A youngESMI group is part of the ESMI focussing on a region/country but not limited to. A yESMI group is initiated by students and young researcher and open to all young members of the ESMI. It shall be a “bottom-up” initiative which shall promote the formation of a regional network of young imaging scientists.

Creation of a young-ESMI Group:

- A yESMI group shall be focused on a region but not limited to and shall be in general open to every student/young researcher.
- The members of the yESMI group shall be M.D.’s together with PhD/M.Sc. students and young post-doctoral researchers (defined as up to 5 years postdoc).
- The name of the young-ESMI group should be defined.
- The young-ESMI group’s committee should be composed.
- A brief abstract should present the purpose and tasks of the young-ESMI group.
- The ESMI Governing Board shall approve the formation of a young ESMI group.

Function and Tasks of a young-ESMI Group

- The yESMI Group shall promote the formation of a regional network of young scientists working in the field of molecular imaging.
- The young-ESMI group shall offer to its members an overview of all the molecular imaging labs present in their region.
- The yESMI committee should meet at least three times a year (teleconference or personal meetings).
- A report should be sent to ESMI once a year, presenting a) the past and current activities and the financial situation, as well as b) the planned activities for the next year.
- The yESMI group should introduce itself to all PhD students and young researchers that could be interested by its activities.

Structure of a young-ESMI Group

- Each group shall be headed by one chairperson and one co-chair. They are in charge of the overall organization/administration and are defining the main orientation and activities of the group as well as organize possible yESMI group meetings.
- A secretary and – if applicable – a treasurer shall be elected by the group members.
- The secretary is in charge of agendas and meeting minutes of the group.
- In case the yESMI group is collecting funds e.g. for the organization of a yESMI Group meeting, the treasurer is responsible for the treasury of the yESMI group and to report to the ESMI administration. It shall be ensured that collecting and seeking for funds should not have a negative effect on the funding of the ESMI e.g. by focusing on regional resources.
- The chair, the co-chair, the secretary and the treasurer form the yESMI committee.
• The chairperson and the co-chair are the main contact persons for the ESMI main administration. Accordingly both are responsible for the annual report of the yESMI group.
• Each yESMI committee member shall stay in office for two years but can be immediately re-elected.

If one committee member withdraws before the end of his/her term in office the other committee members shall assign a successor.

The young-ESMI Group tenure

• Each yESMI group shall be established for a period of two years. At the end of this time, the yESMI group’s committee in accordance with the ESMI Executive Committee shall decide on the continuance of the group.
• The young-ESMI group’s committee shall send an annual report to be approved by the ESMI Executive Committee each year (respectively 12 month after the founding).

The young-ESMI Group Membership

• The young-ESMI group members shall be ESMI members.
• Activities organized by a yESMI group are open to ESMI members and non-members.
• Each yESMI group is responsible for administrate its members in co-operation with the ESMI main administration (e.g. file a membership list, offer possibility to register as yESMI member).

yESMI Group Regulations

• The ESMI administration will support the work of the young ESMI group for all intents and purposes.
• The Governing Board has the right to dissolve any young-ESMI group at any time if they concluded that dissolution is in the best interests of ESMI.

A yESMI group shall not compete with ESMI or its activities, but rather be complementary.

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