

ESCCA AFFILIATED SOCIETIES – GUIDELINES

Why join ESCCA as an Affiliated Society

The European Society for Clinical Cell Analysis offers National Cytometry Societies that use cytometry as part of their regular operations the opportunity to join hands with ESCCA to increase together the efforts of the European cytometry community for improvement of clinical cell analysis worldwide.

The benefits are:

1. Members of an ESCCA Affiliated Societies are entitled to a discounted ESCCA membership fee.
2. ESCCA Affiliated Society members can register for a discounted fee for the ESCCA Conference, webinars, schools, etc.
3. ESCCA Affiliated Societies may benefit of cross-promotion of educational initiatives, national meetings and webinars.
4. ESCCA affiliated societies may have their educational initiatives endorsed (please refer to the ESCCA Guidelines for the support by ESCCA to educational activities)
5. Members of the ESCCA affiliated societies have access to External Quality Control (ESCCA-EILCP)
6. ESCCA may provide educational support through teachers, speakers and educational material to affiliated societies.

In accordance to the usual privacy laws, ESCCA does not provide contact details of ESCCA members to third parties, including not-for-profit entities, unless deemed appropriate by the ESCCA. Also, ESCCA is not allowed to send out individual e-mail campaigns to announce events other than meetings organised by ESCCA.

An overview of the current ESCCA Affiliated Societies please [see the website](#).

Obligations of an ESCCA Affiliated Society

- Affiliated Societies run activities that conform to the ESCCA mission of advancing the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases in the developing and developed world.
- Affiliated Societies are not a member of ESCCA and do not carry voting rights.
- Affiliated societies must comply with the Guidelines for the Support by ESCCA to Educational Activities when organising autonomous educational activities.

Affiliated societies need to be national or regional (i.e. representing multiple countries within a world region) and not sub-national (i.e. representing only a portion of the geographical area of a country). They can however represent a subgroup within a country that is defined not by geography but by function (e.g. hematology, immunology etc.). Societies representing a geographical area within a country can be named and recognised by ESCCA as coming under the umbrella of the relevant ESCCA-affiliated national society, but not as individual or discrete affiliated societies of ESCCA.

Associations from the following disciplines can apply to become an ESCCA Affiliated Society:

- Associations active in clinical cytometry (multidisciplinary) or in a subspecialty of cytometry
 - Hematology
 - Immunology
 - Oncology
 - Laboratory Medicine
 - Hematopathology
 - Clinical Research
 - Veterinary
 - Pharmacology in Human Disease
 - ...

- Associations which dedicate their overall activities to clinical cytometry in comparison to their other therapeutic area(s)
 - Transplantation
 - Infection
 - Immunotherapy
 - Cardiology
 - Diabetes & Nutrition
 - Rare Disease
 - Cancer Vaccines
 - ...

How to become an ESCCA Affiliated Society

We ask you to submit your request to the attention of the ESCCA President, who will review the application on behalf of the ESCCA Board. After a pre-approval by the ESCCA President, the ESCCA General Assembly ratifies the status of the new Affiliated Society electronically or during their next meeting (typically held once a year).

The request can be sent to the ESCCA Office (membership@escca.eu) and has to include:

- The filled-in application form (see attachment).
- An official letter from the Society, addressed to the ESCCA President, stating that
 - the Society wishes to become an ESCCA Affiliated Society
 - the Society adheres to internationally accepted ethical standards in clinical practice and research
- The Constitution (statutes) of the association
- A short description of the society activities over the past 3 years