



Statutes of the European Lipoprotein Club (ELC)

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Article 1 – Style

The European Lipoprotein Club (ELC) was founded in 1977, and is registered in Sweden as a charitable non-profit organization.

Article 2 – Objectives

The mission is to enhance scientific communication within the research area of lipoprotein metabolism and cardiovascular disease, through organization of a yearly international scientific meeting.

Article 3 – Membership

The European Lipoprotein Club is based on individual membership. Scientists and students residing in Europe or neighbouring countries, who are engaged in activities in line with the objectives stipulated in Article 2, may apply to attend the scientific meeting to present their work. Every participant at the annual meeting becomes a member of the Club.

Article 4 – Organization

The yearly meeting is arranged by an Organizing Committee.

The organizing committee may appoint an Administrative Executive and/or administrative assistants to assist with the running of the Society business.

Article 5 - Organizing Committee

a) Election of the Members of the Organizing Committee

Members will be asked to nominate candidates for the Organizing Committee. Such nominations shall be sent to the EAS/ELC office at least 3 months prior to the election which will take place at the annual meeting of the ELC. The nominations will be reviewed by the Organizing Committee, who will select from them the candidates to stand for election, based on (a) the nominee's qualifications and suitability for the position, (b) geographical spread of candidates and existing OC members and (c) gender balance.

b) Periods of office for Organizing Committee members

Membership of the Organizing Committee is for a five-year period.

c) Organizing Committee members' duties

The Organizing Committee members are responsible for;

- the fundraising to run the scientific meeting
- the content of the website (eas-society.org/elc)
- deciding the criteria on which the scientific contributions to the meeting are selected
- the selection of scientific contributions to the annual meeting
- the practical arrangements for the scientific meeting

d) Election of Officers

The ELC has two official appointments, the Chairman and the Treasurer, who are elected by the members of the Organizing Committee from among the Organizing Committee members. The Chairman and the Treasurer are elected one year before they take office.

e) Periods of office for Officers

The Chairman and the Treasurer serve a five-year period.

f) Officers' duties

- i. The responsibility of the chairman is to organize the yearly meeting and the twice yearly committee meetings, and to organize fundraising in close collaboration with the committee members.

- ii. The responsibility of the Treasurer is to handle accumulated ELC assets and to make sure that costs incurred by arranging the scientific meeting are covered by the assets.
- iii. The chairman, treasurer and, if appointed, the ELC Administrative Executive hold the signing right to the ELC bank accounts.

Article 6 – Finances

The liability of the ELC shall be limited to its own assets and members shall not be personally liable for debts incurred by the ELC. The Treasurer, the Chairman, and, if appointed, the Administrative Executive can each officially sign contracts and legal or financial documents for the ELC.

Article 7 – General Rules

The annual Members' Assembly shall be held during the annual scientific meeting. Members shall be notified of the date and place of the next annual Members' Assembly at least 1 month in advance. Documents to be discussed at the Members' Assembly shall be posted on the ELC website at least 1 week in advance of the Members' Assembly and protocols from each meeting shall be posted on the ELC website within 1 month of the annual Members' Assembly.

Members shall be notified of the date of the next annual voting for Officers and members of the Organizing committee at least 1 month in advance. This information shall be available on the ELC website.

Article 8 – Dissolution

The ELC can only be dissolved with the agreement of two-thirds of the members. Any residual funds shall be divided equally among the then current Ordinary Members for use in research on atherosclerosis.

Article 9 – Alterations and Amendments

- a) Any alteration, addition or amendment to the above by-laws must be circulated to all members at least one month in advance of the next Members' Assembly. This information shall be available on the ELC website.

- b) If special reasons require, voting on alteration and/or amendments to the by-laws may be performed electronically. A member of the ELC shall then be selected by the Organizing Committee to monitor and review the voting result for accuracy. Alterations and amendments approved via an electronically-facilitated referendum must be verified by voting at the next Members' Assembly to become permanent.
- c) The changes require the agreement of two-thirds of the voting members.

Article 10 – Conflicts

The Society operates under Swedish law and conflicts should be handled, if not otherwise specified in signed contracts, by Swedish courts.