

Terms of Reference

The Danish Cancer Society's Scientific Committee

- Biology & Clinic

The Danish Cancer Society's Scientific Committee – Biology & Clinic (KBVU-BK) is appointed in accordance with articles 15 and 16 in the statutes of the Danish Cancer Society and is responsible for allotted tasks according to the statutes, especially articles 2 and 3.

§ 1

Section 1. Before each calendar year, the Central Board allocates a budget to KBVU-BK. The committee can allocate the budget in free competition to support scientific work of the highest quality within biological, translational, and clinical cancer research in medicine and natural sciences.

Section 2. The Executive Committee and the Central Board can ask the committee to comment on questions. On its own initiative, the committee can make statements on professional matters within its remit to the Executive Committee and the Central Board.

Section 3. The Executive Committee and the Central Board can ask KBVU-BK for contributions to strategic deliberations within the scope of the Danish Cancer Society's goals, such as expert involvement when allocating strategic funds.

Section 4. Once a year, KBVU-BK reports on its activities to the Central Board.

§ 2

The Scientific Committee consists of up to 18 members, hereof two patient representatives. The committee consists of both Danish and foreign members. A broad foreign representation should be ensured with a balance of 60/40 among national and international scientific committee members.

§ 3

Section 1. At the first meeting of the calendar year, after a chairman has resigned, the committee elects a new chair and vice-chair among themselves. The chair and vice-chair serve their election period unless they choose otherwise.

Section 2. The committee chair must be capable of Danish and have a thorough knowledge of Danish research environments.

§ 4

Section 1. The committee members will be elected as personal members and do not represent organisational or political sectional interests of the society.

Section 2. When electing members, it must be ensured that, in addition to the experience of the patient representatives, the committee has an appropriate composition of professions and competencies concerning the cancer research's current problems and the topics in the application portfolio.

Section 3. Besides the patient representatives, the committee members will be elected based on a brief, professional, and substantive nomination from KBVU-BK cf. § 6. At the nomination, the committee must pay attention to a balanced representation regarding geography, institution, and gender.

Section 4. The patient representatives are nominated according to the guidelines stated in 'Model for udpegning og kvalificering af patientrepræsentanter til arbejdsgrupper og udvalg' (Model for Appointment and Qualification of Patient Representatives to Working Groups and Committees).

§ 5

Section 1. Before the election of new members, the committee prepares an advertisement stating which expertise the candidate must cover and call for substantiated suggestions.

Section 2. The advertisement will be broadly published in relevant media and on the Danish Cancer Society's website.

Section 3. The advertisement will be sent to all relevant faculties by the Danish universities, the members of the Central Board as well as the Danish Cancer Society's research departments.

§ 6

Section 1. The Central Board elects the members based on a brief, professional, and substantive nomination made by KBVU-BK.

Section 2. The brief, professional nomination must include a statement about the suggested candidates and hold arguments for why a nominated candidate is suggested as the most qualified.



Section 3. When nominating new members, the committee should if possible, nominate at least two qualified candidates for each vacant seat, preferably in prioritised order, from which the Central Board can choose.

Section 4. Should the Central Board decide to turn down the nomination, it must forward its arguments to KBVU-BK requesting further information or new nominations.

§ 7

Section 1. Elections are valid for three years at a time. Reelection can take place once. A person cannot simultaneously be a member of the Central Board and a permanent committee or several permanent committees.

Section 2. In case of extraordinary withdrawal of the committee, members will be elected to fill in the vacant seats for the remaining election period. Members, who are elected this way, can be re-elected twice.

§ 8

Adopted at the meeting of the Central Board on 24 September 2022.

