

**Danish Society for Toxicology and Pharmacology**

Dansk Selskab for Toksikologi og Farmakologi  
(DSTF)

May 14, 2020

Dear Prof. Eva Cecilie Bonefeld-Jørgensen,

Like most pharmacologists, EPHAR's EC members were looking forward to attending the EPHAR2020 congress, which has had to be moved to 2021 due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This development has put the EPHAR EC into a difficult situation. As per EPHAR Statutes, the EPHAR EC is obliged to call an EPHAR Council Meeting every year. The statutes of the Federation require attendance at the Council meeting the physical presence of the delegates and cannot be organized by videoconference.

Since organization of the EPHAR Council meeting is currently impossible due to the lockdowns and travel restrictions in Europe, the Executive Committee proposes two options:

- The annual Council Meeting, that will this year include the election of the new EC, could take place in the autumn or winter of 2020 during a member society national meeting (as per the EPHAR Statutes), provided that travelling around Europe is possible. The candidates nominated by national societies for the new EC can be found at the end of this letter. To help us organize the EPHAR Council meeting please let us know the dates of meetings of your society in the months of September through December. With this information, the EC will consult you again as to which meeting might be the best option. Please also indicate whether your society would be able to attend the Council (please remember that EPHAR is not able to cover the expenses of national delegates attending the Council meeting).
- Alternatively, the Council Meeting with elections could take place during the EPHAR 2020 Congress that is now scheduled to be held in March 2021. As the present Executive Committee was elected in November 2016, starting from the end of October 2020 the present Executive Committee would serve as an acting Committee dealing only with current affairs and not making any binding decisions.

Please let us know about the preferences of your member Society.

Take care and stay healthy,



Mojca Kržan  
EPHAR President



Andreas Papapetropoulos  
EPHAR Secretary General

Alphabetical List of EPHAR Executive Committee Candidates

Cirino, Giuseppe (Italy)

Diogenes, Maria Jose (Portugal)

Durlu-Kandilci, Tugba (Turkey)

Ferdinandy, Peter (Hungary)

Forsberg, Markus (Finland)

Griesbacher, Thomas (Austria)

Mršić-Pelčić, Jasenka (Croatia)

Page, Clive (UK)

Papapetropoulos, Andreas (Greece)

Sanz, Maria Jesus (Spain)

Schmidt, Martina (Netherlands)

von Gunten, Stephan (Switzerland)

Wieland, Thomas (Germany)