



British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics
Professional Advisory Group (PAG)
Constitution

1. The BSHI has nominated representatives to a number of other professional organisations and these representatives link to the BSHI Committee through the Professional Advisory Group
2. The Professional Advisory Group shall be called “The British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (BSHI) Professional Advisory Group” (PAG).
3. The objectives of the PAG are to develop and contribute to professional standards and guidelines and to review and respond to documents of relevance to the discipline of Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics. In addition, members of the PAG are responsible for co-ordinating BSHI input to official (e.g. Department of Health) working groups and documents. The PAG will also interact with other professional organisations e.g. European Federation for Immunogenetics, British Transplantation Society as required and set up Standards Working Groups to address specific topics.
4. The PAG Board Members, all of whom shall be members of BSHI, shall be drawn from BSHI representatives to other bodies including the Association of Clinical Scientists, Clinical Pathology Accreditation UK Ltd, the Federation of Healthcare Science, the National External Quality Assurance Advisory Panel for Immunology, the Royal College of Pathologists, UK Transplant Advisory Groups etc.
5. The Chair of the PAG shall be elected by the membership by postal vote. Other members will serve on the PAG as indicated in Item 4.
6. The tenure of the PAG Chair shall be a maximum of four years. The tenure of members of PAG shall be for three years, or as determined by their representative role on other bodies.
7. A quorum of the PAG Chair and two other members will be required to hold a PAG meeting, whether by audio conference or by direct contact. Other business and input to documents may be conducted by email.
8. In the event of a tied vote the PAG Chair will hold the casting vote.
9. The PAG will be responsible for the delegation of roles and duties appropriate to its activities and will have the authority to co-opt other persons in pursuance of its objectives. Such co-opted persons may be invited to attend meetings as necessary in a non-voting capacity.
10. The constitution may be amended by the PAG and ratified by the BSHI Committee.

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