



ABOUT THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY

About the ESA

The European Society of Anaesthesiology (ESA) holds the most prominent position in the community of anaesthesiologists in Europe.

The mission of the Society is:

“To aim for the highest standards of practice and safety in anaesthesia, peri-operative medicine, intensive care, emergency medicine and pain treatment through education, research and professional development throughout Europe.”

The aims of the Society are:

- To promote exchange of information between European anaesthesiologists,
- To disseminate information in regard to anaesthesiology,
- To raise the standards of the speciality by fostering and encouraging education, research, scientific progress and exchange of information,
- To promote and protect the interest of its members,
- To promote improvements in safety and quality of care of patients who are under the care of anaesthesiologists inside and outside the operating room by facilitating and harmonising the activities of national and international societies of anaesthesiologists in Europe.

The ESA organises the European Anaesthesiology Congresses throughout Europe under the banner EUROANAESTHESIA. These meetings are attended by members and non-members representing more than 80 countries from around the world. The European Anaesthesiology Congresses offer a comprehensive scientific programme of refresher course lectures, symposia and workshops, as well as presentations and discussions of the latest research undertaken in Europe in particular. The European Anaesthesiology Congresses are accredited by the U.E.M.S./EACCME for C.M.E. credits. More than 100 exhibitors participate in the industrial exhibition at EUROANAESTHESIA.

ESA Structure

The Society is governed by a Board of Directors, a Council and the General Assembly. The Society is comprised of Individual Members and Society Members (National societies and Specialist societies). National society members are represented within the ESA by the National Anaesthesiologists Societies Committee (NASC) which is represented on the Board of Directors and maintains direct links with the World Federation (WFSA).

To accomplish the objectives of the Society, key activities are delegated to committees consisting primarily of ESA members.

- Committee for European Education in Anaesthesiology (CEEA): The main goal of the CEEA is to maintain and to raise the standards of anaesthetic care at the highest possible level through Continuing Medical Education in Anaesthesiology. The CEEA organises refresher courses in anaesthesiology.
- Congress Committee: The Congress Committee is responsible for all aspects of Euroanaesthesia and the Autumn Meeting with the exception of the content of the scientific programme.
- Education and Training Platform: The Education & Training Platform defines areas of education & training to be supported by the ESA, discusses/proposes/recommends issues/areas related to education & training, CME and CPD in anaesthesia, peri-operative medicine, critical care medicine, emergency medicine and pain management in Europe.
- European Journal of Anaesthesiology (EJA): The EJA Editorial Board deals with the day-to-day running of the journal.
- Examinations Committee: The Examinations Committee consists of three subcommittees (OLA, Part I and Part II) and is responsible to supervise/co-ordinate/advise on the organisation of the European Diploma in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (EDAIC), and maintain/improve the standard of the examination.
- Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is responsible for collating the annual budgets of the individual committees for presentation to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly and oversees the financial and investment policies of the Society.
- Guidelines Committee: The ESA Guidelines Committee defines the rules for making ESA guidelines, selects the topics and experts, collects and evaluates available documents throughout Europe, establishes relationships with other Societies to prepare possible collaborative guidelines and define how to implement guidelines. The Guidelines Committee consists of several task forces.
- Hospital Visiting & Training Accreditation Programme (HVTAP): The HVTAP is a Joint Committee from the European Society of Anaesthesiology (ESA) and the European Board of Anaesthesiology (EBA). The main goal of the HVTAP is to ensure that an academic institution meets the prerequisites of training in anaesthesia.

- Industry Liaison Task Force (ILTF): The Industry Liaison Task Force filters all contact between industry and ESA committees.
- Media Committee: The Media Committee is responsible for the ESA Newsletter content and publication, the website content and official communications (articles, press releases etc.) to the public.
- National Anaesthesiologists Societies Committee: Those European national societies of anaesthesiologists who are ESA Society Members send representatives to the General Assembly of the National Anaesthesiologists Societies Committee (NASC). The aims of NASC are to establish close relationships between the ESA, the European National Societies of Anaesthesiologists and the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA).
- Nominations Committee: The Nominations Committee advises the Board of Directors about suitable candidates for election to the Board of Directors and for membership of other committees.
- Patient Safety task force: The joint ESA/EBA Task Force set up to facilitate the implementation of the Helsinki Declaration.
- Research Committee: The Research Committee determines areas of scientific policies and assumes responsibility for assessing the Research Grant Programme applications and the Clinical Trial Network. The Research Committee also organises Masterclasses.
- Scientific Committee (SC): The Scientific Committee determines the scientific programme for Euroanaesthesia and the Autumn Meeting, monitors the process of the scientific programme at Euroanaesthesia and the Autumn Meeting, assesses abstracts submitted for presentation, selects the winners and awards the prizes for the Best Abstracts Prize Competition, publishes the Refresher Course Lectures and carries out other functions as decided by the ESA Board of Directors. The SC consists of 19 Subcommittees responsible for representation of the scientific fields that contribute to the annual meetings.
- Trainee Exchange Programme Committee: The Trainee Exchange Programme Committee aims to select the best European trainees and allow them to visit, for a 3 month training period, the best European training centres.
- ESA members who would like to participate in one of the ESA committees should apply to the Nominations Committee at the ESA Secretariat.

Are you a member?

Membership of the European Society of Anaesthesiology brings professional benefits that will support you throughout your career. You will be joining a membership of over 7000 anaesthetists, committed to developing the speciality of anaesthesiology, comprising anaesthesia, peri-operative care, intensive care medicine, emergency medicine and pain management. There are several different categories of membership that are suited to students, trainees, physicians, non physician registered health professionals and consultants at all stages of their career.

Membership offers a range of benefits

- Free subscription to the monthly European Journal of Anaesthesiology (+ supplements)
- Free subscription to the EJA online site www.ejanaesthesiology.com
- Free access to the online publication Current Opinion in Anaesthesiology
- Free access to the online publication Current Opinion in Critical Care Medicine
- Quarterly ESA Newsletter
- Opportunities for grants and awards for research and education
- Discounted rates for Euroanaesthesia and the Autumn Meeting
- Opportunities to participate in the different ESA committees and subcommittees
- Free Access to the ESA website
- Free on-line access to recordings of Euroanaesthesia scientific sessions

Membership Categories & Rates

Membership runs from January 01 January - 31 December.

Members of ESA are entitled to reduced registration fees to ESA events providing their membership fee is settled before 31 January.

Category of Member	1 year *	2 year*
Active Member	€75	€120
Active Member from a Reduced Fee Country	€40	€70
Affiliate Member	€75	€120
Trainee Member	€35	€60
Medical Student Membership	€35	€60
Non Physician Registered Health Professional (NPRHP)	€35	€60
Retired Member	€35	€60
Honorary Member	No fee	No fee

*Fees 2013

For full details concerning the different member categories please go to www.esahq.org