

Call for New Members

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Boards

The Executive Committee has established Boards to assist in the organisation and management of the ETA to reach the goals delineated in the statutes. These Boards are the Public Affairs Board, the Membership Board, the Website Board, the Hot Thyroidology Board, the Regional Activities Board, the Public Health Board, and the Archives Board.

Why become an ETA member

The European Thyroid Association (ETA) (www.eurothyroid.com) was founded in 1965 with the aim of promoting knowledge in the thyroid field (basic and clinical). Accordingly, ETA members are involved in the editing of guidelines for management of thyroid diseases.

ETA organizes an annual scientific meeting that regularly attracts more than 300 abstracts and over 600 active participants, reaching from young basic and clinical investigators to active scientists and clinicians as well as senior members. This meeting is a unique opportunity to communicate the most recent advances in the field. Note that ETA members are eligible for a reduced registration fee for the annual meeting of the Association. Indeed, the annual membership fee is always less than the difference between the non-member and ETA member congress fee. Typical main topics of the interdisciplinary ETA meeting are: thyroid cancer, autoimmunity, cell and molecular biology, thyroid hormone action and clinical thyroidology. Although the primary function of the annual meeting is the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge relating to the thyroid, ETA prides itself on the friendly welcoming atmosphere and quality of the social events of the meeting. The 33rd Annual Meeting of the ETA will be held in Thessaloniki-Chalkidiki, Greece. An international thyroid congress is held every five years by the four sister societies: ETA, the Latin American Thyroid Association (LATS), the American Thyroid Association (ATA), and the Asia and Oceania Thyroid Association (AOTA).



33rd Annual Meeting of the European Thyroid Association. Thessaloniki-Chalkidiki, Greece, 20th-24th September 2008

The next annual ETA meeting will be held in Thessaloniki-Chalkidiki. Thessaloniki, or "Salonica" as it is called by many, is the second largest city in Greece with a population of around 1 million. It is perhaps Greece's most multifaceted city: modern, busy trade center, active streets, parks, squares, wide avenues, a splendid boulevard, home of an important port, and it has the largest university in Greece with about 100.000 students. **Porto Carras Grand Resort in Chalkidiki will be the venue of the meeting.** Porto Carras Grand Resort is an ideal place to hold scientific and cultural events. It is approximately a one and a half hour drive from "Macedonia" airport. It has all the facilities for hosting international events, as well as to provide a relaxing atmosphere and pleasure to all the participants.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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ETA Prizes and Awards

Several prizes are awarded by the Association.

The **Harington-de Visscher Prize** was established thanks to the generosity of **Mme Jacqueline de Visscher**. The prize is awarded on alternate years to a member of the Association, less than 42 years of age, who has made a significant contribution to thyroid research.

The **European Thyroid Association Lissitzky Career Award** is awarded on alternate years to a distinguished member of the Association who has made a life-long contribution to thyroid research.

The **European Thyroid Association/MERCK KGaA Prize**, generously sponsored by Merck KGaA, is awarded at the ETA Annual Meeting.

The **ETA Young Investigator Prize** is awarded annually and supported by **BRAHMS GmbH**.

Poster prizes are awarded each year to the author(s) of the best poster(s) presented at the Annual Meeting.

Membership

There are six categories of ETA membership: **Honorary, Ordinary, Junior, Corresponding, Senior, and Corporate**.

Honorary membership is conferred upon persons of outstanding distinction who have rendered exceptional service to the study of the thyroid gland.

Ordinary membership is open to those whose interest is the experimental or clinical investigation of the thyroid gland and its diseases and whose residence or place of work is in Europe or any country bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

Junior membership is open to researchers and clinicians younger than 35 years.

Corresponding membership is open to those who, but for geographical reasons, would qualify for Ordinary membership.

Senior membership is open to persons who have been Ordinary members of the Association for at least ten years and are over the age of 65 and have retired from remunerative employment.

Corporate membership can be granted to corporations and organisations with an interest in the thyroid gland and its diseases.

Membership application

Nominations for Ordinary, Junior or Corresponding membership should be proposed by two Ordinary members of the Association, and must be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae and a list of the applicant's principal publications in the thyroid field (the latter does not apply in the case of Junior membership applications). Application for Corporate membership should include the recent annual report of the corporation or organisation and should specify its interest in the thyroid field. Applications will be examined by the Executive Committee. When approved by the Executive Committee, the nominees will be provisionally accepted as members of the Association. Their names will then be presented to the General Assembly for confirmation of election.

The application form is available under www.eurothyroid.com/membershipapplication.html

IMPORTANT

Applicants who have submitted a membership application by 1st September 2008 and have been provisionally accepted as members of the Association are eligible for the lower registration fee at the 2008 annual meeting in Thessaloniki.