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Dear colleagues,

It is a pleasure to update you about the forthcoming 38<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care, scheduled to take place in Rotterdam, Netherlands, August 25 – 28, 2026. Please find an updated draft version of the programme on the Society's home page (see [here](#)).

**I would like to remind speakers who have not yet registered, to do so [online](#) asap. Those who have not registered by June 15<sup>th</sup> will have their names removed from the final programme.**

With this, we hope to avoid gaps in the actual conference sessions.

#### **ESPMH General Assembly**

On behalf of the ESPMH Board, I would also like to invite you to attend the General Assembly of our Society, which will take place on Thursday 27 August 2026 (16.35-17.45 hrs). Please find a draft agenda in the attachment.

#### **ESPMH Election**

In an earlier letter (from 31 December 2025) we invited you to nominate candidates for two positions in the Board of the ESPMH. The three-year term of office of secretary of the ESPMH (Bert Gordijn) as well as the three-year term of office of one board member (Cristina Richie) will both end on December 31 of this year, which means that these two positions will also be open for election in Rotterdam.

In reaction to the invitation to propose candidates for these two positions, we have received no nomination for the position of Secretary. Bert Gordijn has however indicated that he is willing to serve another term as secretary of the society. For the position of Regular Board Member, we have received one nomination: Maartje Schermer. Moreover, Cristina Richie has indicated that she is willing to serve another term as regular board member.

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Thus, the Board's election proposal is as follows:

**Secretary of the ESPMH:** Bert Gordijn

According to the by-laws concerning the election procedure, a candidate can be elected without ballots if there is only one candidate for a position and the General Assembly unanimously agrees.

For the position of Regular Board Member there will be one ballot with the names of the two candidates.

**Regular Board Member:** Cristina Richie, Maartje Schermer

ESPMH members attending the General Assembly in Rotterdam can vote in person. Members who are unable to attend the meeting but still care to vote, should email the ESPMH Secretariat to request postal ballots. These ballots should be resent to the Secretariat **by June 15** or alternatively handed in (via an attending colleague) to the Secretary at the Rotterdam conference before the start of the General Assembly.

Bio-sketches of the candidates are attached to this letter (the bios of the current board can be seen on the [society's homepage](#).)

On behalf of the Board,



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Secretary of the ESPMH

Attached:

Draft agenda General Assembly  
Biosketches  
Conference brochure  
(Draft-) programme

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