



## **Business Rules for ETA Affiliated Organisations**

*(NB separate guidance applies to National Societies and Patient Groups)*

1. The ETA welcomes affiliation with other organisations that share the aims of the ETA: "...to promote knowledge in the thyroid field (fundamental and clinical) and improve knowledge of the thyroid gland and its diseases"
2. Activities of Affiliated Organisations in collaboration with the ETA may include but are not limited to the following:
  - Joint research or educational meetings
  - Joint development/authorization of guidelines
  - Joint grant applications/funding/approaches to the European Union.
  - Joint fellowships or research grants particularly for young scientists/researchers
  - Commercial co-sponsorship
  - Joint membership
  - Maximising synergy in reaching joint targets without competition for individuals or resources or replication of activities
3. A request for affiliation must be approved by the Executive Committee and the General Assembly and may be reviewed periodically
4. Affiliated Organisations are permitted to indicate on their website that they are affiliated to the ETA and should have a link to the ETA website.
5. The ETA cannot be held responsible for any financial support for Affiliated Organisations and is not obliged to offer support.
6. The ETA is not responsible for the content of material including web material that the Affiliated Organisations produce or publish that has not been submitted to the ETA for specific approval.
7. The ETA recommends that the Affiliated Organisations advertise relevant ETA activities and in return the ETA will advertise related activities of the Affiliated Organisation relevant to ETA members.

8. The collaboration with Affiliated Organisations should not reduce opportunities for ETA membership or reduce visibility of the ETA brand. Where appropriate, joint membership with the Affiliated Organisations may be promoted.
9. The collaboration with Affiliated Organisations should promote attendance of mutual members at the annual meetings of the ETA
10. Endorsement of scientific meetings of Affiliated Organisations: a meeting may only be branded as an ETA meeting if a member of the ETA Executive Committee (EC) or an ETA board was involved from the design stage of the meeting. Meetings at a later stage of development could be endorsed by agreement with the major officers of the ETA EC once the program is reviewed and considered to be of a high enough standard and appropriate focus, but these would not be an ETA meeting, just ETA approved.

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