARD of Directors, International representatives from each country and Treasurer shall be elected by a simple majority vote from among the five Working Group members elected in this ballot

- Every EPMA-YPS Representative delegated to the EPMA-BOARD of Directors shall not be eligible to hold office for more than two consecutive three-year terms of office.

ARTICLE 8: INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

A major goal of EPMA-YPS is to promote EU-funded education and training opportunities to early career researchers to allow movement of young professionals from EPMA member countries (and associated countries) between academic institutions, and/or private industry partners. The mission of EPMA-YPS is to identify interested members, in order to support them in their endeavours for further research training. Many funding bodies are actively promoting funding calls for individual fellowships and for research networks, in order to encourage young professionals in sharing their knowledge and skills in mutually beneficial training collaborations. EPMA-YPS is keen to offer their expertise in helping young professionals, from a range of backgrounds, to identify useful international contacts, to provide support for them in applying for funding and to gain travel fellowships for research activities.