

Constitution of the Diabetes and Nutrition Study Group of the EASD

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1. The Study Group is called the Diabetes and Nutrition Study Group, hereinafter referred to as the DNSG.
2. The DNSG is a Study Group of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes, hereinafter referred to as the EASD.
3. The aim of the DNSG is to promote both the scientific interchange on the clinical and metabolic effects of nutrition in relation to diabetes and the implementation of appropriate dietary therapy in individuals with diabetes.
4. Membership of the DNSG shall be open to all members of the EASD and such other persons as the committee of the DNSG considers eligible. Officers of the DNSG Executive Committee are valid members of the EASD.
5. In order to become a member of the DNSG, an application, together with a short curriculum vitae, should be forwarded to the secretary of the DNSG after the candidate has presented a paper at a DNSG scientific meeting on at least two occasions. The committee will propose the new members at the next General Assembly where the final decision will be taken. The committee may propose honorary members who shall be approved by the General Assembly.
6. With the exception of DNSG members who are not members of the EASD, all members may be nominated for any office of the DNSG.
7. Members of the DNSG are entitled to participate and vote at the General Assembly and to elect the committee.
8. The President of the EASD, or his authorised deputy, shall be an ex-officio member of the DNSG and of its executive committee.
9. Administration of the DNSG is in the hands of the DNSG Executive Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary plus 5 further members. The 9 committee members are elected by the members present at the General Assembly. They are elected for 3 years and may remain in the committee at the end of their term if they have been selected as office-bearer. The 4 office-bearers will be chosen by the elected committee from amongst their number. The names will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval. If a majority of those present does not approve a

nominated office-bearer, an election may be held. Any other member of the elected committee may be nominated provided he/she is supported by three members of the group and agrees in writing to stand for election. Committee members may serve consecutively in different offices, but will normally not serve more than 3 consecutive terms. Members are eligible for re-election after a 3-year interval. Elections will be arranged so that committee members resign in rotation. Sub-committees are established: a) International Affairs Committee (IAC) in order to respond to inquiries from governments and international organizations The present chairman and vice-chairman as well as previous chairmen constitute the IAC. Further members may be included in order to ensure a broad representation with regard to geography and special scientific expertise, and b) Nutrition Guidelines Update Committee (NGUC), in order to up-date the nutritional recommendations for diabetic subjects on behalf of the DNSG.

10. The DNSG shall normally meet on an annual basis for a scientific symposium. The time and place of such meetings will be decided by the Executive Committee. The DNSG General Assembly will normally coincide with the scientific meeting. A vote can be taken at the General Assembly only if 50% of the members are present.
11. Changes to the study group constitution can only be made during the DNSG General Assembly, where more than 60% of the attending members find the change necessary.
12. Meetings of the study group shall be open to all interested persons. Priority will be given to members and others presenting papers. Advertisement of the meeting shall be placed each year in Diabetologia.
13. The Executive Committee of the DNSG shall meet at least once a year. In addition, committee members may take decisions by correspondence. Each committee member shall have one vote. When necessary, the chairman has a casting vote. A quorum of the committee shall be 5 members. Past chairmen may be invited to committee meetings.
14. If so requested, the DNSG shall try to organize a symposium or workshop on a topic related to diabetes and nutrition during the annual EASD meeting.
15. An Annual Report of the DNSG activities shall be compiled and sent to the Executive Committee of the EASD.
16. The finances of the DNSG shall be managed at the discretion of the Committee in pursuit of the aims of the DNSG (Para. 3. above). Proper accounts are to be kept by the DNSG Treasurer.

17. Should the DNSG wish to engage in publication involving guidelines or statements, the EASD Panel for Overseeing Guidelines and Statements must be contacted beforehand.
18. The group may cease to be the Diabetes and Nutrition Study Group of the EASD either by a decision at the Annual Meeting of the DNSG or by a decision of the Executive Committee of the EASD.
19. In the event of the DNSG being dissolved, all surpluses, debts and liabilities on the accounts of the DNSG shall be discharged to a charitable diabetes account after agreement from the EASD Executive.