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President report

Extraordinary GA remote meeting
26 March 2021

Marek Jutel
President

26 March 2021

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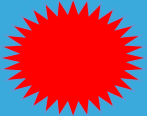
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Feedback from the Ethics Committee

Tuesday, 23 March 2021

Dear EAACI President,

Dear P.T. Professor Jutel,

In fulfillment of my duty as the Ethics Committee Chair I have prepared a Document, on behalf of Ethics Committee, regarding the prolongation of EAACI Bodies that has been fully approved by all Ethics Committee Members.

Hereby I am sending it. Please find enclosed attachment and below the list of the names of the Ethics Committee Members who endorsed this Report without any doubts.

Omer Kalayci, Liliana Rogozea, Anne Cambon-Thomsen, Luis Delgado, Erna Botjes, Catherine Elliot, Beatrice Bilo, Eugenijus Gefenas, Glen Haith

With kind regards

Barbara Rogala
Ethics Committee Chair

Feedback from the Ethics Committee

Ethics Committee (EC) report on the prolongation of the mandate of the EAACI Bodies

The EC states the following:

As a consequence of Covid-19, the work of all elected Executive Committee Members, the Board Members of the Sections, Interest Groups, Working Groups, all Committees, the Junior Members Assembly and the editors (newsletter, website, social media) could not be carried out to the full extent putting on hold many projects. Therefore, the prolongation of the term of office of all the above EAACI representatives was put forward as means to address the Covid-19 repercussions.

As confirmed by the EAACI legal advisor the prolongation of the term of office is legally permissible and correct if done in accordance with Art. 15 of EAACI Constitution.

In addition, from the ethical standpoint, the prolongation of the term of office takes a fair, inclusive and transparent approach by providing a platform for expressing an opinion in this matter for all EAACI members. This is in line with the EAACI Constitution, bylaws and the Code of Ethics and serves best interests of the EAACI's mission focusing on helping patients and professionals.

Feedback from Public Consultation on the prolongation of mandates for all EAACI bodies

Deadline for public consultation feedback – Monday 08 February 2021

214 members opened the public consultation:

- 66.8% support the proposal
- 15.4% do not support the proposal
- 17.8% general feedback / no feedback or comments provided

Concerns raised from Public Consultation

This is undemocratic and hugely damaging to the credibility of the society.

We have not seen any other organisation even suggest this

Using a health crisis to prolong personally held positions of authority is not acceptable and I do not support this.

- All democratic procedures were followed
- Confirmed by EC feedback
- World Allergy Organisation (WAO), Società Italiana di Pneumologia/Italian Respiratory Society (SIP/IRS), Società Italiana di Allergologia, Asma ed Immunologia Clinica/Italian Society of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology (SIAAIC) prolonged their mandate with 1 year due to the COVID pandemics
- Committees and boards are NOT personally held positions of authority but fully democratic working structures of EAACI. It is EAACI standard that all elected EAACI representatives exclude their personal interests and benefits.



Concerns raised from Public Consultation

The amendment seems inappropriate as

- i) we do not know when the pandemic will end
- ii) it is better to share responsibilities and leadership, rather than the same individuals taking the burden in difficult times
- iii) have the people expecting to take on new responsibilities requested this change? I know of no other society that is making amendments of this nature.

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- It is not safe to change administrative structures during crisis
- The prolongation of the mandates is strictly limited to one year (see wording of the proposals)
- The requests for the prolongation of the mandate came from the EAACI family
- All EAACI members could express and share their views in the public consultation and now in the GA. The people expecting to take on new responsibilities will have their vote expressed in the GA



Concerns raised from Public Consultation

This proposal is absolutely impossible, as it is a clear violation against the democratic rules of EAACI. Just the attempt is terrible and does not throw a positive light on the leadership.

- All democratic rules are followed: ExCom majority vote, public consultation, decisive vote expressed in the GA
- Fully transparent process
- World Allergy Organisation (WAO), Società Italiana di Pneumologia/Italian Respiratory Society (SIP/IRS), Società Italiana di Allergologia, Asma ed Immunologia Clinica/Italian Society of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology (SIAAIC) prolonged their mandate with 1 year due to the COVID pandemics



Feedback from the Legal Advisor

- ▶ The proposed amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws and its process are legally permissible and in compliance with EAACI's Constitution and Swiss law.
- ▶ EAACI's Constitution can be amended at any time when the General Assembly, as the Supreme Governing Body of EAACI, votes for it. All amendments to the Constitution are within the power of the General Assembly.
- ▶ For the amendment of EAACI's Constitution and Bylaws an absolute majority vote of the General Assembly is required (Art. 7E and Art. 15 of the Constitution).



Democratic standards and transparency of the process/calendarium - timelines

- ExCom received requests from the EAACI family on the prolongation of the mandate
 - ExCom discussion and decision on initiating a public consultation
 - Public consultation
 - ExCom decision on the convocation of the extraordinary GA - Feb 19
- ↓
- Virtual extraordinary GA after 30 calendar days: **March 26**
- ↓
- The extraordinary GA approves the prolongation and the change in Constitution and the bylaws (in case of approval)
- ↓
- Prolongation of all mandates with 1 year
 - No elections
 - No possibility to prolong besides 2022

Proposal to the GA

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 8H: TEMPORARY PROLONGATION OF MANDATE

Notwithstanding Article 8C of the Constitution, the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Officers shall remain in their positions on the Executive Committee and the Board of Officers for another year, ie. until the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly. After the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly their mandate will end and the (re-)election process set out in Article 8C of the Constitution will be reapplied.

The President-Elect elected at the 2020 Ordinary General Assembly shall take up his term of office as President after the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly and will finish his term of office at the Ordinary General Assembly 2 years later.

The term of office of the current board members of the Sections, the Junior Members Assembly, Interest Groups, Working Groups, all Committees, and the Editors (newsletter, website, social media) is covered under bylaws and shall also be extended until the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly. This Article 8H has been put into force to cover the consequences of COVID-19 on the work of the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Officers and is only valid until the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly. Article 8H shall automatically lapse after the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly without any replacement.



BYLAWS ARTICLE 14: TEMPORARY PROLONGATION OF MANDATE

Notwithstanding the foregoing Articles, the term of office of the current board members of the Sections, the Junior Members Assembly, Interest Groups, Working Groups, all Committees, and the editors (newsletter, website, social media) shall be extended until the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly. After the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly their prolonged mandate will end and the election processes set out in the Articles of the bylaws will be reapplied.

This Article 14 has been put into force to cover the consequences of COVID-19 on the work of all the above-mentioned board members and editors and is only valid until the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly.

Article 14 shall automatically lapse after the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly without any replacement.



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