

## **AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER SOCIETIES**

ERA-EDTA is very keen in collaborating with other societies in furtherance of the objectives of the Society.

Decisions regarding any kind of collaboration are done by the Council.

Normally the collaboration is always linked to an agreement between ERA-EDTA and the other Society. The agreements must be balanced so that both Societies receive the same kind of benefits (i.e. visibility, reimbursement, etc.). The agreement must be signed by the Presidents of the respective Societies.

### **I. “Ambassador” programme.**

ERA-EDTA has started an “Ambassador” programme with certain Societies.

“Ambassadors” are experts in the field of that specific Society, nominated by the Society itself, who are invited to take part in the main programme of the ERA-EDTA Congress. The number and frequency of “Ambassadors” present at the Congress is determined by an agreement between ERA-EDTA and the other Society.

It is the responsibility of the Chair of the Congress Scientific Programme, and thus the Council, to allocate the “Ambassadors” within the appropriate session.

The “Ambassadors” receive the same benefits as all the other speakers at the annual ERA-EDTA Congress.

Due visibility to the “Ambassadors” and the Society they represent, must be given in the Congress programme.

The other Society must reciprocate in a similar way (as outlined in the agreement).

### **II. Duties/Requirements of speakers representing ERA-EDTA.**

1. Any speaker, or participant, representing ERA-EDTA, must be a current ERA-EDTA member (categories A and B);

2. After the event the speaker/chair must submit a written report to the ERA-EDTA President; this short report should include the approximate number of attendants; the interest in the topics presented, the visibility of ERA-EDTA, etc;
3. All the speakers will be requested to use the ERA-EDTA slide template for their presentation and, if this is not possible, to include the ERA-EDTA logo as the first or last slide in their presentation.

### **III. Speaker reimbursement policy.**

Unless otherwise specified in the single agreements, all speakers representing ERA-EDTA will receive the reimbursement according to the rules of the host Society: ERA-EDTA will not cover any kind of costs related to the task.

### **IV. Selection of the ERA-EDTA representatives.**

The five ex-officio Council members make a list of 4-6 "Ambassadors" for each of the other Society Congresses. Council members will then be asked to vote for 1 or 2 names (according to the number of "Ambassadors" indicated in the specific agreement) from this list. Council members as well as SAB members can be asked to add names of speakers who fit the research area to be covered.

The following parameters for the final selection will be applied:

1. Number of times the potential speaker has been invited as a speaker to an ERA-EDTA, ASN and ISN Congress over the last two years;
2. Hirsh Index of the speaker (calculated using Google Scholar and taking into consideration the last 5 years);
3. Council members are preferred "Ambassadors" and they will receive an extra 10% to the total score of the above two points.

### **V. Special cases (ERA-EDTA Highlights).**

ERA-EDTA Highlight can be presented at other Society Congresses/Meetings. For this to happen a signed agreement must be in place. It is the responsibility of the Council to decide upon this matter.

The Council is also in charge of deciding the topics to be presented that must have been topics of the annual ERA-EDTA Congress.

The presentations delivered must be those linked to the sessions that were remarkable concerning the specific topics at the annual ERA-EDTA Congress.

Coverage costs: mutual agreements must be included in the agreement regarding this matter and it must be balanced. Exceptions may be possible, but should be discussed and agreed upon between the two societies in advance. ERA-EDTA is responsible for covering travel/accommodation costs for its speakers/chairs if needed, if this happens the parameters to be applied are those included in the "[General Rules for ERA-EDTA Committees](#)".

**VI. Extra parameters to be taken into consideration when the speakers are shortlisted for the ERA-EDTA Highlight sessions.**

1. The speakers should be members of the ERA-EDTA and should have taken part in the ERA-EDTA congress of which the highlights will be presented;
2. A rotation of speakers is recommended. Unless necessary due to exceptional circumstances, the same ERA-EDTA speakers will not be re-proposed for at least 2 years;
3. At least one of the speakers must be younger than 45 and/or at least one must be a woman.

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