

THE YOUNG NEPHROLOGISTS' PLATFORM (YNP)

I. Members.

1. Ordinary Members of the YNP are young nephrologists, 40 years of age or younger, working in the areas of interest of the ERA-EDTA;
2. Once accepted as an Ordinary Member, the person will remain as such until the end of the year in which he/she has reached 40 years of age;
3. Ordinary Members must be ERA-EDTA members (categories A and B);
4. All ERA-EDTA Junior Members automatically become YNP Ordinary Members (there is an opt out option if an ERA-EDTA Junior Member (categories A and B) does not wish to be part of YNP);
5. Communication, collaboration and education among members of YNP will be organised via the Internet.

II. Board.

1. The YNP Board consists of a Chair, 5 other elected Board Members plus, *ex officio* members, these last ones being the previous 3 winners of the "Stanley Shaldon Award for young investigators". Once the number of Award winners has increased to 3, the Board will have a total of 9 members;
2. All Board members must be ERA-EDTA Full members (categories A and B): exceptions to this rule can be done only for the winners of the "Stanley Shaldon Award for young investigators";
3. The winner of the "Stanley Shaldon Award for young investigators" each year automatically becomes a member of the YNP Board. The term is 3 years after winning the Award. The requirement to be 37 years of age or younger at the time of joining the Board does not apply to the Award winners;

4. The Chair is elected by the Board from among the Board members: this must be done at least one month prior to the end of the term of the current Chair;
5. The Chair and the elected Board members must be approved by the ERA-EDTA Council;
6. The term for YNP Board Members is 3 years and cannot be renewed (an exception was made for the founding members who stayed on the Board for up to 5 years). If a YNP member is not active or under the minimum required activity they could be substituted, in order for this to happen a YNP Board majority vote must be reached;
7. The new Board Members are elected by the current Board Members;
8. At the beginning of his/her term on the YNP Board, a candidate cannot be older than 37 years;
9. The term of office for the Chair is 2 years and he/she then remains on the YNP Board for one further year to help continuity. This term of office is in addition to any period already served on the Board and the age limit of 40 years does not apply;
10. During elections/voting held within the Board, in case of an equal number of votes, the Chair has the casting vote;
11. The ERA-EDTA Council nominated the "YNP Advisors". They will assist the YNP Board in their communication with the Council as well as with any other matter that may be necessary. The YNP Advisors will be the President and the Secretary-Treasurer. If they attend a YNP Board meeting they will have a voice but not a vote.

III. Board election procedures:

1. Ordinary YNP Members are informed of forthcoming vacancies in the YNP Board at least 1 month before they occur, and a call for candidates is posted on the website;
2. The acceptance criteria for the YNP Board Member are the following:

- a. he/she must be an ERA-EDTA member (categories A and B);
 - b. must be under 37 years of age;
 - c. must be the 1st author of at least one of three accepted abstracts at international congresses (at least one must be an ERA-EDTA Congress) in the last five years.
3. The Chair is responsible for making the call for candidates, collecting the candidatures and verifying the documents submitted, and organising the election of Board members. ERA-EDTA will provide secretarial support to assist the Chair in his/her duties;
 4. To initiate the Board, 6 members will be elected (one will become the Chair) and there will be 1 Award winner. The initial 6 elected members will stay on the Board for 3-5 years; after 3 years, 2 will leave each year in decreasing order of age, i.e. oldest first, and be replaced by 2 new elected members. One Award winner will join each year and, after 3 years, one Award winner will also leave each year. After this period the normal term and thus Board member rotation will be applied;
 5. When a YNP Member submits his/her application for the Board, he/she must send his/her candidate application form (http://www.era-edta.org/2019_02_03_YNP_CV_template.docx);
 6. The six YNP elected board members must all reside in different Countries.

IV. Duties of Board Members:

1. The Chair of the YNP Board will be invited each year to the ERA-EDTA Pre-Congress Council Meeting to present a report of the YNP activities in the previous year and the future proposals of the Board. A financial balance, and budget related to the YNP activities, must also be presented at this meeting (see point 3 below);
2. Members of the YNP Board can/will be involved in Working Groups, SAB, Congress Scientific Committees and other ERA-EDTA initiatives, either by personal application or by invitation from the Council. The YNP Board is expected to give suggestions to the main ERA-EDTA bodies mentioned above with regard to specific matters (or by personal application or by invitation), but the final decision on how to proceed/act remains in the hands of the main ERA-EDTA body responsible. If other Societies are involved in the activities of the YNP Board, the ERA-EDTA President and Secretary-Treasurer must always be informed;

3. The YNP Board will direct the day-to-day activities of the YNP. The Board will have a special budget which must be prepared by the Board and presented to the Council on a yearly basis, together with an activity report, for formal approval by the Council. This will normally be done at the pre-Congress Council Meetings. If and when the YNP receives support for its initiatives through sponsors, the money must be transferred to ERA-EDTA. ERA-EDTA will then earmark the amount so that it can be used by the YNP for its activities (provided that the Council has approved them). Sponsorship money can be transferred to future years if not spent in the year in which it is granted;
4. The activities/topics linked to the work of the YNP should be presented every year in a public session or sessions during the annual ERA-EDTA Congress. The format of this/these presentations will be determined by the Chair of the Congress Scientific Committee, approved by the Council but suggested by the YNP;
5. The YNP Board 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 YNP Board Members who participate in face-to-face meetings, for example organised at the time of the annual ERA-EDTA Congress and at the SEID (if any is organised), one must refer to the "[*General Rules for ERA-EDTA Committees*](#)";
7. Diplomas for YNP Board Members. For this matter one should refer to the appropriate section in the "[*General Rules for ERA-EDTA Committees*](#)";
8. The YNP Board will contact all National Societies of Nephrology to stimulate recruitment of young nephrologists to the YNP and to encourage their young members to participate in ERA-EDTA activities and be offered the special privileges related to their age;
9. All ERA-EDTA YNP publications, if any, and initiatives must clearly mention the fact that the YNP 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 YNP which is an official body of*

the ERA-EDTA (European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association).

ERA-EDTA will provide secretarial support to assist the Chair in his/her duties, the cost of this support must be included in the annual YNP budget.

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