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Public call for expression of interest for experts to become members of the European Medicines Agency's scientific advisory group on immune and inflammatory diseases.

1. Background

The Committee for Human Medicinal Products (CHMP) is the European Medicines Agency's (EMA) committee responsible for human medicines and plays a vital role in the authorisation of medicines in the European Union (EU).

The CHMP relies on scientific advisory groups (SAGs) to provide independent recommendations on scientific or technical matters related to medicinal products under evaluation at EMA. For matters that fall outside the expertise of the established SAGs, the CHMP establishes ad hoc expert groups.

With this public call for expression of interest, EMA is inviting applications from interested experts with clinical/technical expertise in the fields listed below. The experts will be considered for appointment as core members for the SAG on Immune and Inflammatory diseases by EMA's CHMP.

2. Eligibility criteria

Experts expressing their interest to become core members of a SAG must have:

- a university degree, and
- demonstrated professional experience of European therapeutic practices and/or research, and
- demonstrated clinical (adult and/or paediatric) or other expertise relevant for a SAG in one or more of the following fields:

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- Clinical immunology (paediatric and adult)
 - Sub-expertise: immunodeficiencies, autoimmune diseases (rheumatology, dermatology, or nephrology), transplant and allergies
- Pulmonology (paediatric and adult)
 - Sub-expertise: immune-mediated diseases, fibrotic and non-fibrotic diseases
- ❖ Dermatology:
 - Sub-expertise: autoimmune diseases & general dermatology
- ❖ General internal medicine covering any of the areas listed above
- Clinical trials methodology/ biostatistics



Members of any EMA Scientific Committees, EMA staff or staff of the National Competent Authorities in the European Union or experts from non-EEA countries are not eligible to become core members of a SAG.

Core members of the SAGs cannot, during any time of their mandate, be employees of a pharmaceutical or medical device company, have financial interests in a pharmaceutical or medical device company (such as shares, fees, honoraria or patents), provide general consultancy to a pharmaceutical or medical device company (individual product(s) consultancy is allowed but may lead to restrictions on participation depending on the topic under discussion), hold a general strategic advisory role for a pharmaceutical or medical device company (individual product(s) strategic advisory role is allowed but may lead to restrictions), be involved a unit of a research organisation (such as a university or hospital) that manufactures medicinal products or medical devices or be involved in a unit of a research organisation that acts as a marketing authorisation applicant or holder for a medicinal product. Any prohibited interests will need to be removed or stopped before an appointment is possible. Any other declared interest may lead to restrictions on participation to a particular meeting depending on the topic under discussion. The declaration of interests of core members of the SAGs will be evaluated against the EMA policy on the handling of competing interests of scientific committees' members and experts (link).

3. Application procedure

Interested individuals are invited to submit by email their application to the EMA using the following address: SAG.public.call@ema.europa.eu

An application will be deemed admissible only when it is received by the EMA by the below mentioned deadline and when it includes the documents referred to below. All documents submitted by applicants should be duly completed.

Each application must include the following documents:

- · A letter of motivation
- A curriculum vitae (CV) including a list of publications
- A declaration of interests ('DoI') form on the basis of the standard EMA DoI form for experts and committee members which is attached to this call.

Optionally, one letter of recommendation can be included in the application.

Deadline for application:

The applications must be received by EMA by 17 October 2025, 23:59 CET

4. Appointment and rules of procedure

The appointment of core members will follow the principles laid out in the mandate, objectives and rules of procedure for the SAGs and ad-hoc experts.

The CHMP will aim to appoint between 8 and 14 members for their clinical/technical expertise and independence in the field of interest. SAG members will be nominated for a period of 3 years.

The appointed core members of the SAGs shall commit to active participation in the activities of the group, including attendance of the meetings of the SAG. Core members should be prepared to contribute to the scientific discussions and to review the documents received in preparation for and in follow-up to the meeting. The expected number of meetings varies between 2-5 per year and have

an average duration of 5 hours.

Appointed core members will be notified and their appointment officialised through their inclusion as experts in the EMA Experts Management Tool. Applicants who have not been appointed for the core group will also be notified.

Work undertaken by core members will be remunerated subject to conditions laid out on the EMA website (<u>Procurement</u>). The vast majority of the meetings are expected to take place remotely. When meetings are in-person, reimbursement of expenses in terms of accommodation, daily allowance and travel costs will be applied according to EMA's reimbursement rules (<u>Rules of reimbursement</u>).

The details of the rules of procedure and operation of the SAGs are outlined in the Mandate, objectives and rules of procedure for the scientific advisory groups (SAGs) and ad-hoc experts groups (EMA/117014/2010).

5. Data privacy statement

All personal data provided by applicants will be processed in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. The submission of personal data by applicants will be collected by the Agency for the sole purpose of selecting candidates with particular experience and knowledge for appointment as SAG core members. Such data will be used in this specific context only and accessed by staff members with defined responsibilities within the concerned division only.

Please see the **EMA** general data privacy statement for additional information.