

Constitution of the European Board for Accreditation in Pneumology (EBAP)

Article I – Objectives

The objectives of the European Board for Accreditation in Pneumology (hereafter called EBAP) are to:

1. maintain and develop knowledge, skills and competencies of respiratory care professionals, consistent with the recommendations issued by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), the Member States of the European Union and the European Respiratory Society;
2. improve the quality of Continuing Medical Education (hereafter called CME) in the field of respiratory medicine;
3. grant CME accreditation to international meetings, congresses, distance learning activities, enduring materials and other forms of educational materials which contribute to the continuing education and training of respiratory care professionals.

Article II – Powers and means of action

In order to achieve its objectives, and for no other purpose, EBAP will:

1. encourage and support continuing education in respiratory medicine;
2. promote, harmonise and implement CME and CPD (continuous professional development) quality standards in Europe (as defined by the WHO as the WHO European Region);
3. monitor the development of international CME in Europe, provide appropriate recommendations if necessary and assure the dissemination of relevant information
4. facilitate the establishment of European standards and activities in CME accreditation;
5. follow the recommendations, pertaining to accreditation, issued by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) and the Member States of the European Union where appropriate;
6. collaborate with other national and international organisations having similar objectives or similar functions;
7. function as the accrediting authority for international CME activities in respiratory medicine in Europe;
8. advise national accrediting bodies regarding CME accreditation in respiratory medicine in their countries.

Article III – Status and Domicile

EBAP is a not-for-profit, international Association constituted in accordance with Articles 60 *et sequitur* of the Swiss Civil Code. The domicile of EBAP is Lausanne, Switzerland. This may be moved elsewhere within Europe, as determined by the governing bodies.

Article IV – Membership

The members of EBAP are:

1. The Forum of European Respiratory Societies (FERS) as constituted by its annual meeting
2. The European Respiratory Society (ERS)

Article V – The Governing Bodies

The governing bodies of EBAP are:

1. the full Committee of FERS
2. the Executive Committee of the ERS.

They shall have, separately, the following prerogatives:

- nominate members to the Management Council;
- adopt the annual report prepared by the Management Council;
- approve the annual budget and accounts;
- approve all internal regulations necessary to the smooth running of EBAP, made by the Management Council;
- decide on changing the domicile of EBAP;
- modify the Statutes, on proposal from the members and/or the Management Council;
- decide on the dissolution of the Management Council and/or of EBAP.

Article VI – Management Council

The Management Council shall direct and conduct the general activities of EBAP

The Management Council shall consist of four members nominated by the Forum of European Respiratory Societies and three members nominated by the European Respiratory Society.

Management Council members shall serve for two years, renewable once.

The Management Council shall elect a president, a treasurer and a secretary from its members. The president shall be one of the members nominated by the Forum of European Respiratory Societies, the treasurer shall be one of the members nominated by the ERS.

The Management Council shall make decisions by majority vote. A quorum of five members is required to make a decision. The Management Council may make decisions by postal or electronic voting.

Observers without voting rights may attend the Management Council's meetings.

The Management Council may appoint Task forces, special Committees, to help achieve its aims.

Article VII – Secretariat

The Management Council will appoint a coordinator to assist its activities

Article VIII– Resources

EBAP shall draw its resources from payment of services rendered, FERS and ERS contributions, public or private grants, authorised donations and bequests.

Any surplus generated after the running costs of EBAP have been met, shall be used for the purposes of improving respiratory medicine in Europe through ERS.

Article IX – Authorised Actions

In legal actions, EBAP shall be represented by the President and one other member of the Management Council.

The President and the designated member may delegate their authority for specific purposes to facilitate the running of EBAP.

Members of EBAP, the secretariat and such committees and task forces as may be set up, shall incur no personal liability in respect of the commitments of EBAP.

Article X – Dissolution of EBAP

The dissolution of EBAP shall be decided on by an affirmative vote of both members.

The remaining assets after meeting all liabilities shall be divided equally between the two members.