PRESIDENTS



Guidance on Presidents' roles

These tables describe the main roles of the Presidents (President-elect, President in charge and Immediate Past-President). Some of the activities are added *in italic*. In practice, these depend on the individuals and their strengths and interests. Specific duties regarding conduct of meetings are included in our Bylaws, recently updated.

We have added some of the experience and qualities needed for one or more of these activities.

As a member of the Executive Board, the Presidents share with all other Executive board members the responsibility of Director of EuGMS in accordance with our Bylaws (https://www.eugms.org/fileadmin/eugms-data/legal and statutory/EuGMS AISBL - By-Laws - Final - ENG - EY Law.pdf)

Term of office: 2 years as President-elect (2024-2025), followed by 2 years as President in charge (2026-2027) and followed by 2 years as Immediate Past-President (2028-2029)

Presidents Roles and Activities	Requirements
Acts as the figurehead and represents the	Relevant experience: probably leadership roles at
Society in all official events and documents.	national or regional level
Interacts with variety of scientific and civic	Social skills: Appreciates needs of different sectors
organisations	Interacts well with non-specialist audiences
Prepares written communication with	Fluent in spoken English: good enough in written
external organisations: policy, scientific, etc	English.
Has an overall vision and appreciates the	Previous involvement with EuGMS (not necessarily
main priorities of the Society.	at Board level)
Initiates or supports discussion and focus on	Broad perspective but able to delegate/prioritise
future strategic vision	Organisational and time management skills
Maintains overview of activities of the	Time
Boards, "ad hoc groups", and other Board	Has general healthcare policy and science interests
Directors	
Ensures financial and reputational stability	Maintains/Delegates effective and ethical
of the Society	relationships with Pharma/other funders
Leads Executive Board (ExecB) and General	Inclusive style. Respects different skills
Assembly	Values diversity
Oversees agendas, chairs meetings, follows	Respects national societies important roles
up on the Action lists with Secretariat	
Supports other directors and facilitates their	Can direct, delegate facilitate or mentor, as
interactions as a team	necessary. Impartial and fair. Manages conflicts.
Maintains oversight of work and workloads	Reflective practice.
Frequent email or other communications	Timely communication
Oversees Memorandums of Understanding	Experience of initiating, promoting and supporting
(MoUs) with external organisations	partnership working with scientific and civic bodies
May choose to delegate this task	
Takes day to day decisions	Decisive. Honest. Values transparency in actions
Liaison with Secretariat, Directors, PCO	
Usually attends the Academic Board	Broad scientific perspective
Oversees the paid secretariat but can	Willing to have frequent contact but can use
delegate supervision roles to ExecB members	secretariat etc efficiently

The President-elect

- Will have or already has the requirements and experience to fulfil the President role in 2 years.
- Has time to become familiar with most aspects of EuGMS activity.
- Supports and assists the work of the President, as requested.
- May lead some strategic planning with support of ad hoc groups, as necessary.
- Chairs the General Assembly or ExecB in absence of the President.
- Usually attends the Academic Board.

Immediate Past-President

- Provides experience and continuity for the Executive Board.
- Chairs the General Assembly or ExecB in absence of the President and President-Elect.
- May take on specific additional tasks at the request of the ExecB.
- Usually attends the Academic Board.
- Chairs the Nominations committee.