

Scientific Committee Guidelines

1. Objectives

- i. To promote high quality collaborative (multi national) research across members of EPOS by directly setting up and leading such research through a single member or a team of members of the Committee.
- ii. To promote research education for established surgeons and orthopaedic trainees by conducting educational events during EPOS Annual Meetings and BAT Courses (the latter in collaboration with the Education Committee).
- iii. To establish, and continuously develop, the infrastructure needed in order to facilitate the above two goals.
- iv. To represent all scientific affairs of the Society by representations on EPOS Board and Reading Committee and by voting for research awards; poster prize; EPOS research grants; EPOS fellowships, etc.

2. Membership Terms and Criteria

The committee shall exist of 6 members of which one member shall chair the committee. Only members will attend all meetings of the Scientific Committee and involved in the strategic decisions. A member of the Board will also sit on the Scientific Committee (this individual will be elected by the Board). There is an unlimited number of adjunct members (definition see below).

2.1. Member

The term of membership is 3 years with 1 optional year of extension (maximum 4 years). Reasons for extension are: (i) member takes over the role of Chair and their role changes from "member" to "chair", (ii) member is significantly involved in a project for which membership is essential.

2.2. Adjunct Member

After a membership term of 3 years, members can become "adjunct members" if they continue to remain involved in any project (ongoing work) of the Committee. Adjunct members will be invited to the meetings of the Scientific Committee as needed but will not participate routinely on committee meetings and telephone conferences.

2.3. Chair of Scientific Committee

Only members of the committee can take on this position. The term is for 3 years. Ideally, these candidates have served as members of the Scientific Committee for a minimum of 2 years and have led at least one successful project (ideally a research study) of the Scientific Committee. Criteria by which to evaluate the successfulness of a project are defined by the standing chair. All members of the Committee will propose one candidate for the position of new chair (with a voting process where needed). The proposed candidate will be approved by the Board.

3. Membership Criteria

Criterion	M / D
Active EPOS Membership	Mandatory
Has given 2 oral presentations at EPOS annual meetings in preceding 3 years.	Desirable
Evidence of formal research training (for clinical scientists in areas such as clinical research methods, clinical epidemiology, or public health; for basic scientists a PhD in a field relevant to paediatric orthopaedics).	Desirable
Track record in original research in paediatric orthopaedics as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications as first and/or senior author.	Mandatory
Demonstrates reasonably strong research activity and productivity.	Mandatory
Successfully submits a research proposal for a project to be conducted via Scientific Committee. Evaluation of the proposal by entire committee with Chair to decide about the proposal's quality and whether an invitation should be made to join the scientific committee.	Desirable

To qualify for membership a potential candidate will need to fulfil all "M" criteria and at least 1 "D" criterion.

3. Board Representation

The Chair of the Scientific Committee will represent the Committee's affairs to the Board in the role of a non-executive Board member. Vice versa, a representative of the Board (elected by the Board) will sit on the Scientific Committee.