



# European Society of Human Genetics

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2026-2031

The Board acts as the governing body of the European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG). It takes fundamental decisions and controls the execution of related activities by the Executive Board. It is accountable to the membership. The term of office for elected Board Members is five years – *please see information overleaf*.

The President is the senior executive of the Society and is responsible for calling and chairing meetings of the Board and the General Assembly. More information on both roles can be found below and in [ESHG's statutes](#).

ESHG members are invited to send nominations for new Board Member positions and for the President Elect position – please see information overleaf.

The term of office is for **five years** for both positions. The President-elect begins their term in the Executive Board in 2026 (remaining for three years) and becoming automatically President in 2027 and Vice President in 2028. They will finish their term by two years as regular board member.

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 in a word document) 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](mailto:office@eshg.org)).

### Nomination Form

See overleaf for the current Board composition

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](mailto: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 **Friday, March 13, 2026**

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](mailto:office@eshg.org)

## Task Description President

The President is the Senior Executive of the Society and represents the Society externally.

Someone becoming ESHG President, will first be 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 important pro-active roles in advancing one or more aims of the Society (for example, education, political support, international liaison). It is also expected that a President engages in the development of a long term strategy for ESHG, in conjunction with the Executive Board, the ESHG Board and ESHG's Committees. The advancement of one or more major 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 their particular contribution is the Executive Committee, on which they will serve for the three-year period.

The President is a member of all the Society's Committees ex officio and will liaise with chairpersons of ESHG's Committees over the ESHG strategy. The President may ask other members 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 all ESHG Board meetings, namely the board meeting during the annual Conference, the board meeting during the ASHG annual meeting and/or all other online board meetings over the year of their presidency.

The President will (co-)chair the Society's General Assembly. The President will also give opening and closing addresses at the ESHG conference.

The President will help develop the agenda and chair the Executive board meetings of the Society, which will meet on at least five occasions during the year. The Executive board conducts the business of the association and performs all administrative tasks, unless they are assigned to another body of the association by statute or law.

The President, as the (automatic) ESHG representative in 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 Committee, has the 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

An 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, via an online vote and confirmation during the General Assembly. New board members should be present at the General Assembly 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 expected to be active.

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 **Board meetings** held at the annual ESHG conference and online.
- 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.
- Contribute **suggestions for scientific content** of meetings, as well as candidatures for President, Board members and the ESHG award.
- **At and around the annual meeting:** Contribute by reviewing abstracts, chair sessions, score talks of Early Career Scientists competing for the ESHG Awards, participate in the poster jury.
- Engage in **DNA Day activities** by becoming judges of the ESHG DNA Day Essay and Video Contest.
- 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 meetings** by publicising, contributing and stimulating the contribution of high-quality abstracts and papers.
- Finally, Board members are encouraged to integrate also **other ESHG Committees**, and to accept tasks such as ad hoc memberships in committees or liaison roles, which promote the ESHG with its scientific, socio-political and educational roles.

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, and may be reimbursed a lump sum for one night accommodation if they attend the board meeting at the ESHG Conference (as this occurs the day before the conference starts). Also, extra-ordinary Board meetings may imply reimbursement for travel expenses.

<b>ESHG EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>	<b>Board Term ends</b>	
President	Prof. Martina Cornel	2029
President-Elect	Prof. Angus Clarke	2030
Vice-President	Prof. Bill Newman	2028
Secretary-General	Prof. Carla Oliveira	2027
Deputy Secretary-General	Dr. Julia Baptista	2028
Treasurer	Prof. Gunnar Houge	2026
<b>ESHG BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>5-year Board Term ends</b>	
<b>Dr. Olga Antonova</b>	<b>Sofia, Bulgaria</b>	<b>2026</b>
Dr. Maria Asif	Cologne, Germany	2028
Dr. Svetlana Avdeichik	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	2030
Prof. Diana Baralle	Southampton, United Kingdom	2030
Prof. Nabila Bouatia-Naji	Paris, France	2028
Dr. Sergi Castellví-Bel	Barcelona, Spain	2029
Prof. Kathleen Claes	Ghent, Belgium	2028
Dr. Christophe Cordier	Lausanne, Switzerland	2029
Prof. Valérie Cormier Daire	Paris, France	2027
Prof. Elfride De Baere	Ghent, Belgium	2028
Prof. Vlad Gorduza	Iasi, Romania	2029
Prof. Micheil Innes	Calgary, Canada	2029
Dr. Mridul Johari	Perth, Australia	2030
<b>Prof. Ingo Kurth</b>	<b>Aachen, Germany</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Dr. Ramona Moldovan</b>	<b>Manchester, United Kingdom</b>	<b>2026</b>
Prof. Manuela Morleo	Naples, Italy	2030
<b>Prof. Markus Nöthen</b>	<b>Bonn, Germany</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Dr. Angela Peron</b>	<b>Milan, Italy</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Prof. Borut Peterlin</b>	<b>Ljubljana, Slovenia</b>	<b>2026</b>
Prof. Anita Rauch	Zurich, Switzerland	2027
<b>Dr. Sam Riedijk</b>	<b>Rotterdam, The Netherlands</b>	<b>2026</b>
Prof. Fulya Taylan	Solna, Sweden	2030
Prof. Tinatin Tkemaladze	Tsbilisi, Georgia	2027
Prof. Oya Uyguner	Istanbul, Türkiye	2029
Prof. Mieke van Haelst	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	2028
Prof. Aline Vertraeten	Antwerp, Belgium	2027
Prof. Katharina Wimmer	Innsbruck, Austria	2027