

Brussels, 25 January 2022

Invitation to the EPF Annual General Meeting, Virtual on 23 April 2022

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the EPF Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place virtually on Zoom on 23 April 2022 from 9-12 AM CEST.

Our highest priority continues being the health and safety of our members, secretariat, and stakeholders. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, also this year's AGM will be held virtually. Again, the event will provide you with the opportunity to share your experiences and views and reflect on EPF's development and your role therein.

On the programme: Meet EPF new Executive Director, look back at 2021 and look forward to 2022 plans

The 2022 AGM will be the first occasion for you to e-meet EPF new Executive Director and to thank Elisabeth Kasilingam for her commitment and results as EPF Interim Executive Director. We will then be overlooking at our collective accomplishments of the past year in the view of further developing together our work plan 2022, and with a longer-term perspective, explore how we can ensure the visibility and the sustainability of our movement in the years to come.

Profile of participants

Due to the scope of this meeting, please note that participation is usually reserved to the organisations' high-level representatives. Due to the virtual nature of the meeting, more than one representative per organisation can join.

Moreover, I would like to remind you that following a decision of the Board in November 2016, full members who have not paid their membership fees by February 28, 2022 will not be allowed to vote at the AGM 2022. Associate members not having paid their membership fees by February 28, 2022 will not be able to participate to the AGM 2022. If your organisation is facing any financial difficulties

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in paying its membership fee, please do get in contact with EPF Membership and Governance Officer Martina Continisio at martina.continisio@eu-patient.eu.

Governance

The current two-year term of office of four of the board members, Elisabeth Kasilingam, Brian West, Marzena Nelken, Michal Rataj comes to an end and elections for the board will take place at the AGM.

You will recall that other board members, Dimitrios Athanasious, Radu Ganescu, Manuel Arellano, Erin Davies and myself were elected last year and are half way through their term of office.

We will therefore elect four board members. If your organisation is a full member of EPF and wishes to nominate a representative to the Board, please complete and return [nomination form](#) by **10 March**. You can read about the general responsibilities of Board members [here](#).

Please note that applicant organisations to be endorsed at the Annual General Meeting that meet the criteria for full membership are also eligible to put forward a nomination.

Registration and Practical Information

The draft agenda can be found [here](#) and you can register [clicking here](#).

Background documentation and preparatory materials for the AGM will be sent in due course.

Should you have any queries linked to the Annual General Meeting, please contact Martina Continisio at martina.continisio@eu-patient.eu.

I look forward very much to seeing you and to working with you again at our meetings on April 23.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marco Greco', is centered within a light purple rectangular box.

Marco Greco
EPF President