

Committee Report 2025 ESO Membership Committee

Report of the ESO Committees - Summary

Membership Committee

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- Marco Pasi, France
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Goal:

- To increase membership numbers. Membership growth is largely achieved by registering new members through conference attendance and acquiring more organisational members (associate members).
- A secondary goal is to convert associate into full ESO membership.

Meetings in 2025:

- 12th Feb
- 22nd May
- 1st October
- 17th December

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New Membership Category for Nurses and Allied Health Professionals

A proposal to introduce a membership fee of €40 starting in 2026 was created and approved.

Background: Nurses play a crucial role in stroke care across all phases—acute treatment, rehabilitation, prevention, and education. Despite their importance, they have limited representation within ESO. Recent trends show strong interest from stroke nurses in professional engagement and research.

Rationale: Including nurses as ESO members will:

- Strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration
- Encourage participation in ESO committees, research, and education Increase ESO's impact on stroke care
- Reflect the multidisciplinary nature of stroke management

Proposal: Create a dedicated “ESO Nursing and Allied Health Professional Membership” category with an annual fee of €40 starting in 2026. This will enable nurses to:

- Access ESO educational resources
- Join ESO-led research and quality initiatives
- Contribute to committees and conferences
- Foster professional development

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November 2025: 4,433 ESO Members

December 2024: 3,942 ESO Members

