



How the ECTS organises its annual congress

What	Selection criteria	Selected by
Scientific Programme		
Scientific Programme Committee	Members of the ECTS representing a diversity of research fields (clinical, translational, basic), gender and geographies, with no ethnic or other bias	Proposed by the Congress President and approved by ECTS Board
Main programme invited speakers	Experienced speakers with a strong scientific track record in their fields. Must not be ECTS Board Members, Scientific Programme Committee Members or have spoken in the main programme in recent years	Scientific Programme Committee, also based on ECTS membership suggestions
Ancillary programme invited speakers	Speakers expert in their fields, including Scientific Programme Committee members, ECTS Academy members, Members of the East meets West programme and speakers of the main programme.	Scientific Programme Committee
Meet the expert speakers	Experts with teaching ability	Scientific Programme Committee
Session chairs	ECTS members, ECTS Academy members, representatives of local societies and collaborating societies	Scientific Programme Committee

Abstract Selection		
Oral and oral poster presentation selection	Only based on review scores	Scored by at least 6 reviewers/abstract Checked for eligibility by the Scientific Programme Committee
Oral presentation programme allocation	Only based on topics	Scientific Programme Committee co-chairs and ECTS Academy representative
New Investigator oral presentations and Poster forum presentations	Only based on score after the main orals are allocated	Scientific Programme Committee ECTS Academy representatives with the collaboration of other Academy Members
New Investigator mentoring session speakers and Next generation synergy speakers	Experts with mentoring skill	Scientific Programme Committee ECTS Academy representatives with the collaboration of other Academy Members
Workshop and Working group oral presentations	Based on score and relevance to the session topic	Workshop and Working group chairs
Grants & Awards		
New Investigator and Travel grants	Based on score and eligibility	Scientific Programme Committee co-chairs
Named awards	Excellence in basic and clinical research	ECTS Grants and awards action group, based on independent external reviews. Approved by the ECTS Board
Conflict of Interest		
Conflict of interest policy	Any relevant person with a conflict of interest is not allowed to participate to the selection process	Replaced by a leader person with no conflict of interest