

THE GREEN NEPHROLOGY COMMITTEE (GNC)

I. Committee composition and election procedure.

1. The GNC will have up to 11 members: a Chair and ordinary members;
2. All members must be nominated/confirmed by the Council;
3. The Chair should be a person with an interest in the topic. Candidates should use a specific candidacy application template ([Chair Application Template](#));
4. Ordinary members are: the ERA President, the Secretary Treasurer, the Renal Science Chair, the Clinical Nephrology Governance Chair, the Chair of the Congress Scientific Committee of the up-coming annual Congress, a representative of EDTNA/ERCA and 4 other members. Furthermore, these 4 other members must use a specific template to submit their candidature ([Ordinary Member Application Template](#));
5. The term of the ordinary members is that of their term within the Council (ERA President, the Secretary Treasurer, the Renal Science Chair, the Clinical Nephrology Governance Chair) or linked to their role (Chairs of the Congress Scientific Committee of the annual ERA Congresses) or, again, three years. In this last case the person can renew for only one more second three-year term;
6. The term of the Chair is three years and can be renewed only for another three-year term: it will be the Council that will decide on the eventual renewal, provided that the Chair submits a request for a second term using the specific candidate application form template mentioned above;
7. Once a Committee member has served two terms, a minimum break of three years before applying for the same Committee is required;
8. During elections/voting held within the Committee, in case of an equal number of votes, the Chair has the casting vote.

II. Duties of committee members.

1. The main objective of the GNC is to create a platform within ERA to start a dialogue and foster interaction among different stake holders related to the subject of environment and health/disease. Awareness on the topic is another task of the Committee: this can be done by producing position statements, making scientific presentations and organising meetings;
2. All GNC members, especially the Chair and the ordinary members who are not linked to a specific role within the Council and/or the annual ERA Congress, should be really motivated and dedicated to environmental issues or have specific knowledge in the topic, or network, or be otherwise useful to the tasks of the Committee;
3. The GNC is supported in its activities by the ERA HQ;

4. Once a year, normally at the pre-Congress Council meeting, the Chair must present a report (both technical and financial) of the activity of the GNC to the Council review, discussion and eventual approval;
5. If possible, the GNC committee members will meet each year during the ERA Congress and, in between, if needed, will organise teleconferences in order to coordinate its activities;
6. For the rules regarding the reimbursement policy for GNC committee members who participate in face-to-face meetings, for example organised at the time of the annual ERA Congress, one must refer to the "[General Rules for ERA Committees](#)".
7. Diplomas for GNC committee members. For this matter one should refer to the appropriate section in the "[General Rules for ERA Committees](#)".
8. All ERA GNC publications, if any, and initiatives must clearly mention the fact that the GNC is an official body of ERA and must comply with what is written with regard to this matter in the "[General Rules for ERA Committees](#)". The sentence approved by Council related to this matter is: *"This article (to be adapted accordingly) was written by (to be adapted accordingly) on behalf of the ERA GNC which is an official body of the ERA (European Renal Association).*

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