



CONSTITUTION

1. NAME AND AFFILIATION

The Section of Paediatric and Neonatal Pharmacology is a subgroup of the European Society of Paediatric Research (ESPR).

The constitution of the ESPR is binding for the Section of Paediatric and Neonatal Pharmacology.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Section of Paediatric and Neonatal Pharmacology is to promote high-quality research in the field of Paediatric and Neonatal Pharmacology, and specifically to promote investigator-initiated studies on efficacy and safety of medicinal products in children according to ICH-GCP.

The purpose can be achieved by encouraging exchange of ideas and discussions among researchers, by networking leading to multicenter observational and interventional studies, by organizing education and symposia concerning the field of interest, by developing guidelines, and by collaboration with other academic societies in this field.

These objectives shall be achieved within the ESPR.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person who is an active, emeritus, affiliate or associate member of ESPR.

4. ORGANISATION

4.1 The Section of Paediatric and Neonatal Pharmacology has its own annual business meeting, which will be held during the annual ESPR meeting. The Section of Paediatric and Neonatal Pharmacology council must give notice of the annual business meeting 4 weeks in advance.

4.2 The annual business meeting shall make decisions by simple majority of the votes of active ESPR members present.

4.3 All members of the ESPR shall have the right to participate and speak at the annual meeting. Representation is not possible.

4.4 The council shall decide the agenda of the annual meeting and shall send it out together with the invitations to the meeting. Written proposals for the agenda submitted by members at least 2 months before the annual business meeting must be included in the agenda. The Section of Paediatric and Neonatal Pharmacology council will decide whether proposals received after this deadline will be included in the agenda.

4.5 The secretary will take the chair. If that person is unable to do so, a member of the council may stand in for them.

4.6 The following items fall within the competence of the annual business meeting:
acceptance of minutes of the last business meeting;
approval of the report of the secretary;

decisions concerning the activity of the Section of Paediatric and Neonatal
Pharmacology;
elections of secretary and council members;
amendments to the constitution
or dissolution of the group.

4.7 A proposal concerning changes in the constitution or dissolution of the working group shall be approved only if at least three-quarters of the active members present at the annual meeting vote in favour. Due notice and prior circulation of proposed changes must occur with the Draft Agenda circulated with the invitations to the Section of Paediatric and Neonatal Pharmacology business meeting.

5. THE COUNCIL

5.1 The council of the Section of Paediatric and Neonatal Pharmacology shall consist of a secretary (term 3 years) and three council members (term 3 years). Re-election is possible for one more term. The term is only valid for the respective position. The secretary must be an active member of the ESPR. In addition, at least half of the other council members must be active members of the ESPR.

5.2 Candidates for membership in the council must be proposed by at least two members. The candidates shall be elected at the annual business meeting by a simple majority of the votes cast (of active members of the ESPR).

5.3 Those two members of the council who do not hold office as secretary must be of different nationalities.

5.4 If the secretary is unable to complete the term, one of the council members appointed by the president of ESPR will act for him/her until a new secretary is elected at the next annual business meeting. If any other of the council members is unable to complete his/her term of office, a new member of the council will be elected at the next business meeting.

Approved at the Foundation Meeting
Copenhagen, October 25th, 2010
