

EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON CHIROPRACTIC EDUCATION

BYLAWS

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1 BODIES OF THE ECCE

1.1 The bodies of the ECCE are:

1.1.1 the Council;

1.1.2 the Executive Committee;

1.1.3 Quality Assurance and Accreditation Committee

1.2 The Executive (Committee) as defined by § 26 German Civil Code consists of the President, the Vice-President, Quality Assurance Consultant (non-voting member), Executive Secretary (non-voting member), Chair of Quality Assurance and Accreditation Committee (QAAC) and Treasurer.

The ECCE shall be represented by one member of the Executive Committee in legal and out of court proceedings; the said member shall be the President, the Vice-President or the Treasurer.

2 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 The members of the Council shall comply with the Requirements of Membership (refer to 'Policies' document sections 2, 3 and 4), and consist of:

2.1.1 **Two (2)** members nominated by the European Chiropractors' Union (ECU) and elected by the Council.

2.1.2 **One (1)** member who is a member of the ECU Executive, nominated by the ECU Executive and elected by the Council.

2.1.3 **One (1)** member who is a chiropractor, citizen and resident of the country where the Council is registered, nominated and elected by the Council.

2.1.4 **Two (2)** members who are educationalists and who are NOT chiropractors, nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Council.

2.1.5 **Two (2)** members who are chiropractors nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Council.

2.1.6 **Two (2)** lay persons as nominated and elected by Council.

2.1.7 **Programme members** are members that have been accredited by the ECCE. The Quality Assurance and Accreditation Committee decides on the admission of such members. Each programme member is represented by one person who is authorized to speak and vote on its behalf.

- 2.1.8 **Two (2)** members nominated by the programme members (2.1.7) from the teaching or administrative staff of the member programmes (not more than one member from any one programme) and elected by the Council.
- 2.1.9 Up to **two (2)** members who are medical or chiropractic educationalists nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Council.
- 2.1.10 **Two (2)** members who are either students studying a first qualification in chiropractic at an ECCE accredited member programme or students in a recognized post-graduate programme who are nominated by the student representative bodies of Programme Members (not more than one student from any one programme) and elected by Council.

3 VACANCIES:

- 3.1.1 Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Council shall be filled by the constituency in which the vacancy occurs. The new member shall be elected by the Council as a new member in line with section 4.
- 3.1.2 Vacancies should normally be filled within one calendar year.

4 OBSERVERS

- 4.1.1 The following categories of Observer may be invited at the discretion of the Executive Committee to attend but not vote at Council meetings:
- 4.1.2 State licensing authorities or national or international regulatory authorities dealing with chiropractic education in Europe.
- 4.1.3 Programmes with whom there has been recent and substantial dialogue regarding application for accredited status.
- 4.1.4 Members of other Councils on Chiropractic Education (CCEs) worldwide including the Council on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI).
- 4.1.5 Other individuals deemed relevant by the Executive Committee.

5 THE COUNCIL

The Council is the supreme decision-making authority of the ECCE.

- 5.1 **Regular meetings** shall be held at least once a year at such times (normally in October or November) and in such places as determined by the Executive Committee. However, in exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee may decide to convene a remote Regular Meeting using an online meeting application with video capabilities and secure secret ballot voting facilities.

- 5.2 **Special meetings** may be called by the President, or his/her duly appointed designee (in writing) upon the written request of a one-third majority of the membership of the Council (excluding vacancies). However, in exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee may decide to convene a remote Special Meeting using an online meeting application with video capabilities and secure ballot voting facilities.
- 5.3 All **Council** meetings shall be convened by the Executive Committee with at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing or by confirmed e-mail, including the agenda and supporting papers.