

UEG Elections 2021

Job description and personal requirements for the position of Chair of the Education Committee

I. Role of the Chair of the Education Committee

UEG takes a central role as the main provider and leading actor in advanced postgraduate training in gastroenterology, hepatology, and endoscopy. The Education Committee enhances current and develops additional mechanisms for basic science and evidence-based medicine to link into clinical gastroenterology and teaching. Our aim is to develop effective training tools and new teaching formats to meet the learning requirements of the future and, by this, enhance quality of teaching in Europe. UEG online education has established itself as one of the richest e-learning resources in gastroenterology.

Tasks of the Education Committee:

- Defining UEG's educational agenda ensuring innovative and new ways of learning
- Providing learning programmes designed by experts in the field, supporting multidisciplinary CME and CPD based on the European Speciality Training Programme and Curriculum for Gastroenterology and Hepatology (the Blue Book)
- Developing online/hybrid/F2F programmes to ensure multidisciplinary learning, fill knowledge gaps and expand existing knowledge, improve clinical skills, and change daily practice
- Developing learning opportunities for different target groups in Europe based on unmet needs, using the best educational concepts, ensuring multidisciplinary, hands-on training when appropriate and an evidence-based approach
- Enhancing the most comprehensive UEG Library to allow lifelong learning
- Developing and implementing novel concepts and ways of learning to facilitate and harmonise GI training for experienced gastroenterologists and hepatologists and those starting in the field

The role of the Chair of the Education Committee is to lead the Education Committee as well as the E-Learning Team and collaborate with the Administration on a regular basis. The Chair maintains and encourages active contribution from colleagues and is in frequent communication with different stakeholders involved in CME/CPD.

The Chair of the Education Committee is a member of UEG Council and through this role fulfils the responsibilities of Council Members as defined by Article 12 of the UEG Statutes. He/She reports to Council and the Meeting of Members and attends Executive Committee meetings upon invitation to agree on strategic directions.

II. Required knowledge, qualification and experience

The candidate must

1. have a medical degree in Gastroenterology and/or Hepatology.
2. have profound experience and a track record in medical GI education and training.
3. have interest in further development of digital content/virtual learning developments.
4. be well versed with the European Speciality Training Programme and Curriculum for Gastroenterology and Hepatology (the Blue Book) and have an awareness about differences and unmet needs in GI training and education across Europe.
5. be able to demonstrate strategic and diplomatic leadership skills, and the ability to work across organisational and cultural boundaries.
6. maintain good relationships with UEG Member Societies, functionaries, and other stakeholders and be well acknowledged by the digestive health community.

A detailed account of how each of these 6 requirements will be fulfilled by the candidate must be given in the mission statement (refer to each specific numbered point above). Please limit your statement to max three A4 pages.

Furthermore, the position of Chair UEG Education Committee requires a very good command of spoken and written English.

III. Volunteer commitment

The candidate has to attend and chair at least three committee meetings a year (virtual or face-to-face), attend and report during four Council meetings and the annual Meeting of Members and other business meetings or conference calls.

Most importantly, the candidate must be capable and willing to spend a substantial amount of time for this position, even though it is on a volunteer basis. This includes regular visits and interaction with the Research Policy Manager as well as meetings with EU institutions and politicians in Brussels.

IV. Term of office

Following Article 11 of the UEG statutes, Chairs of the Committees are elected already one year before the term of their predecessor comes to an end, to allow a smooth handover of business. The Chair Elect will assist the currently serving Chair for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and will then start his/her regular four-year term of office on January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026 as Chair of the Education Committee, which includes a seat on UEG Council.

V. How to apply

The right to nominate candidates for eligible Council positions remains with the UEG Member Societies, including both specialist and national societies. Interested colleagues are requested to seek support from a relevant society for their application and to use the online application form.

Deadline for applications: September 3, 2021

Mandatory documents for upload with the online application:

- Mission statement referring to the outlined requirements (max. three A4 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae (max. one A4 page)
- Supporting letter from at least one UEG Member Society

UEG unites individuals of all genders, ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, abilities, and experiences. We are proud to have achieved increased participation of women and young talents in the last few years. We continue to strive for equality of opportunity and inclusion and invite a diverse field of applicants for this position.

Candidates will have the opportunity to present themselves on occasion of the Meeting of Members (virtual), Saturday, October 2, 2021. Elections will be held via electronic vote after the meeting.

For further information, we recommend that candidates view the [Strategic Plan 2019-2022](#) and the [Statutes](#).