

Establishment of an ERSCP society – discussion on the final steps

At this moment the ERSCP is an informally organised conference, without backing of a formal society. This has a large number of drawbacks, and during a meeting at the ERSCP-EMSU in 2010 a group of around 25 people with quite central roles in the ERSCP in the last years agreed that the set-up of a formal ERSCP society would be desirable.

In 2011 it appeared that the ERSCP-EMSU 2010 has generated a healthy surplus and the organisers are willing to make that available as start funding for an ERSCP society. Discussions and deliberations between various ERSCP related persons and PREPARE lead to the following proposal:

- An ERSCP society should be established by law, with formal statutes and by-laws
- It should be fully democratic:
 - Nationals from any (European) country can be elected as board member
 - Nationals from any (European) country can be member of the society, with full membership rights (e.g. voting)
- The society in any case will make decisions on who hosts an ERSCP (with the local organiser taking primary financial liability), and organise some form of quality control (e.g. via an elected scientific committee), but can obviously embark on broader activities
- The secretariat can operate from any (European) country, regardless of the country where the society is legally established. It is envisaged that the PREPARE secretariat also forms the Society secretariat (for a modest compensation), for obvious synergistic reasons. It has to be noted that the Elected societal board is the prime governing entity of the society and that the secretariat has a purely executive role.
- Starting capital comes from surpluses of the ERSCP 2010 and participants of the ERSCP 2010 and ERSCP 2012 are offered (free) initial membership; after 1-2 years a regular membership fee will apply

During the ERSCP 2012 a time slot is available to discuss this proposal with all who have an interest in consolidating the ERSCP in the future. An example of a suggested Founding regulation and By laws will be made available.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 May from 17.45 till 19.15 in Room Seegalerie 2.