



Constitution of the European Association of Diabetic Eye Complications (EAsDEC)

Ratified at AGM of the 2022 EAsDEC Meeting

Updated following the AGM of the 2026 EAsDEC Meeting

1. Name of Study Group

The entity is called the European Association for Diabetic Eye Complications, hereinafter referred to as EAsDEC.

2. Purpose

The aim of EAsDEC is to further research and education in the pathophysiology, prevention, assessment and treatment of the ocular complications of diabetes and their relationship with other comorbidities associated with diabetes.

3. Membership

Membership of the EAsDEC shall be open to all individuals who are interested in contributing to a better understanding of diabetic eye complications and their relationship with other diabetes complications.

4. Officers

All members of EAsDEC can be nominated to be officers.

6. Membership fees

The membership fee (if any) of the EAsDEC shall be an amount determined by its General Assembly.

7. Administration

- a. Administration of the EAsDEC shall be in the hands of the EAsDEC Board. This Board will consist of a President, a Vice-President, a past President, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

- b. The role of President should be held by either an ophthalmologist or a diabetologist/researcher/allied healthcare professional focused on diabetic eye complications. The Vice-President is elected every 3 years by the EAsDEC members during the annual General Assembly. He or she will be the future President. As an aspiration, the presidency (and therefore the vice presidency) will alternate between an ophthalmologist and a diabetologist/researcher/allied healthcare professional.
- c. The Secretary will be elected every 3 years by the EAsDEC members during the annual General Assembly. The Treasurer will be chosen by the President.
- d. The EAsDEC Board and the local organisers are responsible for the organisation and scientific programme of the Annual Meeting.

8. Annual Meetings

- a. The Annual Meeting will take place every year in a European city selected by EAsDEC members during the annual General Assembly. The meeting will be organised by a local committee in collaboration with the EAsDEC Board.
- b. A member of the local organising committee will provide written confirmation of acceptance of responsibility for following the constitution of EAsDEC.
- c. When appropriate, a visit by the EAsDEC Board will be organised approximately 4 months before each Annual Meeting and funded within the budget of the annual meeting.
- d. At each Annual Meeting a named lecture will take place in recognition of Professor Eva Kohner, first President of EAsDEC. The award will be made by the EAsDEC Board to a senior scientist in recognition of their important contribution to knowledge in the field of diabetic eye disease and its complications.
- e. Abstracts are evaluated by the EAsDEC Board and the head of the local organising committee in a masked fashion. Members of the Board are excluded from the evaluation of abstracts from their own department.
- f. Abstracts will be rejected if they do not follow the submission guidelines.
- g. Accepted abstracts of papers and posters will be published as long as the first author is registered for the annual conference before the abstracts are submitted for publication. Submitting authors will be required to confirm that the abstract contains no data that has been previously published.



9. Travel grants

Travel grants are awarded by the EAsDEC Board to early career researchers whose abstracts are accepted for the meeting and deemed to be of the highest scientific quality. The number of travel grants awarded might vary from year to year.

The following conditions apply:

- early career researcher status confirmed by relevant superior
- abstract selected for its high scientific quality
- not to have been awarded a grant previously
- only one grant to be awarded per institution
- the applicant should be the first author and the presenter.

Award recipients will be notified not less than 6 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Awards will cover all registrations to the EAsDEC meeting, hotel expenses and travel to a maximum of €1500 in total.

10. Board meeting and the AGM Minutes Report

Board meeting and the Annual General Meeting Minutes will be available on the EAsDEC website.

11. Finances

- a. The finances shall be managed at the discretion of the Board in pursuit of the aims of the EAsDEC.
- b. The EAsDEC income includes registration fees, support from pharmaceutical companies and any surplus from the previous meeting. Registration fees must be as low as possible. They are reduced for early career participants and at the discretion of the Board and the local organising committee to those non-allied healthcare professionals where possible.
- c. A float of 10,000 euros should be allocated in preparation of the next Annual Meeting, this float is to be transferred to the next organiser.
- d. 50% of any additional surplus will be transferred to of the EAsDEC account and 50% will remain with the local organiser of the annual EAsDEC meeting. A set of accounts will be submitted to the Treasurer within a reasonable time after the end of the meeting.
- e. Support for the running of the website is required within the budget of each meeting.



- f. Proper books of account shall be kept by the EAsDEC Treasurer.

13. Termination

The group may cease to be EAsDEC at the decision of the Board and the Membership.

14. Final destination of surpluses

In the event of the Group being dissolved, all surpluses, debts and liabilities shall be discharged to a charitable diabetes account agreed to by the Board.