



EHRA CONGRESS SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Method of Appointment

Appointed by the EHRA President

2. Term of Office

Two years.

3. Mission

To ensure the quality of the Society's EHRA Scientific Sessions as the leading European source of information in the field of arrhythmia.

4. Objectives

Develop the meeting format, including coordinating the needs of internal committees and associated ES working groups and designing the scientific program.

Specifically to:

- To request proposals for sessions from all EHRA Scientific Programme Committee members
- To request proposals for faculty from national working groups and members of EHRA board taking into account diversity of nationalities, gender and seniority
- To assign topic list, topic chairs, abstract chairs, live sessions and all other sessions chairs
- To ensure that the scientific program represent the state of knowledge in the field of arrhythmology
- To assign number and type of sessions per topic according to current interest and previous meeting attendance data
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the scientific sessions
- To identify, select and recruit faculty members taking into account recommendations of the EHRA board members and the national working groups.
- To review and select abstracts to be presented with the help of the abstract chair and co-chair
- To oversee preparation and dissemination of the preliminary and final programs
- To evaluate the meeting's effectiveness and recommend future enhancements to the following 2 year's committee
- To Invite to joint sessions with other associations of the ESC and other international organizations





5. Timelines*

All meetings will be teleconferences (TC) in as much as it is possible and face-to-face in conjunction to big international meetings such as ESC congress & EHRA annual congress

- **March:** In-person meeting during the EHRA annual congress
- **April-June:** Scientific programme construction (incl. 1 face to face meeting in June-Topic leaders only)
 - The Chairs will review the material received from topic leaders, prepare the main topics to be covered for the congress (their vision) and assign topics to each topic group
 - Each topic leader will be contacted with assigned topics – they will have one month to work and coordinate with their group to have presentations ready on the topics that have been assigned to them
- **July:** Faculty list for the on-site offer only + VIP Faculty list to have in the programme (either as Onsite speaker or remote presentations). The idea is to have a draft programme to be promoted, on top of the save the dates
- **August:** Advance programme launch (at ESC annual congress)
- **September:** Pre-invite the Faculty to save the EHRA 2021 dates into their calendars
- **October:** Online abstract grading (2 weeks)
- **November:** Abstract selection meeting (incl. 1 face to face meeting mid-November-topic leaders only)
- **December:** Final programme finalised and promoted online

** Timeline a bit adjusted and delayed in 2020 with regards to the COVID-19 situation. Call for Science timeline postponed by one month*

6. Job Descriptions

CHAIRMAN'S JOB DESCRIPTION (estimated time commitment: 4 hours/week)

- Defines the EHRA Programme objectives in line with the EHRA strategic plan.
- Sits at the EHRA Board, reports decision from the Board and information from the Committee.
- Provides leadership to the Committee members to define objectives, delegate tasks and to motivate collaborative efforts with creative thinking.
- Maintains confidentiality as appropriate.
- Responds to email notifications and solicitations in a timely manner (within 72 hours).

CO-CHAIR'S JOB DESCRIPTION (estimated time commitment: 2 hours/week)

- Reports to the Chair.
- Helps the Chair to define the EHRA Scientific Programme Committee objectives in line with the EHRA strategic plan.



- Replaces the Chair at EHRA Board and any other Committee meetings if needed.
- Handles other duties as assigned by the Chair.

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S JOB DESCRIPTION (estimated time commitment: 1hours/week)

Method of appointment of SPC members

Topic chairs and members are appointed by EHRA Congress Scientific Programme Chair in consultation with Co-chair and the EHRA President.

Members and topic chairs may only serve for 3 periods (6 years) with 1/3 replaced every two years.

Tasks' members are:

- To suggest contents for the appointed number and type of sessions based on proposals made by various EHRA members
- To ensure broad representation of topics indicative of the current and future areas of scientific development.
- To ensure representation of younger electrophysiologists /females/different nationalities from the EHRA member countries.
- To follow up that the appointed members contributes with proposed sessions
- To participate in meetings by scientific program chair/co-chair
- To suggest chairpersons and speakers ensuring representation of younger electrophysiologists /females/different nationalities from the EHRA member countries based on national working group and EHRA board member proposals
- To be available to help with replacement of speakers and with last minute changes in the program. They are expected to be readily available during the meeting
- If topic chairs and topic committee members cannot comply to deadlines by Scientific program chair/co-chair they will not be able to continue but will be replaced by new topic chairs/topic committee members

If absent from 2 consecutive Committee meetings, without any prior notice, the member needs to report to the Chair whether to remain or leave the Committee related to time constraints.