

Role description for the position of Member of the Public Affairs Committee

The Public Affairs Committee (PAC)

UEG is devoted to raising the profile of digestive health at a public and political level, thus strengthening the UEG brand, increasing its visibility, reach, and influence. The European Union (EU) plays an important role in improving the understanding, prevention, and management of diseases through various initiatives including funding opportunities. Developing a strong presence in the EU arena is thus a key activity for European umbrella organisations. The PAC is responsible for raising awareness of digestive health among specialists and decision-makers at the European level.

Structure

Every Ordinary (Specialist) Member Society has the opportunity to send one representative. The Young Talent Group and the National Societies Committee appoint one cross-representative each. Independent members are nominated at the discretion of the chair if expertise is missing.

Role Description

Tasks of the Public Affairs Committee:

- Representing the interests of European gastroenterology in interaction with EU institution and other key European and national stakeholders
- Promoting the digestive health agenda on the European public and political level
- Conveying manifold speciality-specific expertise in UEG's advocacy work (Presenting scientific evidence to EU decision makers, representing UEG at events & meetings with policy makers, contributing to EU consultations)

Person Specification

Members of the Public Affairs Committee

- have special interest and/or experience in public/EU affairs
- are excellent networkers with good communication skills
- have broad experience in gastroenterology and related fields
- are ready to accept specific, expertise-based project responsibilities and to be assigned to a taskforce
- actively plan, participate in, and follow-up on PAC activities
- maintain a good two-way communication between PAC and their sending society
- provide good organisational skills and show the ability to work across organisational and cultural boundaries
- have good command of spoken and written English
- make regular and proficient use of provided online tools, specifically the [myUEG dashboard](#)
- reside in Europe and the Mediterranean area (countries that are bordering the Mediterranean Sea)

UEG unites individuals of all genders, ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, abilities, and experiences. We are proud to have achieved increased participation of women and young talents in the last few years. We continue to strive for equality of opportunity and inclusion and invite a diverse field of applicants for this position.

Volunteer time commitment

Members of the PAC shall be willing and able to spend a decent amount of time on fulfilling their role. They must prepare for and follow-up on three meetings a year (held physically or virtually) and stay in e-mail contact. Personal meeting attendance is mandatory and usually requires travelling to Brussels, Vienna, and other European meeting venues.

Benefits

Members of the Public Affairs Committee benefit from

- stimulating activities that contribute to the furtherance of public health and other meaningful goals in digestive health
- professional networking opportunities across specialties in digestive health
- belonging to a diverse, international community
- a reimbursement package for travelling and accommodation for physical meetings
- the continuous support of highly dedicated staff at the UEG Offices in Brussels and Vienna

Recommended reading

We recommend that candidates view the [UEG Strategic Plan 2019-2022](#) and the [Public Affairs](#) section on the UEG Website.

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