

**Letter of Intent for current and future collaborations between CSA and ESO**

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### Principle goal:

To enhance scientific, clinical and educational collaboration between CSA and ESO

Why? To promote optimal treatment of stroke patients and to promote CSA and ESO as the leading societies for all specialists interested in stroke in China and Europe. This collaboration aims at improving availability and quality of scientific and educational endeavors to improve care of patients with stroke.

### Key areas of collaboration to deliver this goal:

1. **Annual Scientific Conferences:** joint sessions at each other's annual meetings to promote collaborative research. These sessions will be organized every 2-3 years and they would rotate between ESO and CSA.  
A CSA expert group will be attending ESOC every year and host possible reception or seminar during the conference.
2. **Optimising Education:** exchange of ESO and CSA teaching materials and perhaps visiting doctor exchanges in future
3. CSA will help to promote the ESO members in China

### Operationalising the vision:

**Science:** CSA and ESO should run a *joint scientific seminar within their respective Annual conferences* on a topic of mutual interest e.g. to focus on differences in practice or epidemiology, hear about clinical trials in the two societies. CSA and ESO will host a joint session at ESOC 2017.

Additionally, CSA and ESO could provide each other with advice on good speakers for plenary talks, educational symposia, etc.

**Education:** CSA and ESO both have educational materials about stroke care which could, where relevant be shared (although the CSA guidelines are in Chinese and would require translating).

Both could also consider having a *joint educational workshop/Teaching course (TC)* at their respective Annual Scientific Meetings. This might encourage young members of each society to get to know each other better. ESO educational workshops typically take place on the day before the Scientific Conference starts and are charged separately to the Conference registration fee. ESO also holds an annual Summer School (a week in a different stroke centre in Europe each year), a Winter School (joint with ESMINT and ESNR, on acute interdisciplinary stroke treatment), and a Masters in Stroke Medicine (runs over 2 years with various lectures). The Summer School is free to successful applicants (but who have to pay for their travel); although usually from Europe, consideration might be given to enabling access to a CSA young stroke trainee.

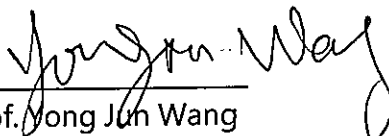
**Guidelines:** Both societies have several stroke care guidelines. This could be the start of a fruitful cooperation on guidelines.

The above are in addition to Society affiliation benefits that are available for ESO-affiliated organisations (***note these are currently under review***):

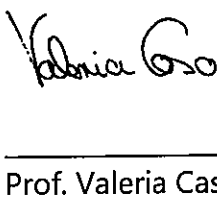
- Regular members of the affiliated Society have their ESO membership fee reduced from 100 to 50 Euros
- Support of educational activities
- Free use of ESO educational material
- Possibility of joint projects
- Free web links
- Participation in the ESO General Assembly (one vote)

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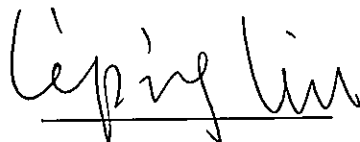
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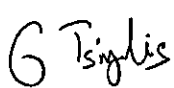
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