

Bylaws of the EBJIS Country Delegates Group

Introduction

In recent years, EBJIS has maintained a Country Delegates (CD) group. These CDs are selected among active members within EBJIS and have the main task of helping promote EBJIS in their own countries.

Over the years, the group of CDs has grown enormously in numbers and geographical distribution under the continued leadership of Professor Christof Wagner.

The CD also has been active within EBJIS as one of the driving forces for scientific projects (e.g. SANJO guidelines). These initiatives lead the executive committee to re-evaluate and further define the specific role and focus of the CD group.

As such, the current document aims at clarifying the process for CD selection and appointment process as well as re-examine and clarify the role of the parties involved.

Aim(s) and Structure

The main goal of the CD group is to help promote EBJIS existence, activities, scientific ideas, and “philosophy” worldwide.

It is formed by EBJIS members selected by the Executive Committee (ExCom) and led by a Chair who will be responsible for organizing proceedings and coordinating with the EBJIS Executive Committee.

Country Delegate Chair

Election Process

In line with every other position within EBJIS governing bodies, the CD chair will be elected for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election twice consecutively. Applications for the open position shall be made public through communication to the CD group members when calling for the annual meeting (not later than 6 weeks in advance). The CD chair should not be part of the Executive Committee, if the CD chair decides to run for the Executive Committee, the CD chair position needs to be vacated.

Applications shall be submitted to the EBJIS Secretariat at info@ebjis.com no later than 1 week in advance before the annual meeting. The election takes place every two years during the annual meeting in a dedicated CD group meeting. The GA will ratify this decision.

Roles and Obligations

The main role of the CD chair is to lead and coordinate the group's activities and tasks in accordance with priorities defined together with the EBJIS Executive Committee. He/she shall report back to the ExCom on a regular basis - no less than twice yearly (or whenever it is called upon). The CD chair will also remain the CD for their country.

Country Delegate(s)

Selection Process

The Country Delegate (CD) position is open to EBJIS members. A member may apply to become a Country Delegate through means of a written candidature to the ExCom. Every 2 years a reminder to all members will be sent for the appointment of a CD.

CD application may or may not be approved by the ExCom (simple majority decision) considering its pertinence taking into account:

- a. Geographic considerations (larger countries/regions may warrant more than one delegate).
- b. Policy considerations (EBJIS goals in certain areas may warrant more than one delegate per country, e.g. an ID and a surgeon).
- c. Activity within the Society.

In line with every other position in EBJIS governing bodies, the CD will be appointed for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment twice consecutively.

At any time, the ExCom may decide (simple majority) to withdraw any EBJIS CD due to misconduct, inadequate activity, inactivity or loss of membership privileges. It shall discuss this decision with the CD chair.

Roles and Obligations

The main role of a CD is to help promote EBJIS existence, activities, scientific ideas and "philosophy" in their own country/region.

A CD will facilitate and advertise EBJIS initiatives with local societies, promoting educational and scientific activities and initiatives.

A CD should participate regularly in meetings and dedicated sessions to improve/organize CD Group or EBJIS activities as well as scientific projects.

A CD will be available to participate in the abstract review of the EBJIS annual congress.



Rights

A CD will have its name and affiliation on the website of the Society.

They may obtain a written certificate from the EBJIS ExCom concerning their role within the EBJIS.

These bylaws were discussed and approved by the EBJIS Executive Committee and the Country Delegates Committee and have been in power since the 2024 EBJIS Annual Meeting in Barcelona.