Young Neurosurgeon’s Committee
DECLARATION

1. Name
The name of the committee shall be “European Association of Neurosurgical Societies Young Neurosurgeon’s Committee” hereafter referred to as “EANS YNC”.

2. Definition
All Neurosurgeons being individual EANS members during the last 2 years of residency and during the first 10 years after board examination are considered “young neurosurgeons” for the scope of this EANS YNC declaration. They constitute the Young Neurosurgeons community (YN) and individuals from this group form the EANS YNC. The EANS YNC is a multinational group of YN, who are committed to support the interests of their peers – neurosurgeons during the last years of training and the first years after qualification / board certification.

The EANS YNC represents the YN community. The EANS YNC is in charge of all EANS YN actions, including the annual scientific YN meeting and the YN session at the annual EANS meeting. The EANS YNC is committed to the general objectives defined by the EANS board, as well as to its values & vision.

By their activities, successful YNC members qualify for transition from the YNC to participation in one or several of the established EANS sections, especially the Training Committee (TC) & Research Committee (RC) of the EANS. The YNC is transversal and covers wide areas. It forms a bridge to all, but does not replace any of the other EANS sections, committees and task forces, respectively.

1 Since board certification or qualification is regulated differently in EANS member states, it should be either qualification by the means of graduating the EANS Training course OR the actual national qualification. Decisions can be made on a by-cases basis.
3. **Aims**

   The aims of the EANS YNC include but are not limited to
   a. the organization of educational events (EANS YN meeting, YN session at the EANS annual meeting, etc.)
   b. surveying and monitoring the quality of neurosurgery training in Europe (together with the EANS training committee)
   c. representing a “young perspective” on current neurosurgical issues & discussions
   d. fostering a balanced participation of European YN with regards to gender and country of practice
   e. connecting and strengthening collaboration with other national or international “young” organizations, such as the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) YN
   f. balancing networking, friendship and socializing on the one side, and scientific/educational quality on the other side.

YN, who are not members of the YNC can participate and support in all activities of the YN community.

4. **Membership of the YNC**

   All young neurosurgeons (see definition above), who are individual members of the EANS, are automatically part of the EANS YN community.

   This document defines membership in the EANS YNC, which is generally open to all YN in good standing as long as a position in the YNC is available. The EANS YNC is composed out of a maximum of 15 YN and interested YN must apply for YNC membership. Eligible for the YNC are YN, who – additionally to the definition - fulfill all of the points below:
   a. are interested in contributing actively to achieve the aims of the YNC
   b. are willing to abide by the rules of the group

   **Registration & Termination of membership:**
   a. In general, the EANS YNC anticipates a balanced participation in terms of gender and country/region of origin.
   b. Neurosurgeons interested to become EANS YNC member should express their interest to the YN chairperson, along with the reason why and how they wish to contribute.
   c. They should have participated as attendee in at least one EANS YN meeting.
   d. At the occasion of the EANS YN meeting, the applicant’s potential future involvement in the EANS YNC will be decided by vote (simple majority) of the existing EANS YNC. In case of a tied vote the EANS YNC chairperson’s vote counts twice. Any rejection of an applicant should be accompanied by the specific reason(s) why.
   e. Voluntary termination of EANS YNC membership shall be made by the individual who wishes to terminate and by announcing this to the EANS YNC chairperson.
   f. The EANS YNC chairperson may terminate or suspend the membership of any EANS YNC member if his/her conduct is prejudicial to the interests and objectives of the EANS YNC. The person to be suspended shall have the right to be heard by the EANS YNC before the final decision is made. There shall be a right of appeal to an independent
arbitrator appointed by the EANS YNC, which would typically be the EANS TC chairperson.

YNC members, who do not actively participate in the activities of the EANS YNC to promote the aims, should voluntarily resign their membership in the YNC in order to give new, motivated aspiring members the opportunity to contribute to the group.

5. Positions, organs and responsibilities
   a. **EANS YN community**
      According to the Definition (see 2.), all EANS individual members in the last 2 years of training until 10 years after completion of training are invited to consider themselves “EANS Young Neurosurgeon”.

   b. **EANS YN Network**
      All EANS individual members in the last 2 years of training until 10 years after completion of training who are registered in the network and work actively in the YNC activities and subcommittees.

   c. **EANS YNC assembly**
      The EANS YNC assembly is the organ responsible for providing a balanced and comprehensive view on different topics, incl. educational activities, future strategy, political issues. The assembly takes place at least once per year, typically on the day preceding the EANS YN meeting, but more often, if needed. The EANS YNC assembly is organized by the EANS YNC chairperson and the local host of the EANS YN meeting. It should be announced via email to all EANS YNC members at least 6 weeks in advance, unless it is deemed an emergency meeting. Meeting dates and locations shall also be exposed on the website. Within the EANS YNC assembly, decisions are taken by agreement of most members (simple majority), in open ballot and in good faith – the EANS YNC chairperson has the final decisional power if no agreement can be found within the group (tied vote). All EANS YNC assemblies must be minuted and made available to any interested EANS YN member; the minutes shall not be published on the website, however. Modern ways of communication (e.g. video-conferences) can be used in addition to or as substitute for the yearly EANS YN assembly (e.g., in case the EANS YN meeting is cancelled).

   d. **EANS YNC chairperson**
      The EANS YNC chairperson will be appointed by the EANS on the occasion of the EANS annual general meeting (AGM), according to the EANS Bylaw. The term for the EANS YNC chairperson is 2 years and he/she can be re-elected once for a total term of 4 years. The EANS YNC chairperson is the link between the EANS YNC and the EANS board. The chairperson is responsible for the coordination and long-term success of the EANS YNC. He/she is responsible for upholding the EANS YNC declaration. He/she should work closely together with the remaining core team and have the obligation to act in the interest of the EANS YN community as a whole.

   e. **EANS YN Subcommittees**
To achieve the goals of the EANS YNC, several subcommittees can be formed. These do not represent sections. There are constant and temporary task forces.

The constant subcommittees are:

- Social media presence and website
- Scientific interaction (with network to the EANS RC chair)
- Training in Neurosurgery (with network to the EANS TC chair and the chair for the hands-on course program)
- EANS YN meeting scientific committee
- Research collaboration project
- Young Neurosurgeons Network
- Webinars

Temporary task forces will be established and defined according to need and in accordance with the EANS YNC.

f. **EANS YNC associate member**

EANS YNC associate members are key persons of befriended “young” associations, such as the WFNS YN forum. The role of EANS YNC associate members is to foster friendship, exchange & collaboration between the societies’ YN sections.

6. **Alterations on the declaration**

a. Proposals for amendments to this declaration must be delivered to the EANS YNC chairperson in writing. Such amendment should be discussed and decided at the next EANS YNC assembly, giving notice to EANS YNC members at least 21 days in advance.

b. Any changes to this constitution must be agreed by at least two thirds of the EANS YNC members present and voting at the EANS YNC assembly.

7. **Adoption of the declaration**

a. This declaration was adopted by the members present at the EANS YNC assembly held on April 8th, 2021 and modified to include EANS YN Network information on October 17th 2022.

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