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About EFIM

The European Federation of Internal Medicine is a scientific organisation founded in 1996 from the European Association of Internal Medicine. The Federation brings together the National Societies of Internal Medicine of different countries across Europe, representing over 40,000 internists. The purpose is to re-emphasise the importance of Internal Medicine in patient care in a world of increasing specialisation.

The Federation is registered under the Belgian Law as International non for profit association.

EFIM National Society Members There are currently 34 National Societies from 32 member countries.

EFIM partners from the industry join the mutual efforts of EFIM member societies to promote all aspects of internal medicine within Europe. The aims of the Federation, set out in the Statutes, are to promote scientific and educational activities between the national societies and other interested bodies in the field of internal medicine.

A healthy and prosperous federation will permit forward planning of CME activities and scientific research. The membership fees of EFIM partners will allow forward planning of such activities.

Mission: EFIM shall only accept funding that is consistent with its mission, does not compromise its core principles, and does not restrict its ability to address, relevant issues freely, thoroughly, and objectively.

It is important that EFIM, a recipient of sponsorship, will be open and transparent, be accountable to the sponsor, use the sponsoring responsibly and allow the sponsors to be able to have insight. Both partners in a sponsorship always maintain professional autonomy, independence and commitment to the principles of EFIM's purpose.

It is important that EFIM will always keep the freedom to take positions on EFIM related issues that may be unfavourable to its sponsors.

Mission Priority: programmes shall be designed to meet the mission of EFIM and never designed simply to meet the needs of a funding sponsor.

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Independence: EFIM shall only enter into a collaboration with a sponsor when it is beneficial to the achievement of its objectives and does not compromise the independence or self-control of EFIM. EFIM shall not enter into collaboration with the sponsor if the main motivation of the sponsor is to gain a market advantage over competitors.

Compliance. In relation to support from industry for the EFIM, the rules as described in the EFPIA Code of Practice on Relationships between the Pharmaceutical Industry and Professional Organisations should be adhered to.

Partnership and Sponsorship opportunities will be assessed by EFIM Executive Committee on a case by case basis, while respecting the below mentioned principles.

When financial support is approved, a contract or memorandum of understanding between EFIM and the partner will be agreed and signed by authorised parties detailing length of time for the agreement, contribution value, joint activities and deliverables to be achieved.

Use of Funds: EFIM shall ensure efficient and effective use of grants and sponsorships. Funds are spent for the purpose they were raised.

Accountability

All sponsorship agreements require the counter signatures of the EFIM President and Treasurer.

Financial statements regarding sponsorships and in particular information what was done with their money shall be available upon request by the sponsor and presented at the EFIM Annual General Assembly.

All funds raised will go to the EFIM bank account.

Confidentiality: privileged or confidential information regarding the sponsor or donation must not be disclosed to unauthorised parties.

Sponsor Relationship: The Executive Committee and staff of EFIM shall not exploit any relationship with a sponsor or prospective sponsor for personal benefit or the benefit of any relative, friend, association, colleague, and so forth. EFIM shall not share the names and addresses of its congresses attendees with its sponsors. It may

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consider sending a communication to them on behalf of its sponsors provided that that email address of EFIM's sender is clearly identified as marketing or advertisement and the recipient has the possibility to opt out.

Conclusion: The European Federation of Internal medicine aims at working in the best ethical way following this Code of Conduct.

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