

# Regulations of ESSR Young Club Non-Statutory Committee

## 1. Introduction

The European Society of Musculoskeletal Radiology (ESSR) is a scientific society with the aim of promoting musculoskeletal radiology by supporting education, training and research as described in article 2 of the society statutes. Committees are created as required within the Society to support and strengthen the work of the Executive Committee (ExCom). Special interest subcommittees have been created to provide support and guidance to the ExCom of ESSR in the execution of educational activities. This document outlines the operational policy and regulations of the ESSR Young Club, as non-statutory committee within group of ESSR committees and subcommittees.

## 2. Overall Regulation

According to article 15 of the statutes of ESSR, the ExCom will approve all activities of the committees and subcommittees. The regulations of the committees and subcommittees are subject to review by the ExCom.

## 3. ESSR Young Club Objectives and Activities

### 3.1. Objectives of the ESSR Young Club

The ESSR Young Club is a non-statutory committee of the ESSR consisting of professionally young physicians, scientists and other professionals involved in the field of musculoskeletal radiology as well as related research. The objectives of the ESSR Young Club Committee, henceforth called Young Club, are solely to advance further education in the musculoskeletal imaging subspecialty, encouraging teaching, research and harmonious interchange and integration of all young professionals with an interest in this field. Young club shall be apolitical in all its actions.

### 3.2. Function of the Young Club

The activities of the Young Club may include:

- to undertake appropriate activities as determined by the Chairpersons and ExCom
- to liaise with other Committees and Sub-committees as necessary
- to provide reports on activities to the ExCom
- Contribution to the scientific and/ or educational program of the annual Congress
- Provision of educational courses separate from the annual Congress
- Active participation in the ESSR educational platform, creation of educational material and promotion of new educational activities
- Promotion of research in MSK radiology
- Liaising and coordinating with other ESSR subcommittees & committees

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- Fostering links with radiological societies of other subspecialties and non-radiological MSK societies (e.g. grants to attend non radiological meetings, conjoined sessions with other societies, interchange of speakers ...)
- Other activities as deemed appropriate by individual subcommittees under approval of the ExCom.

#### 4. Young Club Membership

4.1. ESSR Young Club Membership is free of charge. ESSR membership in good standing is considered a prerequisite.

4.2. Any ESSR Member meeting the eligibility criteria stated in article 3.2.3. may apply to be member of the ESSR Young Club Committee.

4.3. ESSR Young Club recognizes three types of membership: Active Member, Visiting Member and Alumni member.

4.3.1.1. Active Young Club members shall be radiology residents and fellows in training, regardless of their age, and young radiologists under the age of 35 years or within 2 years of finishing radiology residency or fellowship.

4.3.1.2. Active Young Club membership shall only be open to radiology residents, radiology fellows, radiologists active in Europe or with a European nationality.

4.3.2.1. Visiting Young Club members shall be PhD students and medical students up to 35 years of age with interest in Musculoskeletal radiology. Radiology residents, radiology fellows and young radiologist not meeting the criteria in article 4.3.1.2. may apply for the ESSR Young Club Visiting membership.

4.3.3.1. Young Club membership automatically expires when eligibility criteria are no longer met.

4.3.3.2. The Active ESSR Young Club membership automatically transfers to ESSR Young Club Alumni membership when eligibility criteria in articles 4.3.1.1. or 4.3.1.2. are no longer met.

#### 5. Rights and duties of members

5.1. All Young Club members shall be entitled to attend the on-location meetings of the Young Club and to make appropriate use of its facilities.

5.2. Active, visiting and alumni members shall be subject to ESSR membership dues as determined by the General Assembly.

5.3. Only active members shall have a vote in the Young Club meetings as well as the right to vote and to stand for Young Club Chairperson elections.

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5.4. The Young Club shall pass its resolutions by a simple majority of votes; in case of a tie, the Young Club Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

5.5. The Young Club Chairperson shall be the chair of Young Club meetings. In his/her absence, the meeting shall be chaired by the Past Young Club Chairperson. If the latter is also absent, the meeting shall be presided over by the Young Club Chairperson -Elect.

5.6. Young Club Members shall have the right to be informed about the activities of the ESSR Young Club.

5.7. Members shall be obliged to further the interests of the ESSR and ESSR Young Club to the best of their abilities and to refrain from any action which could harm the reputation and the purpose of the ESSR and ESSR Young Club. They are to observe the Statutes of the Society, the ESSR Young Club and the resolutions of its organs.

## 6. Young Club Chairpersons

6.1. The Young Club Chairpersons (the Young Club Chairperson-Elect, Young Club Chairperson and Past-Young Club Chairperson) will coordinate the activities of the ESSR Young Club.

6.2. The Young Club Chairpersons will be appointed based on election held among eligible Active members of the ESSR Young Club. Visiting members and Alumni members may not actively participate in the election of the Young Club chairperson in accordance with article 5.3.

6.3. For the sake of continuity of the activities of the Young Club, the elected candidate will be appointed by the ExCom for a period of total 3 years, copying the continuity structure laid in the statutes of the society. The Young Club Chairperson-Elect shall after a period of 1 year automatically proceed to the position of the Young Club Chairperson and the Young Club Chairperson to the position of the Past - Young Club Chairperson, providing that these persons stand as candidates for these offices.

6.4. The term of office of the Young Club Chairperson-Elect, Young Club Chairperson and Past-Young Club Chairperson shall be one year each.

6.5. The term of office of the Young Club Chairpersons will be commencing at the annual ESSR Congress

6.6. Application to become a new chairperson-elect will either be by nomination or self-nomination from Young Club members to the existing chairperson. The existing chairperson should make requests for nominations during the Young Club meeting at the ECR. In the event of more than one nominee, the existing chairperson will be responsible for organising a ballot of Young Club active members to vote for the election of the new Chairperson-elect. This election can be organised electronically together with the ESSR Office and all eligible ESSR Young Club members (active Young Club members in good standing with ESSR) will be

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invited to vote. The election will take place before the annual ESSR meeting, so that the appointment of the new Chairperson-elect can be approved at the following ExCom meeting (online or onsite). The appointment of the new Young Club Chairpersons will be announced at the annual general assembly.

6.7. A chairperson may nominate a vice-Chairperson to assist in the activities of the Young Club. It is preferable that the vice-Chairperson comes from another country, always trying to keep a geographical balance in the ESSR officers. The vice-Chairperson nomination must be approved by all Young Club Chairpersons. Vice-Chairperson is not automatically appointed as successor in line of the Chairperson of the Young Club. Election process for a Young Club Chairperson is open to all Active Young Club members.

6.8. Apart from death and the expiration of the term of office, the office of a Young Club Chairpersons shall come to an end if the member is relieved of his office and in the case of resignation.

6.9. The Young Club Chairpersons may at any time submit their resignation in writing. The resignation shall be submitted to the remaining Young Club Chairpersons, or in the case of the resignation of all three Young Club Chairpersons, to the ExCom. The resignation of all three Young Club Chairpersons shall become effective only upon election of a new Young Club Chairperson.

6.10. If the position of any of the officers of the Young Club Chairpersons falls vacant for what ever reason the remaining Chairpersons shall elect one of Young Club members to fill this position. The term of office will be the remaining time in office of the person who held the position before it felt vacant.

6.11. The ExCom must approve any exceptions to these regulations. At the end of the period of chairmanship, a summary of the activity should be sent to the Office and the ExCom.

## 7. Rights and duties of the Young Club Chairpersons

7.1. The chairperson will organize Young Club meeting at least twice a year, at the ECR and at the annual ESSR Congress. The chairperson will keep a record of the minutes of the meeting and provide reports to the ExCom.

7.2. Young Club Chairpersons are expected to be proactive and substantially support the ESSR Young Club activities.

7.3. The Young Club Chairpersons are responsible for maintaining a record of members' names and contact details together with the Office. This will be made available to the ExCom upon request.

7.5. The Young Club Chairpersons are expected to be proactive in approaching new Young Club members and supporting the growth of the ESSR Young Club network.

7.6. The Young Club Chairpersons will be responsible for notifying members of the time and date of all Young Club meetings. The chairperson will distribute an agenda prior to the meeting to all members and forward it to the ESSR Office. Any further request for additional points of discussion to agenda can be made during the meeting. The chairperson will also distribute the minutes of each meeting to all active members of the Young Club.

7.7. The Young Club Chairpersons shall organize a Young Club Session during the annual ESSR Congress

7.8. The Young Club Chairpersons shall moderate the Young Club Session during the annual ESSR Congress. The Young Club Chairpersons may nominate Active Young Club member as a substitute moderator for the Young Club Session.

7.9. The Young Club Chairpersons shall provide written reports on activities to the ExCom at least least twice a year, at the ECR and at the annual ESSR Congress.

#### 8. Hibernation of the Young Club

8.1. If no eligible Active Young Club member shall be (self)nominated for the Young Club Chairperson and term of office of the last active Past-Young Club Chairperson should expire the term of office shall be extended for one additional term of office of one year, pending agreement of the last active Past-Young Club Chairperson.

8.2. If the last active Past-Young Club Chairperson is not available for the extended term of office or if no replacement is found before the extended term of office expires the last active Past-Young Club Chairperson shall handover the Young Club Member database and access to Young Club communication channels in accessible form to the ESSR office. Final report of ongoing and finalized activities as described in the article 7.9. shall be forwarded to ExCom and ESSR office.

8.3. New (self)nominated candidate for the chairperson-elect meeting criteria in article 6.2. shall be appointed by the ExCom for the remaining time in office until the annual ESSR Congress and shall then automatically proceed to the position of the Young Club Chairperson according to article 6.3. Requests for nominations for the next Chairperson-elect should take place according to article 6.6. or at least before the annual ESSR Congress.

#### 9. Liquidation of the Young Club

9.1. The voluntary liquidation of the Young Club may only be resolved with the majority of votes of Active Young Club during an Extraordinary Young Club meeting convened for this purpose.

9.2. This extraordinary Young Club Meeting for purpose of liquidation of the Young Club shall reach a quorum if at least 30 Active Young Club members entitled to vote are

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present. If the Extraordinary Young Club meeting does not reach a quorum at the scheduled starting time, it shall begin fifteen minutes later. If the quorum is not reached fifteen minutes later the Young Club Chairperson will forward the liquidation request to the ESSR ExCom.

9.3. With the liquidation request the handover of the Young Club Member database and access to Young Club communication channels in accessible form to the ESSR office will take place as described in article 8.2.



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