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# **Terms and conditions for EBJIS Membership**

These terms and conditions form the basis of the agreement through which the European Bone and Joint Infection Society, hereafter EBJIS, will deliver membership services to you as a member of EBJIS.

These terms and conditions apply to each individual applying for EBJIS Membership. By submitting the membership application documents, the candidate expresses agreement with the terms and conditions as outlined below.

## Membership categories

#### 1. Ordinary Members

Individuals active clinically or scientifically in the field of Musculoskeletal Infections (Bone and Joint Infections), showing appropriate experience and training in the field, may become Ordinary Members.

The Executive Committee shall confirm that the applicant meets the requirements for membership, with appropriate experience and commitment in the field of Musculoskeletal Infections (Bone and Joint Infections). If approved, the applicant will be presented to the next General Assembly for approval. Ordinary Members have the right to vote at the General Assembly.

### 2. Emeritus Members

Ordinary Members may become Emeritus Members only when they cease their professional activities in Bone and Joint Infections. Ordinary Members must apply in writing to the Executive Committee for approval. Emeritus Members are exempted from the annual membership fee. They may not become Members of the Executive Committee. Emeritus Members have the right to vote at the General Assembly.

## 3. Distinguished Members

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the title Distinguished Member may be awarded by the General Assembly. Distinguished Members are exempted from the annual membership fee and the Congress registration fee. They may not become Members of the Executive Committee.

Distinguished Members have the right to vote at the General Assembly.



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#### **Benefits**

- 1. Preferential EBJIS Annual Meeting registration fee
- 2. Become an EBJIS Fellow: Apply now for the annual Travelling Fellowship program https://www.ebjis.org/fellowship
- 3. Submit manuscript to the EBJIS Journal <a href="http://www.jbji.net/ms/submit">http://www.jbji.net/ms/submit</a> . EBJIS Members receive 30% of discount
- 4. Access all EBJIS Newsletters and all the recent news related to Bone and Joint Infection
- 5. Access the EBJIS Annual General Assembly with voting rights on key decisions.
- 6. Access the EBJIS Forum community that encourages discussion and collaboration between the EBJIS Members on clinical cases
- 7. The Executive Committee support Members who organise Infection meetings and promote them among our Members and in the EBJIS website
- 8. Apply for a Country Delegate position- a Committee which serves to improve the promotion of the EBJIS in Europe, to facilitate contacts with interested colleagues and to encourage Bone and Joint Infection centres in Europe
- 9. Apply for being a Member of the EBJIS Abroad Committee, which is a new Committee to design and deliver education on Bone and Joint Infection in Resource-Poor Regions.

## **Application process and requirements**

May become **Ordinary members** only those individuals who are active clinically or scientifically in the field of Musculoskeletal Infections (Bone and Joint Infections), showing appropriate experience and training in the field. Applications for Ordinary membership have to be submitted online and must be addressed to the Executive Committee for consideration by the General Assembly. Each letter of application must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae, list of publications and reference letter (optional) in bone and joint infection

The final submission deadline is two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

May become **Emeritus Members** only those Ordinary members who have ceased their professional activities in Bone and Joint Infections. Applications for Emeritus membership have to be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee for approval. The final submission deadline is two weeks before the Annual Meeting.



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Upon Executive Committee proposal the title **Distinguished Member** will be approved and awarded by the General Assembly.

## Membership term, renewal and cancellation policy

EBJIS membership becomes effective with the final approval by the General Assembly at the beginning of September for the first year. Thereafter, the membership is based on the calendar year, always starting on 1 January.

Members may spontaneously withdraw their membership by submitting a membership cancellation request to <a href="mailto:info@ebjis.org">info@ebjis.org</a>, subject to six months' notice, in writing to the Executive Committee.

No refunds will be provided unless the above notice requirements are complied with.

Once the payment of your membership has occurred, it will still be possible to cancel your membership, but we are not obliged to offer a refund if notice has not been given.

Entrants paying by credit card agree their card to be charged again automatically with the applying membership fee.

#### **Termination of Membership**

Members may spontaneously withdraw their membership by submitting a membership cancellation request, subject to six months' notice, in writing to the Executive Committee.

Membership can be cancelled at any time. All Members who fail to pay their Membership fees for a period of two years, shall be excluded from EBJIS, but can be reinstated if the outstanding fees are paid.

The General Assembly, by a majority vote of two-thirds of the attending Members, may exclude any Member who:

- a) behaved against the aims and ethical principles of EBJIS; and/or
- b) behaved without due care or honesty in public or professional life.

#### **Membership Fee**

The annual membership fee for Ordinary Member is EUR 130.

Emeritus and Distinguished Members are exempted from the annual membership fee.

The 1<sup>st</sup> year of membership (September to December) is offered, there is no membership fee.



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However, all the recent approved members shall settle the membership fee payment of the following year at the same year of the approval, otherwise the failure to do so will be considered as not joining the Society.

The latest deadline to settle the membership fee is 31<sup>st</sup> December.

## Method of payments

Your EBJIS membership fee can be paid by:

- a) Bank transfer (EBJIS) bank details provided in the invoice) or
- b) Credit card payment

## Invoice/Receipt of payment

Members will receive an automatically generated payment receipt when paying by credit card or an invoice with all bank contact details when paying by bank transfer.

#### **Data protection**

You acknowledge and agree that we may monitor your use of your membership account.

We may record, retain and use for monitoring, statistical analysis or marketing purposes information on or from your access to and use of your membership account. Please see our Privacy Policy for more information on how and for what purposes we use your personal data.

We shall treat as confidential and shall not (other than where permitted or compelled to do so by any Applicable Law) use or disclose to any person any Confidential Information nor permit its disclosure. For the purposes of these terms and conditions, Confidential Information means all information (in whatever form) which is not publicly known.

By accepting these terms and conditions you give us your consensus to use your data (name, last name, email, address) for sending you further communications related to the Society.

## By accessing or using the EBJIS/m-anage account, you agree to this Statement and Responsibilities:

- 1. Users will not use any false personal information, or create an account for anyone other than themselves without permission.
- 2. Users will keep their contact information accurate and up to date.



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- 3. Users will not upload viruses or other malicious code.
- 4. Users will not do anything that could disable, overburden, or impair the proper working of this platform, such as a denial of service attack.
- 5. Users will not use this platform to do anything unlawful, misleading, malicious, or discriminatory.
- 6. Users will not use EBJIS copyrights, or any confusingly similar trademarks, without EBJIS's written permission (info@ebjis.org).
- 7. Users will not solicit log-in information or access an account belonging to another user.
- 8. Users will not share their password, let anyone else access their account, or do anything else that might jeopardize the security of their account.
- 9. Users will not transfer their account to anyone.
- 10. Users will not collect users' content or information, or otherwise access this platform, using automated means (such as harvesting bots, robots, spiders, or scrapers).
- 11. When relevant, users will identify their affiliation with a third party/commercial entity and their area of interest.
- 12. Users will not post any confidential or proprietary information.
- 13. Users will not facilitate or encourage any violations of this Statement.

EBJIS reserves the right to disable an account as appropriate or even to stop providing all or part of the platform if it believes that a user is violating the terms and/or spirit of this Statement or otherwise creating possible legal exposure for EBJIS. EBJIS will then notify the user by email directly or the next time the user attempts to access his/her account.

If any portion of this Statement is found to be unenforceable, the remaining portion will remain in full force and effect. If we fail to enforce any of this Statement, it will not be considered a waiver. Nothing in this Statement shall prevent the EBJIS from complying with the law.

This Statement makes up the entire agreement between the parties regarding the EBJIS/m-anage account and supersedes any prior agreements.



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## Applicable law and jurisdiction

This Policy shall in all respects be governed by Swiss law. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Policy shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the ordinary courts of Lausanne, Switzerland.