



## EAPC Congress Scientific Committee 2028

The 22<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care will take place in Lyon, France, 11 – 13 May 2028

*EAPC are now looking for nominations for 2028 Scientific Committee members.*

### **The role of the Scientific Committee**

The Scientific Committee is approved by the EAPC board and are responsible for the scientific content of the congress programme. The committee is a multi-professional group, representative of a range of professionals from clinical practice, research, education and policy development. The scientific committee must reflect diversity and inclusion regarding gender, race, nationality and other protected characteristics.

### **The Scientific Committee are responsible for:**

- Selection and invitation of plenary and themed session speakers.
- Creation of the scientific programme (including plenary, themed and oral abstract sessions), this is supported by the EAPC head office congress team.
- Selection of the EAPC Research Award winners.
- Selection of Poster Abstract Award winners.
- Selection and invitation of special award winners.

### **Members of the Scientific Committee are expected to:**

- Attend one in person and approximately 6 online meetings over an 18-month period.
- Participate in the review and selection process for themed sessions.
- Participate in the review process of submitted abstracts.
- Chair sessions at the congress.
- Use their networks to disseminate the information about calls for themed sessions, abstract submission and EAPC Researcher Awards and to promote the upcoming congress.
- Contribute to the EAPC Newsletter and EAPC Blog upon request.

### **Criteria for selection of Scientific Committee members:**

- Recognised nationally and internationally as an expert in the field of palliative care.
- Able to communicate in verbal and written English.
- Published in high impact journals.
- Must be a current member of an EAPC national association. (therefore, are eligible for EAPC membership).

### **2028 expected timeline:**

**June 2026** – nomination of scientific committee members by EAPC national associations.



**Summer 2026** – EAPC board review nominations and select committee members.

**September/October 2026** – First online meeting of the 2028 Scientific Committee: Introductions, review timelines and procedures, consider plenary/keynote speakers to invite, special awards, and proposals for themed sessions. Set date of in-person meeting

**January 2027** – call for themed session proposals launched, plenary speakers invited.

**February/March 2027** – online Scientific Committee meeting to review and decide themed sessions to be include in the programme

**July 2027** – abstract submission opens.

**31 October 2027** – abstract submission closes.

**1 – 30 November 2027** – Abstract review process, all members required to dedicate time to review abstracts.

**December 2027** – In-person meeting of committee to discuss abstract submissions and plan programme. Venue of meeting to be decided.

**January/February 2028** – selection of EAPC Researcher Awards (review of all applications followed by online decision-making meeting)

### **May 2028 – EAPC Congress**

- Review top scoring posters and decide on three winners
- Chair congress sessions

### **Reimbursement: What you can expect from EAPC:**

*For the congress:*

- Complimentary congress registration for 2028 congress
- 3 nights' accommodation organised by EAPC
- Travel expenses up to a maximum of €200.

*For in-person scientific committee meeting:*

- 1 night accommodation organised by EAPC.
- Reimbursement of economy class (rail/air) travel expenses.

### **Notes on reimbursements:**

- Complimentary congress registrations are non-transferable.
- Additional accommodation expenses for double occupancy or extra nights are not covered.
- EAPC will only reimburse economy air and rail fares.
- EAPC will only reimburse public transport transfers to the venue/airport/train station. If a taxi or other private transfer is required, this must be pre-approved by EAPC.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses will be processed after the meeting or congress on production of valid receipts and the completion of an EAPC guest expense form.
- All travel reimbursement claims must be submitted before the submission deadline. Claims submitted after this date will not be processed.



### **How to apply**

To be considered for a place on the 2028 Scientific Committee please [complete this form](#) before midnight CEST on 30 June 2026.

Successful applicants will be notified in September 2026.