



CONSTITUTION OF THE IRISH SOCIETY FOR IMMUNOLOGY

Definitions

Executive Committee - an advisory, deliberative, or administrative body of people formally constituted and meeting regularly

Scientific Advisory Group – an advisory, deliberative body of people who provide counsel to the Executive Committee

Society - an organization formed for a particular purpose or activity

Membership- the fact of being a member of a group

Officer a person holding a position of authority and/or responsibility

Name: The name of the Society shall be the Irish Society for Immunology

Aims Benefits and Affiliations:

The object of the Society will be to promote knowledge and understanding of Immunology in Ireland. To this end, the Society will welcome and address the needs and interest of members from all fields.

1. Science and Research: To promote study and research into basic, translational and clinical Immunology as it relates to health and disease by disseminating the useful results of such study and research. To facilitate the exchange of information and education among basic and translational researchers, clinicians & young investigators through emphasis on annual ISI and associated ISI scientific meetings.

2. Education and Scientific Exchange: To promote public awareness of Immunology as it relates to health and disease.

3. Policy and Advocacy: To support, guide, inform and influence the professions contributing to applications of Immunology in health care in Ireland.

4. Leadership Development: Cultivate the next generation of leaders and innovators in immunology in Ireland, through early career researcher forums and opportunities.

4. To offer informed opinion on issues of public interest in relation to Immunology

5. To organise seminars, lectures, discussions groups, conferences and symposia.

6. To act as an authoritative body for the purpose of consultation in matters of public and professional interest.

7. To invite and receive contributions from any person or organisation by way of subscriptions or donations.

8. To commit money for the promotion of the objectives of the society on such terms as the Executive Committee shall consider expedient and in the interests of the Society.

9. To undertake and execute charitable trusts that may be lawfully undertaken by the Society.

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10. To invest the monies of the society not immediately required for working purposes in such investments as the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine.

11. To do all such things as shall further the above-mentioned objectives in an inclusive, all-island approach, that actively promotes engagement from all institutions focusing on Immunology therein.

The income and property of the Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in the Constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit to Members of the Society. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the reimbursement of expenses or payment in good faith of proper and reasonable remuneration to any Officer, Member or Servant of the Society in return for services rendered to the Society, or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Society; but so that no any salaried office of the Society or any office of the Society paid by fees, and that no remuneration or other benefit in monies worth shall be given by the Society to members of the executive committee or governing body, except repayment of out of pocket expenses and reasonable and proper rent for premises demise or let to the Society.

Management of the Society

Executive Committee of the Society

The executive committee shall consist of at least 10 members, with representation across Irish Institutes, who shall elect from among their number a Secretary and Treasurer whom shall each serve a minimum of a 3yr term, and normally no longer than 6 yr term. At the end of membership terms, a call for applications for membership to the Executive Committee will be sent to all members via email and announced on the ISI website and other media channels as appropriate. Decisions on successful applicants will be made by the Executive Committee with consideration for equality and diversity across institutions in Ireland.

The President shall be elected by the members of the Executive Committee through a formalised nomination process and the elected president normally shall serve a minimum of a 3 yr, and normally no longer than a 6yr term.

The remaining executive committee members shall serve a minimum of a 3yr term, and normally no longer than a 6 yr term. Quorum for an Executive Committee shall be five (including a minimum of two officers). Executive committee meetings will be held approximately six times per annum and will be preceded by a published agenda.

Executive Committee

Dr Annie Curtis (RCSI) – President.

Dr Michelle Armstrong (TCD) – Vice President.

Dr Joanne Lysaght (St. James's Hospital, TCD) – Secretary.

Dr Aisling Dunne (TCD) – Treasurer.

Dr Elizabeth Brint (UCC) – Outreach Officer.

Dr Gareth Brady (St. James's Hospital, TCD) – Outreach Officer.

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Dr Aideen Ryan (NUI Galway) –Governance Officer

Prof Ed Lavelle (TCD) – ECI Congress President.

Dr Colm Collins (UCD) -Patient Public Education Officer

Dr Natalia Munoz-Wolf (TCD) – Communications Officer

Dr Fred Sheedy (TCD) – Equality & Diversity Officer.

Dr Elizabeth Ryan (University of Limerick) –Patint Public Education Officer

Dr Cliona Ní Cheallaigh (St. James’s Hospital) – Patient Engagement Officer.

Dr Eoin McNamee (Maynooth University) – Society Liaison Officer

Dr Megan Hanlon (TCD) – Postdoc Rep/Communications Officer

Dr Rebecca Coll (Queens University, Belfast) –Society Liaison Officer

Jamie Sugrue (TCD) – PhD Rep/Social Media Officer

The President will oversee the running of the Society.

Scientific Advisory Group

The Scientific Advisory Group is an experienced group of distinguished immunologists in Ireland and abroad who provide guidance to the Executive Committee. The Scientific Advisory Group meet with the Executive Committee twice a year to provide input and counsel on the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in the Constitution. Membership of the Scientific Advisory Group is filled through nominations from the Executive Committee and Members.

Membership of the Society

General:

The Society shall consist of Ordinary and Honorary members, Corporate Members and Overseas members. Only Ordinary members of the Society shall be entitled to vote in elections or at meetings of the Society, or to be elected as Members of Executive Committee or Officers.

The members shall be open to those with a professional interest in immunology. Ordinary members shall be normally resident, or normally practice a relevant profession in Ireland. Persons may be nominated by two members of the Society for election as Ordinary members. Members may apply for and be accepted as members by the executive committee. Overseas members shall normally be resident outside Ireland and practising a relevant profession. Persons may be nominated in writing by two members of the Society for election as overseas members.

Persons of eminence who have contributed to the advancement of immunology shall be eligible for election as Honorary Members. They shall be elected to the Society on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and they shall pay no membership subscription.

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Companies may on the recommendation of the Executive Committee be admitted to Corporate Membership of the Society on Payment of the Corporate Membership subscription. The Executive Committee will collate a membership directory, including contact details and immunological interests.

Diversity & Inclusion

The Society is committed to promoting equality, diversity, equity and access to professional networking and development for all researchers. To this effect, the Executive Committee membership should be gender-balanced & contain diverse membership from across the institutions and membership within all of Ireland. Networking opportunities will be facilitated at meetings and the allocation of travel bursaries will be made available to members of under-represented minorities in a non/less-competitive manner.

General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting will be held during the Annual Scientific Meeting. Extraordinary General Meetings may be held either by decision of Executive Committee or when the President is requested by 25 or more Ordinary Members in writing to convene such a meeting. At least 30 days notice of a General Meeting shall be given.

Scientific Meetings

One main scientific meeting will be held each year. Additional workshops and symposia will be supported throughout the year. Changes to the Constitution may be made when a two-third majority of those voting at an Executive Committee Meeting. Proposals for changes to the Constitution may be notified in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days before a General Meeting.

Travel Bursaries

Travel bursaries may be awarded, where possible, to graduate students and post-doctoral researchers whose work has been accepted for presentation at an immunologically relevant meeting. The Society aims to increase the number and size of travel bursaries in order to promote exposure of Irish Immunology Research.

Regular Communications

Regular updates, through the ISI website, email and social media, with items of interest and relevance to Irish Immunologist, notice of Vacancies, Workshops and Symposia will be highlighted to members throughout the year.