

## The EHRA International Affairs

### 1. Coordinator

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### 2. Mission

To better achieve the goal of reducing the impact of cardiac arrhythmias and reducing the sudden cardiac death in Europe EHRA has developed many programs in Europe but EHRA has also developed important relationships with other scientific arrhythmia societies during the past years. In the 21st century a scientific society cannot stay alone and has to develop strong connections with other scientific societies outside of its frontiers. Learning, medical scientific and political exchanges with worldwide colleagues are the key points for EHRA to increase its strength, its efficacy and its place in the the arrhythmias world. The international affairs branch of EHRA has the responsibility to maintain but also to reinforce the cooperation and the relationships between EHRA and international partner organisations.

### 3. Objectives

To strengthen the relations between EHRA and the international arrhythmias societies around the world.

**Strategy.** International contacts are by definition time- and resource-consuming. Maintaining the network of international relations by strengthening existing relations and carefully building key new relations requires reliability and consistency. This can best be achieved through active participation of different people using their personal relationships to serve and to promote EHRA. Presence of EHRA in the major activities of the partner associations as well as the presence of these partner associations in EHRA activities are the key of success of a strong and fruitful collaboration. The international affairs of EHRA are also the link to facilitate activities primarily organised by other committees where international partners are involved (e.g. joint documents, fellowship programmes, congresses etc).

**Projects.** The coordinator will consolidate and reinforce existing partnerships and create a new network with new international partners with the help of EHRA members designed to facilitate and promote specific missions

1. Seek and intensify personal contacts to representatives of the partner societies, especially the board members, to facilitate collaborative actions
2. Presence of EHRA representatives at congresses organised by the partner societies
  - a. Coordination and proposal of bidirectional joint sessions (i.e. EHRA + partner society during CARDIOSTIM EHRA EUROPACE and EHRA EUROPACE CARDIOTIM and partners + EHRA during their congresses)
  - b. live cases or pre-registered at congresses of partner organisations
3. Promotion of EHRA activities in the realm of partner organisations through newsletter and journal contributions (scientific initiatives, EHRA trials, documents and statements, EHRA congresses)
4. Promotion of EHRA survey and collaborative surveys using the ESC platform
5. Joint interviews and programmes on the EHRA / ESC broadcasting platform
  - a. With HRS
  - b. With JHRS
  - c. With APhRS
  - d. With SOLEACE
  - e. With SOBRAC
  - f. With Gulf arrhythmias society
6. Sharing and mutual support for educational activities if developed (e.g. EHRA courses outside of Europe for physicians and allied professionals, to be coordinated with educational committee)
  - a. Contribution of named representatives of partner organisations for educational programmes

7. Joint training fellowships (in partnership with the fellowship committee, partner organisations help to select fellows)
  - a. Asia
  - b. South America
8. Generation of joint documents (to be coordinated with documents committee)

**Organisation.** the coordinator will share responsibilities regionally with different EHRA members according to the definition of the mission (and their personal relationship within the different areas of the world).