

Responsibilities of Council Members of the European Society of Anaesthesiology

There are certain responsibilities connected with this important position:

- It is very important that all elected Council members attend the bi-annual meetings of the Council. Since the dates of the Euroanaesthesia and Focus meetings are known years in advance, absence is acceptable only in exceptional circumstances.
- At the Euroanaesthesia meeting, Council members may be asked to act as co-chair of an abstract presentation session. Detailed information about this will be made available in due time.
- The Council meeting usually takes place on the Friday the day before the official start of the Annual Euroanaesthesia Meeting and on the Friday of the Focus meeting. Council members are requested to take this into consideration when booking flights and accommodation (reimbursement according to ESA policy).
- Attendance at the Council meetings enables Council members to express the views of ESA members from their country and participate in deciding on the future strategy of the Society. Council members elect members of the ESA Board of Directors at the appropriate time.
- Council Members are expected to liaise with the National Society and the NASC representative and to promote the ESA activities in their country. This includes actively encouraging membership of the ESA and promoting the ESA programmes of grants, fellowships, prizes & competitions, the annual Euroanaesthesia meeting, the Focus meeting and any other meeting, the European Diploma in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (EDAIC) and other activities. The views of existing ESA members should be sought about ways of enhancing the ESA both nationally and internationally.
- Council Members may propose amendments to the by-laws to the General Assembly.

ESA Policy Regarding Council Meeting Attendance

To fulfil their mandate as elected representative, ESA Council members are the only individuals who may attend Council meetings, to take part in discussions and vote. It is not possible for a non-elected person to deputize for another Council member.