



European Society of Human Genetics

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT ELECT AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2024-2029

The Board acts as the governing body of the Society. It makes all the decision and assumes responsibility for all matters except those specifically excluded by the statutes (please find them at www.eshg.org). It is accountable to the membership. The President is the senior executive of the Society and is responsible for calling and chairing meetings of the Board and the membership.

Members are invited to send nominations for the new Board Member positions and for the President Elect who will automatically become President in 2025 – please see information overleaf.

The term of office is for five years – *please see information overleaf*.

A person wishing to stand for Board Member or President-Elect must be nominated by two members of the ESHG. The nominee must give a **200-word statement (no CV and as a word file) as to why they wish to be a Board member/President**, which must be accompanied by a **digital photograph** (by email to: office@eshg.org).

Nomination Form

See the [ESHG website](http://www.eshg.org) for current Board members and their countries

Name: _____ First Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

_____ Year of Birth: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I confirm that I am a member of the European Society of Human Genetics (membership dues paid) and I agree to my name being proposed for election as **President Elect** or to the **Board** (*please check as appropriate*)

Signed: _____ Place and Date: _____

I enclose a **200 word statement** as to why I wish to be President/Board member together with a digital photograph (by email to office@eshg.org).

Proposed by: Name: _____

I confirm that I am a member of ESHG

Signed: _____

Seconded by: Name: _____

I confirm that I am a member of ESHG

Signed: _____

This completed nomination form must be received by **Monday, March 25, 2024**

Send to Ms. Magdalena Seidl, ESHG - European Society of Human Genetics, c/o Vienna Medical Academy, Alser Str. 4, 1090 Vienna, Austria. Tel: +43 1 405 13 83 24 or Fax: +43 1 407 82 74 or email to: office@eshg.org

Society Website: www.eshg.org

Task Description - PRESIDENT

The President is the Senior Executive of the Society.

A person is first President-Elect for one year, then President for the second year and finally Vice-President for the third year. Once a person has been elected President -Elect they shall automatically assume the position of President and Vice-President in the subsequent years and will automatically start a complete term of five years as Board member on their election.

The President has an important pro-active role in advancing one or more aims of the Society (for example, education, political support, international liaison) and developing long term strategy in conjunction with the Executive and the Board. The advancement of one or more aims of the Society is made feasible by the three-year period during which the elected person, will be first President-Elect, then President, and finally Vice-President. The vehicle for developing his/her particular contribution is the Executive Committee, on which he/she will serve for the three-year period.

The President is a member of all the Society's committees ex officio and will liaise with chairmen of committees over strategy. The President may ask another member of the Executive Committee to represent him/her at particular meetings. The Executive Committee will receive copies of all committee documents for information.

The President will help develop the agenda and chair three regular ESHG Board meetings, namely the second board meeting during the annual Scientific Conference, the Board meeting during the ASHG annual meeting and the first Board meeting at the Society 's annual conference the following year.

The President will chair the Society's membership meeting at the end of his/her term of office, and usually gives a closing address at the ESHG conference, as well as an opening address at the next meeting.

The President will help develop the agenda and chair the Executive meetings of the Society which will meet on at least three occasions during the year.

The President, as the (automatic) ESHG member of the Executive of the International Federation of Human Genetics Societies, will be expected to attend the IFHGS meetings during the ESHG Conference and ASHG annual meeting.

The President, in discussion with the Executive, has a responsibility to ensure that suitable candidates are approached and proposed for election to the posts of the Society.

These responsibilities and duties of the President are in addition to those outlined in the task description of an ESHG Board member.

Task Description – BOARD MEMBER

The ESHG Board member is an elected representative of the membership. Board members are elected for a 5-year mandate which begins with the annual meeting at which they are elected. Candidates for Board member must be nominated in advance by two ESHG members via this official nomination form. The voting will be made according to the statutes, either during the membership meeting or by a postal or electronic ballot. New board members should be present at the membership meeting in order to introduce themselves to the membership.

A Board member volunteers his time and energy to the ESHG in exchange for the right (and duty) to participate actively in decision-making processes related to the ESHG. They work with the Executive Board and committees of the ESHG, including the Scientific Programme Committee and the Public and Professional Policy Committee. The role of the Board member is not a passive one!

Prior to being nominated as a Board member, the candidate needs to be aware of and accept the following responsibilities. An ESHG Board member is expected to:

- Attend, whenever possible, the two Board meetings held at the annual ESHG conference and the third Board meeting, generally held during the annual conference of the ASHG.
- Prepare for these meetings carefully by reading the relevant documents and to respond to correspondence between official meetings.
- Participate actively in discussions and the decision-making process during the Board meetings.
- Accept tasks such as ad hoc committees or liaison roles (e.g. with national societies) which promote the ESHG with its scientific, socio-political and educational roles.
- Contribute suggestions for scientific content of meetings, as well as candidatures for President, Board members and the ESHG award.
- Actively solicit from ESHG members and potential members' suggestions and criticism and transmit them to the Secretary General or other responsible person.
- Contribute to the success of the Journal and Annual meeting by publicising, contributing and stimulating the contribution of high quality abstracts and papers.

There is no financial remuneration for either participation in meetings or for travel; however Board members are exempt from paying the registration fee for the annual meeting. Also, extra-ordinary Board meetings may imply reimbursement for travel expenses.

ESHG EXECUTIVE BOARD	Board Term ends	
President	Prof. Valérie Cormier Daire	2027
President-Elect	Prof. Bill Newman	2028
Vice-President	Prof. Borut Peterlin	2026
Secretary-General	Prof. Carla Oliveira	2024
Deputy Secretary-General	Prof. Karin Writzl	2024
Treasurer	Prof. Gunnar Houge	2026
ESHG BOARD MEMBERS	5-year Board Term ends	
Dr. Olga Antonova	Sofia, Bulgaria	2026
Dr. Maria Asif	Cologne, Germany	2028
Prof. Lina Basel-Salmon	Tel-Aviv, Israel	2025
Dr. Ana Beleza	Bristol, United Kingdom	2025
Prof. Nabila Bouatia-Naji	Paris, France	2028
Prof. Kathleen Claes	Ghent, Belgium	2028
Prof. Elfride De Baere	Ghent, Belgium	2028
Prof. Josef Gecz	Adelaide, Australia	2024
Prof. Maurizio Genuardi	Rome, Italy	2025
Prof. Ingo Kurth	Aachen, Germany	2026
Dr. Aleš Maver	Ljubljana, Slovenia	2024
Dr. Ramona Moldovan	Manchester, United Kingdom	2026
Prof. Markus Nöthen	Bonn, Germany	2026
Dr. Júlia Pereira Baptista	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2026
Dr. Angela Peron	Milan, Italy	2026
Dr. Rebecca Ann Pestoff	Linköping, Sweden	2024
Prof. Anita Rauch	Zurich, Switzerland	2027
Prof. Alexandre Reymond	Lausanne, Switzerland	2024
Dr. Sam Riedijk	Rotterdam, The Netherlands	2026
Prof. Cristina Rusu	Iasi, Romania	2025
Dr. Sergio Sousa	Coimbra, Portugal	2024
Prof. Tinatin Tkemaladze	Tsibilisi, Georgia	2027
Dr. Birute Tumiene	Vilnius, Lithuania	2024
Prof. Mieke van Haelst	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	2028
Dr. Laura Valle	Barcelona, Spain	2025
Prof. Aline Vertraeten	Antwerp, Belgium	2027
Dr. Kirmo Wartiovaara	Helsinki, Finland	2025
Prof. Katharina Wimmer	Innsbruck, Austria	2027