

Open Position (Volunteer) ERS Representative to the European Medicines Agency

Role and responsibilities description: ERS European Medicine Agency Health Care Professionals Working Party (HCPWP) representative.

Background information & job description

The European Respiratory Society (ERS) mission is to promote lung health and to alleviate suffering from disease and drive standards for respiratory medicine globally. Science, education and advocacy are at the core of all activities. ERS has an Advocacy Council dedicated to boosting public and political awareness on the importance of lung health, the need to tackle risk factors and to promote respiratory research.

The ERS European Medicine Agency Health Care Professionals Working Party ([HCPWP](#)) representative is a member of the Advocacy Council, and acts as the main reference point for the activities of the European Medicine Agency (EMA) – liaising between the Advocacy Council and the EMA.

The ERS EMA HCPWP representative attends the Advocacy Council meetings (3 meetings a year) and to fulfil the liaison role, should also attend the relevant EMA meetings (costs will be reimbursed).

The ERS Representative will be supported in their role by the ERS Advocacy Department.

Requirements and responsibilities:

1. An interest in medicines regulation is desirable, but detailed knowledge not required, as learnt during post.
2. It would be helpful to have a clinical post responsible for prescribing, rather than being a 100% researcher, as you will use this experience.
3. Ability to join Health Care Professionals Working Party - Patients' and Consumers' Working Party 2 day meeting approx twice a year - here you get updates on all EMA activities and your input on these is invited
4. Your role is to disseminate info from EMA to ERS and vice versa from ERS to EMA.

5. You may be invited on to Healthcare Policy Officers group which is a subgroup of HCPWP and meets online approx. every 2-3 months. This group helps plan initiatives of HCPWP and also you can take part in writing papers on topics of mutual interest (eg recent papers on frailty across specialties and prescribing, also prescribing errors).
6. There are opportunities to join other committees or working parties eg. on Medicines Shortages, Emergency Task Force, Clinical trials group etc.
7. You will act as a focal point to get advice from ERS members when expert info is needed on a new medicine by CHMP, or on drug side effects etc.
8. You may be asked to give advice to EMA Comms team on their messaging and website content.

Personal Requirements and qualifications

- You are an ERS member
- A proven track record of respiratory research published in peer review journals
- Practical/ field experience in cross-border (trans-national) multi-centre clinical research at European level
- Understanding of the translational respiratory needs i.e. bridging the gap between basic and clinical research
- Understanding and interest in advocacy and its value to the Society
- Interest in developing the ERS science-advocacy interface with the aim to achieve better recognition and awareness from external audiences e.g. funders, European Union decision makers etc.
- Interest in representing ERS towards non-respiratory / non-medical audiences
- Able to devote requisite time to duties
- Excellent communication skills
- Fluent in English

Term of office

This position has a 3-year [mandate](#) (non-extendable, non-renewable), commencing as of June 2025.

Applications, consisting of a short CV and cover letter should be sent to by 31 May, 2025 to Marta Montanari (marta.montanari@ersnet.org)