



ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

ELECTION CYCLE 2026

According to the Articles of Association, the Board shall consist of twelve (12) members, including:

- President, Dr Vincenzo Costigliola, Elected by acclamation at the General Assembly on May 23, 2026
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Nine (9) additional Board Members

All positions shall be elected through an online voting procedure open to eligible members of the Association, except for the President's position (see above).

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE JUNE 30, 2026, DEADLINE

N	Name	Application submitted for	Candidature
1	Prof Antonina Luca	Board Member	Dr Antonina candidate is a distinguished Italian neurologist and Full Professor of Neurology at Kore University of Enna, with extensive academic, clinical, and leadership experience in neurodegenerative and cognitive disorders, particularly Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. Holding a PhD in Neurovegetative Medicine and advanced specialization in dementia care, he has served in academic positions in both Italy and China and currently coordinates the Nursing degree program at his university while contributing to doctoral education. He is actively involved in several prominent neurological organizations, including the European Academy of Neurology and SINDem, where he serves on the Board. Through his candidature, he offers strong expertise in neurology, medical education, research, and professional governance, with a commitment to promoting scientific collaboration and advancing the objectives of the European Medical Association.
2	Prof Athanasios Papatsoris	Vice President Board Member	Professor Athanasios Papatsoris is an internationally recognized Greek urologist and Full Professor of Urology at the School of Medicine, Sismanoglio Hospital, Athens, with extensive clinical, academic, and

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			<p>leadership experience across Europe, North America, Asia, and the Middle East. Trained in Greece, the United Kingdom, and France, he specializes in endourology, laparoscopy, and oncological urology and holds numerous prestigious academic appointments and professional leadership roles within major international urological organizations, including the SIU and European urological societies. A highly accomplished researcher with an h-index of 49, more than 263 PubMed-indexed publications, and over 7,100 citations, he has made significant contributions to urological science, education, and healthcare policy. His candidature is distinguished by his global professional network, extensive governance experience, and longstanding commitment to advancing medical education, research, and international collaboration.</p>
3	Prof Prisco Piscitelli	Board Member	<p>Dr. Prisco Piscitelli is an Italian epidemiologist, public health specialist, and Vice President of the Italian Society of Environmental Medicine (SIMA), with extensive expertise in preventive medicine, environmental health, and biomedical research. He holds degrees in Medicine, Public Health, and a PhD in Biology and Biotechnology, and serves on the Board of the UNESCO Chair on Health Education and Sustainable Development. Currently an adjunct professor at the University of Salento and a specialist at Vito Fazzi Hospital in Lecce, he is actively involved in applied medical research, training, and the promotion of collaborations between healthcare institutions and academia. His candidature brings valuable experience in epidemiology, public health policy, environmental medicine, and research development, supporting the advancement of evidence-based healthcare and sustainable health initiatives.</p>
4	Dr Luigi Gatta	Board Member	<p>Professor Luigi Gatta, MD, is an Italian physician and surgeon with more than four decades of distinguished clinical, academic, and sports medicine experience. He graduated with honors in Medicine and Surgery from the Sapienza University of Rome and holds specialist qualifications in General Surgery, Sports and Exercise Medicine, and Orthopedics and Traumatology. Throughout his career, he has</p>

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			combined clinical practice, medical education, research, and leadership, serving as Director of the University Master's Program at Universalus Roma, Professor and Lecturer in several postgraduate medical programs, and President of the Italian Academy of Bioregenerative Medicine and Surgery (Bio.Ri.). Dr. Gatta has extensive experience in elite sports medicine, having served as physician for numerous Italian national teams and as team doctor at multiple Paralympic Games, including Barcelona, Vancouver, and Sochi. He has also held key roles within national and international medical organizations, contributed to scientific research and publications in surgery, sports medicine, orthopedics, and regenerative medicine, and remains actively engaged in advancing clinical excellence, preventive medicine, rehabilitation, and athlete health at both national and international levels.
5	Dr Doutor Nelson Pinto Gomes	Board Member	Dr Doutor is a Portuguese psychiatrist with over a decade of involvement in the European Medical Association (EMA), bringing extensive clinical, academic, and international experience across several European healthcare systems. Having trained in France and Belgium and practiced in Luxembourg and Portugal, he has developed expertise in forensic psychiatry, mental health governance, and medical education. He has authored approximately 70 scientific publications and holds fellowships and memberships in several prestigious international psychiatric and medical organizations. In his candidature, he emphasizes his ability to bridge diverse healthcare systems, contribute scientific expertise to policy discussions, strengthen international collaborations, and help the EMA address major challenges facing European medicine, including mental health, demographic change, healthcare system pressures, and the integration of artificial intelligence into clinical practice.
6	Dr Teresa Abbattista	Board Member	Dr Abbatista is a distinguished and highly accomplished expert in diagnostic senology and ultrasound imaging, with extensive leadership, teaching, and research experience at both national and international levels. As Founder and General Secretary of the Accademia Ecografica Senigalliese, Head

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7	Guglielmo M. Trovato	Vice President	Professor Guglielmo M. Trovato, MD, PhD, is a distinguished physician, researcher, and academic leader with extensive experience in medical research, international collaboration, and healthcare innovation. Currently serving as Executive Vice-President for Medical Research and International Relations and Director for e-learning, scientific media, and telemedicine within the European Medical Association (EMA), he has played a pivotal role in advancing scientific cooperation and professional development across Europe. Drawing on more than 15 years of active involvement with the EMA, his vision for the 2026–2028 term focuses on strengthening international research partnerships, promoting sustainable medical diagnostics, supporting multidisciplinary working groups, expanding opportunities for young researchers through recognition and awards, and enhancing the quality and accessibility of continuing medical education. Through his commitment to scientific excellence, mentorship, and collaborative healthcare initiatives, Professor Trovato continues to contribute significantly to the advancement of medical science and professional standards at both European and international levels.
8	Prof. Dr. Leonard Azamfirei	Board Member	Professor Leonard Azamfirei is Rector of the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Targu Mureş, Romania, a position he has held since 2012. A distinguished anaesthesiologist, intensive care specialist, educator, and

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			<p>researcher, he has over 15 years of academic leadership experience, previously serving as Dean and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. He supervises doctoral research and has authored more than 250 scientific publications, 12 textbooks, and holds an international patent. Professor Azamfirei is actively involved in national and international academic organizations, leading research, innovation, medical education, and healthcare policy initiatives.</p>
9	Prof. Francesco Amenta	Treasurer	<p>Professor Francesco Amenta (born July 20, 1953, in Nuoro, Italy) is an Italian neurologist, anatomist, and retired Full Professor of Human Anatomy at the University of Camerino. He graduated with honors in Medicine and Surgery (1977) and later specialized in Neurology with honors (1981) at the University of Rome. Throughout a distinguished academic career spanning over four decades, he held numerous teaching, research, and leadership positions, including Associate Professor and subsequently Full Professor of Human Anatomy, Dean of the School of Medicinal and Health Products Sciences (2013–2021), Scientific Director and later President of the Foundation Centro Internazionale Radio Medico (C.I.R.M.), and Director of several postgraduate master's programs in telemedicine, tele pharmacy, and aesthetic medicine. His research has focused on neuroanatomy, neuropharmacology, aging, cerebrovascular diseases, neurodegenerative disorders, choline-containing phospholipids, telemedicine, and aesthetic medicine. He completed research fellowships at University College London, the University of Houston, and Hahnemann University, organized numerous national and international scientific conferences, edited several influential books, and served on the editorial boards of leading scientific journals, including Clinical and Experimental Hypertension, International Maritime Health, and the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease. Professor Amenta has authored more than 550 peer-reviewed scientific publications, including randomized clinical trials, meta-analyses, and review articles. Since 2024, he has also contributed to the reorganization, modernization, and financial</p>

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			management of the European Medical Association (EMA), supporting the enhancement of its activities and digital presence following earlier collaboration in relaunching the Association and maintaining its website. He retired from the University of Camerino on 31 October 2023 while continuing to direct a postgraduate course in Aesthetic Medicine and Therapeutics.
10	Prof. A. Röhrig	Board Member	Professor A. Röhrig has been a leading contributor to the field of medical tourism since 2005, playing a significant role in its academic and practical development through teaching, research, and international collaboration. As a faculty member at the ULM University Summer School on Medical Tourism in 2012 and a training expert for the "East Meeting West" initiative, she has promoted knowledge exchange and global partnerships. Between 2013 and 2019, she conceptualized the "Health Destination Rhine-Ruhr" project, integrating regional healthcare resources to strengthen the area's position as a premier medical tourism destination. With extensive government-level collaborations across the Middle East and South Asia, Prof. Röhrig continues to advance the field through her work on the Health Destination Rhine project and the "Applied Biology for Health Destination" initiative. Her focus on applied biology highlights the integration of regenerative medicine, stem cell therapy, personalized medicine, and translational research into healthcare, enhancing patient outcomes and reinforcing the Rhine region's reputation as a centre of medical excellence and an attractive destination for international patients seeking advanced, innovative medical treatments.
11	Prof Angelo Manenti	Board Member	As a Medical Doctor specializing in Occupational Health and Preventive Medicine, I have dedicated my career to advancing medical practice through scientific rigor, ethical responsibility, prevention, and the protection of workers' and patients' health. I am committed to strengthening the European Medical Association by promoting professional excellence, supporting physicians in their clinical and professional responsibilities, advancing prevention and occupational

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