



YEP Statutes

Article 1 – Name and Purpose

1.1. Under the auspices of the European Society of Gynaecological Surgery a special working group representing the group of young endoscopists is created. The working group shall be called the “Young Endoscopists Platform”, hereafter referred to in its abbreviation “YEP”.

1.2. The working language of the YEP shall be English.

1.3. The YEP shall have the following objectives:

- To promote the recruitment of young doctors interested in gynaecological endoscopy across member countries
- To encourage these doctors to actively take part in the ESGE and YEP activities
- To foster education on gynaecological endoscopy
- To harmonize and improve the quality of gynaecological endoscopy training in Europe
- To facilitate exchange of professional information amongst young and experienced endoscopists
- To stimulate investigation and scientific research among the young endoscopists

1.4. These objectives shall be achieved as follows:

- Promote the selection of national representatives for young gynaecological endoscopists
- Collaborate with the ESGE, EAGS and EBCOG (European Board & College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology) in the recommendation of the standards required for the training of specialists, and the means of maintaining those standards
- Promote research between the young endoscopists, including in multicenter European projects
- Facilitate the exchange of the endoscopists between certified training centers throughout Europe to harmonize and improve the quality of training

Article 2 – Membership

2.1. Membership of YEP shall be open to a single national representative, who should be supported by the national trainee organization (or Senior Society if trainees is non-existent)

2.2. For the purpose of this organization, a young gynaecological endoscopist is defined as a doctor who is currently a trainee in obstetrics and gynaecology OR a specialist who has completed his or her specialist training in gynaecology and obstetrics no more than three years ago.

2.3. Each of the nations can be co-represented by maximum 2 other young doctors at any point in time, whilst respecting the status of the appointed national representative

2.4. ESGE Corporate Membership Societies will have the right of first proposal for the representation of their respective nation.

2.5. The Member needs to be registered as a resident or regular ESGE Member.

2.6. If the plenary finds that a member fails to continue to fulfil the qualifications for membership, he/she shall be excluded at the next annual meeting

Article 3 – Organization

3.1. The activities of YEP are coordinated by an Executive Committee composed of a chairman, a co-



chairman and two Committee members

3.2. The ESGE Executive Board will nominate one of their officers every mandate period to work as a liaison officer to the YEP

3.3. The Executive Committee shall be nominated by the ESGE Executive Board after hearing the previous YEP Executive recommendations, for an initial term of office of two years.

3.4. Re-nomination of a member of the Executive Committee is possible for additional periods for as long as the requirements of art. 2.2 are fulfilled.

3.5. The duties of the chairman shall include the following:

- to coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee;
- to maintain effective contact among YEP members;
- to ensure the policy decisions of the annual meeting are carried out;
- to report regularly, and minimum once a year, to the ESGE Executive Board on the status and progress of the program.

3.6. The duties of the co-chairman shall include the following:

- to maintain the records and archives of YEP;
- to keep an updated record of members and their provided contacts; data to share with the ESGE Central Office;
- to create a pool of YEP collaborators distributed by areas of interest.

3.7. The duties of the two Committee Members shall include the following:

- to cooperate with the Chairman in the achievement of proposed tasks;
- to recruit new young endoscopists to take part in the YEP activities;
- to be actively involved in reaching out to reach the YEP goals.

3.8. The Executive Committee shall convene at regular intervals and no less than two times a year.

3.9. In the event of the chairman relinquishing his/her post before completing the term of office, the affairs of YEP will be managed by the co-chairman until the next annual meeting.

Article 4 – YEP Annual Meeting

4.1. The YEP Annual Meeting shall take place during the ESGE Annual International Congress, and be attended by each member country representative.

4.2. New member countries can be proposed at each annual meeting and decision reached by majority vote after a short presentation by the candidate.

4.3. All the relevant issues related to the YEP are to be decided by the Executive Committee and taken to the members for decision by majority vote.

4.4. The quorum of the Annual Meeting shall be half of the members

4.5. The agenda of each YEP meeting shall be sent to all members no later than one week before the date of the meeting, and shall include the following items:

- announcement of the next YEP Executive, as decided by the ESGE;
- report of the chairman;
- report of the co-chairman;



- discussion on topics proposed in advance by the Executive Committee or national members.

4.6. A decision to amend the Statutes shall be in accordance with Article 6

Article 5 – Finances

5.1. The budget of the YEP will be defined annually by the Executive Board of the ESGE. The budget request may include cost reimbursement, as far as they do not exceed common economy rates for travel, lodging or hosting. Details of proof have to be reported to Central Office by the Chairman, upon request.

However payments, at any form, to group members are to be excluded.

5.2. Any requests for external funding (e.g. from foundations or industry sponsors) must be approved by the Executive Board, to prevent inadvertent competition with other ESGE funding efforts.

5.3. The YEP will however not be entitled to have separate bank accounts.

5.4. Each national member shall be responsible for the expenses to attend the annual meeting.

5.5. The expenses of the Executive Committee, namely those regarding the YEP meetings, shall be handled in accordance to the ESGE Rules of Procedure.

Article 6 – Co-authors rights

6.1. YEP activities creating documents that will eventually become publication papers accept without restriction ESGE's co-authorship, irrespectively of the contribution of any member.

Article 7 – Amendment of Statutes

7.1. These Statutes shall be binding from the date of ratification. They can only be amended by majority vote at the annual meeting and by approval from the ESGE Executive Board. Notice of proposed amendment must be given four months in advance of the meeting at which said amendment is to be voted upon and the written amendment for debate and decision must be circulated at least two months in advance.

Article 8 – Dissolution

8.1. Dissolution of the YEP can only be done by the ESGE Executive Board with notice of the decision to do so at least two months in advance. In the case of such decision, any assets of the YEP shall be transferred automatically to the ESGE.

8.2. Everything not explicitly foreseen in the present statutes is subject to the ESGE statutes.