

## General Terms and Conditions for Membership

The European AIDS Clinical Society – EACS is a not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to promote excellence in standards of care, research and education in HIV infection and related co-infections, and to actively engage in the formulation of public health policy, with the aim of reducing HIV disease burden across Europe.

The EACS Secretariat is responsible for membership applications and communication services.

By becoming an EACS member you agree to the following terms and conditions:

### General

Membership of the European AIDS Clinical Society is open to individuals working professionally in HIV. These general Terms and Conditions for membership are valid for each person applying for or renewing their EACS membership.

#### EACS Membership fees:

The membership fee varies according to the duration and type:

	Regular membership fee	Reduced membership fee
1 year	€ 60	€ 30
2 years	€ 110	€ 55

Only fully completed application forms will be accepted. A membership is effective from the date payment is received. In case a complimentary membership is included in a registration to an EACS event, the membership is effective upon confirmation of the EACS Secretariat.

In order to benefit from the reduced membership fee, you need to provide supporting evidence of eligibility for examination. You can upload a document (letter from your head of department, student card, etc.) or give a written explanation.

Payment is required at the time of application/renewal or upon confirmation that the reduced membership fee request has been validated. The payment should be made in EUR only, using PayPal.

A letter of confirmation will be sent by email once the EACS Secretariat has received the fully completed membership application form and the related payment. The invoice can be downloaded from the member's account, as well as a certificate of membership.

### Membership Cancellation Policy:

Membership is terminated if:

- The member dies.
- A member decides to retire from the Organisation by sending their resignation in writing to the Governing Board.  
Resignations shall only come into effect 3 months after receipt of the letter of resignation by the Governing Board.  
A member shall be deemed to have resigned if they have not paid their dues as required within the deadlines stated in the reminder sent to them by ordinary letter.
- A member is excluded because their behaviour is contrary to the interests of the Organisation to the point that maintenance of the capacity of member cannot reasonably be tolerated.  
Exclusion shall be decided upon by the General Assembly ruling by two-thirds of the votes of members present or represented.  
It may only be announced after the member whose exclusion is required has been invited to make known their observations in writing within the month of sending the substantiated exclusion proposal by registered letter.  
If they request it in the letter containing their observations, the member must be heard and may be assisted by a lawyer of their choice.  
The decision to exclude shall be recorded in the minutes of the General Assembly. A certified copy of it shall be sent, by the Governing Board, to the excluded member within fifteen days of the decision.  
An excluded member shall still owe their dues for year during which the exclusion shall have been pronounced.

The member who ceases to be a part of the Organisation as a result of resignation or exclusion and the beneficiaries of deceased members shall have no right to the Organisation's capital.

An excluded member may not claim reimbursement of their dues for the year during which the exclusion was pronounced.

### **Personal data protection**

The European AIDS Clinical Society is committed to protecting your personal data in accordance with the Belgian Law and from 25 May 2018, to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Please refer to the [EACS Membership Privacy Policy](#).

### **Liability**

The liability of the European AIDS Clinical Society – for whatever legal reason- shall be limited to intent and gross negligence. The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this. Oral agreements shall not be binding if these have not been confirmed in writing by the European AIDS Clinical Society.