

## EURIPA Sponsorship Policy

EURIPA believes in ethical sponsorship. Its members would prefer to conduct its affairs without having to rely on sponsorship but it is pragmatic in its approach. The lack of sustainable and substantial core funding necessitates the need to obtain certain funds to assist in the running of meetings and projects. The EURIPA policy is in line with that of WONCA Europe.

The aim of the policy is to safeguard the integrity and the independence of doctors and their professional bodies, to see that there shall be no doubt in the public that the professional advice given by doctors and their organisations is led only by their professional skills and knowledge and not by any pecuniary relations with organisations and their goals.

### The Policy

- All sponsorship and other arrangements involving EURIPA and the Pharmaceutical Industry are conducted in a proper, open and transparent manner. Contracts with sponsors should be on paper and open to anyone who wants to look at them
- Member organisations remain free to ban all sponsorship from meetings, events and publications that they themselves organise
- The policy on sponsorship applies to meetings, events and publications or web pages carried out on EURIPA's behalf and guidelines on sponsorship will apply to all types of support
- Financial rewards or incentives should not be offered to individual participants
- Any material personal and financial interests EURIPA members may have in the Pharmaceutical Industry are declared, formally recorded and available for public scrutiny
- All material gifts and benefits received from the Pharmaceutical Industry are declared formally recorded and available for public scrutiny.
- The level of sponsorship should be reasonable in level and subordinate to the main scientific and educational objective of the meeting
- Where possible sponsorship should be sought from more than one organisation
- Sponsoring organisations must not
  - actively promote their products during the formal (educational and scientific) part of the meeting. Any promotion must be informal and low key and should be outside the main meeting hall
  - be permitted to determine any aspect of the content of meetings that they support and sponsors should be restricted in their input into any event that they support
- EURIPA will scrutinise
  - organisations and products or product areas and can reject sponsors which are in conflict with medical ethics and the aims of the profession and EURIPA and from which it is not willing to accept sponsorship.
  - the content of any publicity material and can reject it.

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