

# YouClin Code

The Young Clinical Neuroscientists (YouClin) Network within the Swiss Federation of Clinical Neuro-Societies (SFCNS) brings together juniors across clinical neuroscience disciplines, represents their interests and lends them a unified voice in and outside the field. The YouClin Network pursues the interdisciplinary development of clinical and academic training opportunities for junior clinical neuroscientists.

The YouClin Network was established at a kick-off meeting on 29 September 2016 during the 3<sup>rd</sup> SFCNS Congress in Basel. The Network Steering Committee is set up by representatives (2 each) from each clinical neuroscience discipline reunited within the SFCNS: Biological Psychiatry, Neurology, Neuropathology, Neuropediatrics, Neuropsychology, Neuroradiology and Neurosurgery. The list of present and past Steering Committee members will be published on the SFCNS website.

The Network and Steering Committee are led by an elected Executive Committee composed by a: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Eligibility for Steering Committee:

- Up to 6 years after the end of (sub)discipline training (at the beginning of the term). In exceptional cases, upon request to the current Network Chair, the eligibility can be extended.

Associate Members of the Network Steering Committee are active contributors to the activities, projects, events and discussions of the Network, without the right to vote. There are no eligibility restrictions.

The regular term of service as Representative in the Steering Committee, Executive Committee Member or as Associate Member is 3 years (period between two SFCNS Congresses).

In principle, Associate Members are encouraged to apply as successors of departing Representatives. Otherwise, Representatives are nominated by the respective junior societies (e.g., SAYN, SYNS, YoungSVNP) before the end of the current term to the current Network Chair. In case a junior association does not exist for a specific discipline, the committee of a discipline society (SNG, SGNC, SGNR, SGNP, SGNPath, SSBP, SVNP) can suggest a candidate. If these nomination pathways do not yield any candidates, the departing Representative may nominate his or her successor. Every new Representative will have to be confirmed by the current Steering

Committee (simple majority) at the meeting at the end of its current term, in an open ballot (separate election per position) unless one of the representatives requests a secret ballot. Absentee votes are not possible.

The upcoming Executive Committee is elected by the upcoming, confirmed Steering Committee at the last meeting of a term, by simple majority (if only one candidate: > 50 % of votes; otherwise repeated ballot once, then another candidate) of Representatives in an open ballot (separate election per position), unless one of the representatives requests a secret ballot. Candidates for the Executive Committee submit their candidature to the departing Network Chair who transmits the candidate list to the Steering Committee at least 2 weeks before the election. An absentee vote by message is possible.

Associate Members need to be confirmed by the current Steering Committee (simple majority) in an open ballot (separate election per position) unless one of the Representatives requests a secret ballot.

Premature withdrawal by the Representative or Associate Member is possible at any time. The departing Representative or Associate Member is encouraged to nominate his or her successor.

Any member of the Steering Committee can suggest premature termination of service (also applies to Executive Committee positions) due to inadequate activity or behavior of a Representative or Associate Member, by contacting all three members of the Executive Committee. Termination of service has to be recommended by 2/3 of the Executive Committee and subsequently 2/3 of the Steering Committee (at least 7 voting Representatives, no meeting necessary, absentee vote by message possible). The Executive Committee would have to search for this Representative's successor.

The Steering Committee meets every 9 months (starting with an SFCNS Congress = beginning of a term).

Any changes to this Code have to be accepted by 2/3 of the voting Steering Committee during a meeting (at least 7 Representatives voting, absentee vote by message possible).

This revised version of the YouClin Code has been accepted on 13 June 2020 during a Virtual Steering Committee Meeting, unanimously (9/9 votes).