

Group for cancer epidemiology and registration in Latin language countries (GRELL)

Article 1 - Purpose

It is created between the members with the present statute an association governed by the French law of July 1, 1901 and the decree of August 16, 1901, having the name "Group for cancer epidemiology and registration in Latin language countries", hereinafter referred to as "GRELL".

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

1. The GRELL encourages the epidemiological cancer research, including the registration of cases in geographically defined populations. It pursues the following specific objectives:
 - a) to promote the registration of tumors and contribute to the development of methods in that field;
 - b) to promote multicenter epidemiological studies and participate in their realization;
 - c) to contribute to the training of professionals and researchers in cancer epidemiology.
2. The GRELL organizes at least one annual scientific meeting and publishes the book of abstract; it reports on its own activities during the meeting. As needed, it organizes other work meetings and training courses or seminars; it seeks to facilitate inter-institutional and between the member countries scientific collaborations.
3. The Group coordinates its activities with those of other scientific associations working in the same field and in particular with the International Association of Cancer Registries and the European Network of Cancer registries.

Article 2 - Adresse

The GRELL's registered office is : Registre des cancers du Tarn Boulevard du Lude 81000 ALBI France

It may be transferred by decision of the General Assembly.

Article 3 - Duration

The duration of the association is undetermined.

Article 4 - membership

1 / Members

Members are epidemiologists and researchers working in population cancer registries or working regularly with population-based cancer registries whose activity is in areas or countries of Latin languages.

MEMBERSHIPS

The General Assembly approves, by simple majority of members present, the acceptance of new members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The membership fees is set by the SC per any calendar year.

Article 5 - Outputs

Membership is terminated by resignation, death or by decision of the General Assembly, especially when it considers that the obligations of members are no longer satisfied; the decision is taken by simple majority of members present.

Article 6 - Resources and expenditure

Revenues

The Group's revenues consist of:

1. membership fees;
2. a share of registration fees for scientific meetings;
3. subsidies or donation received.

Expenditure

The expenses include:

1. contribution to the secretarial expenses;
2. the costs of organizing scientific activities;
3. travel grants to researchers and professionals from Latin language countries;
4. expenses for the studies organized within the Group.
5. and any expenses decided by the GA

The fiscal year coincides with the calendar year.

Article 7 - General Assembly

The General Assembly (designated by "GA") is the supreme body of the GRELL

It consists of all the members of the GRELL up to date with hers/his Grell's fees.

Its attributions are the following ones :

1. To approve change of the statutes on the Steering Committee (SC) proposal;
2. To elect the SC
3. To approve new members and to exclude members on the SC proposal
4. To approve the budget and annual accounts
5. To approve the program planned by the SC
6. To approve any decision necessary for the development of the GRELL

The General Assembly meets once a year, on the occasion of the scientific meeting. It takes decisions by a simple majority of members present. However, for modifying the statute or for the dissolution of the Association it is necessary the majority of two thirds of members present.

Article 8 - Management of the association

STEERING COMMITTEE (SC)

The members of the SC are elected by GA and any member of the Grell can apply.

The vote will be expressed, considering for each country the maximum number of representatives (calculated according to the number of registries and registered annual cancer cases):

- Italy, 3 representatives
- Spain, 3 representatives
- Belgium 1 representative
- France, 3 representatives
- Switzerland, 2 representatives
- Portugal 2 representatives
- Luxembourg, 1 representative
- Romania, 1 representative
- Latin America + Canada 3 representatives
- Africa 1 representative

They are appointed for 3 years and may be renewed one time

The Steering Committee has the following responsibilities:

- Define the rules of procedure.
- to Elect the Executive Board (EB) among the members of the SC of
- to develop and implement a medium-term program of activities, corresponding to the GRELL's objectives
- to establish the duties of executive board.
- To propose to the GA the admission and exclusion of members
- To strengthen the relationship between GRELL and national and international association and research groups.
- To propose to the GA change of the statutes
- To nominate two auditors

The SC meets at least twice a year, convened by the EB. It takes its decisions by simple majority of members present. (Past president, secretary and treasurer, may be invited by the SC as advisory members).

Board members are volunteers.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

It includes a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who must represent 3 different countries.

They are appointed by the SC for a renewable period of 3 years after.

The EB handles current affairs and performs the tasks set by the SC.

The EB meets as often as the business requires but at least twice a year. It takes its decisions by majority.

EB members are volunteers.

CONSULTANTS

The Group may use external consultants (non-members) to carry out specific tasks or permanent care of some issues. The consultants may be required to participate in the meetings of the General Assembly or of the Steering Committee as Advisers. This invitation to participate should be extended for each new meeting.

Article 10 - Revision of the Statutes and Dissolution

This status may be amended or dissolution of the Group decided by the General Assembly by a majority of two thirds of members present.

Dissolution is pronounced by the general assembly appoints a liquidator. The assets will be transfer in accordance with Article 9 of the Law of 1 July 1901 to an association pursuing the same goal.

President

Secretary

Treasurer