

World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine

Endorsement Policy

The World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine (WFSICCM) is an independent, non-profit, international Federation representing national and international societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine.

The aims and purposes of the WFSICCM are defined in the Constitution, specifically promoting the highest standards of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine for all mankind, without discrimination.

The pursuit of these aims includes the establishment of world-wide co-operation between international societies and the promotion of educational and research activities to deliver the highest standards of patient care.

The WFSICCM may grant **endorsement** or **in-principle support** of educational and research programs and initiatives from Member Societies and related organisations in accordance with the processes outlined below.

Endorsement

Definition

Formal endorsement by the WFSICCM confers approval that the activity seeking endorsement:

1. represents the aims and purposes of the WFSICCM as defined in the Constitution
2. that the activity does not expose the WFSICCM to any real or potential financial or reputational risk
3. has been approved by the WFSICCM Council after evaluation and input into the activity

Criteria and process

Applications for formal endorsement must meet all of the following criteria

1. The application is from a financially current Member Society of the WFSICCM **OR** from an independent, non-profit, constituted organisation related to Intensive and Critical Care Medicine
2. The application is not from a commercial entity or corporation
3. The application is received prospectively and no later than 12 weeks before the date of commencement of the activity so that the appropriate WFSICCM Committee may review and contribute to the development of the activity.
4. Following review and approval by the appropriate Committee, final endorsement on the activity requires approval by a simple majority of the WFSICCM Council.
5. The appropriate Committee receive reports about the timelines and outputs of the activity as defined in the endorsement approval.
6. The appropriate Committee prospectively reviews all publically disseminated presentations and publications related to the activity prior to presentation or submission.
7. The name and logo of the WFSICCM and statement of endorsement should be included in promotional material, presentation and publications related to and resulting from the activity.
8. A report on the endorsed activity be included in the Annual Report of the WFSICCM and updates in the WFSICCM Newsletter.
9. The WFSICCM Council reserves the right to withdraw endorsement at any time and without prior consultation if the Member Society or organisation is found to have not fully complied with any requirements in points 1 to 7 above. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that endorsement is withdrawn the Member Society or organisation must immediately desist from using the name and logo of the WFSICCM and statement of endorsement.

In-principle support

Definition

In-principle support by the WFSICCM confers recognition of activities by associated organisations related to Intensive and Critical Care Medicine that align with the aims and purposes of the WFSICCM and definition of endorsement.

In-principle support will largely be restricted to scientific meetings and educational activities of Member Societies and related organisations, collaborative research initiatives and non-profit funding activities.

Criteria and process

1. The activity is formally endorsed or ratified by the organising society or organisation
2. The activity is non-commercial in its principal objective
3. The aims, objectives and contents of the activity be received by the appropriate WFSICCM Committee before the completion of the activity.
4. These activities may be approved by the appropriate Committee by a recommendation to the WFSICCM Executive Council.
5. A statement about “In-principle support by the WFSICCM” with or without the WFSICCM logo must always be included in relevant publically disseminated publications or presentations, including social media postings.
6. No statement implying endorsement by the WFSICCM may be included in any promotional activities, publications or presentations.
7. The WFSICCM receive a report and copy of publications on completion of the activity.

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