



**Rules of the EUGMS (The Full Board, the Executive Board, The Academic Board and the Working Groups) in ethical conduct in the collaboration with industrial companies  
(pharmaceutical, technological, nutrition, national or supranational organizations...)**

**Introduction**

The EUGMS has started many Working Groups. These Working Groups consisting of a number of scientists with special expertise in well defined aspects of the geriatric medicine. They can develop guidelines, organize clinical trials, etc. They can however never finalize their work without the formal approval, of the collaboration contract (with time schedule and aim) and of the conclusions, by the EB (and Academic Board) of the EUGMS.

Congresses are organized every year in collaboration with a PCO and a National Society. The contacts with the industry for these congresses is handled by the PCO on the behalf of the EUGMS and the national society.

Some distinguished members of the EUGMS have direct contacts with industrial companies, without any involvement of the EUGMS. These rules are not related to these isolated activities.

**Rules of ethical correct practices of the EUGMS and EUGMS bodies:**

Only unrestricted grants are accepted. The EUGMS and her bodies need to keep their complete autonomy. No direct or indirect interference can occur by the companies.

These unrestricted grants can be use to:

- Prepare a scientific document (expert opinion, review, etc).
- Supporting of an educational activity and/or organization activities
- sponsoring EUGMS scientific projects or communication campaigns

## **Methodology:**

All demands for participation, initiation, endorsement etc. should be sent first to the academic and executive boards.

- a. The contact person of the EUGMS should send a short abstract of the action including
  - i. Aims
  - ii. Precise events
  - iii. The members of the EUGMS responsible for this collaboration
  - iv. The demand of the company
  - v. The scientific benefits of the EUGMS
  - vi. The deliverables of this action
  - vii. Time preview to give deliverables which can give the duration of the contract with the company
- b. The President of the EUGMS will make the decision. According to the specificity and/or the complexity of the demand, the President and the academic director will ask the opinion of other members of the EUGMS academic(AB,) and executive boards (EB)
- c. The EB can decide that a part of the budget should be used for giving honoraria to EUGMS members involved to this action and 20% of the budget will be transferred to the EUGMS for logistics; the rest of the benefice, if it exists, could be kept by the WG for further research on the same topic or could go to the EUGMS if the WG is closed.
- d. The President inform the Full Board about all these decisions
- e. At the end of the action or every year (if the action lasts several years) a report should be addressed to the EB.
- f. The treasurers will be informed to prepare the budget of the year or adapt the budget according to the event.

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