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## Letter to the members of the *espmh*

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Dear colleagues,

At our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual *espmh* conference in Frankfurt in August of last year we enjoyed many interesting presentations as well as the hospitality of our German colleagues. Once again, I would like to thank Prof Stephan Sahm and his team for organizing this wonderful conference.

We are now looking forward to our next conference in Manchester, UK, 13 - 16 August 2025. You find information for this forthcoming conference on the [society's homepage](#). To register for the conference please go to the society's homepage and [register online](#).

At the conference in Manchester, there will be an election for positions in the Board of the *espmh*. As a result of the last election in Frankfurt the composition of the Board as of 1 January 2025 is as follows:

Ana Borovecki (Croatia)	President	until - 31/12/2027
Ignaas Devisch (Belgium)	President-elect	until - 31/12/2027
Gerrit Kimsma (Netherlands)	Treasurer	until - 31/12/2025
Bert Gordijn (Ireland)	Secretary	until - 31/12/2026
Luciana Caenazzo (Italy)	Member	until - 31/12/2027
Péter Kakuk (Hungary)	Member	until - 31/12/2027
Frida Simonstein (Israel)	Member	until - 31/12/2027
Cristina Richie (UK)	Member	until - 31/12/2026
Eugenijus Gefenas (Lithuania)	Member	until - 31/12/2025
Joanna Rozynska (Poland)	Member	until - 31/12/2025
Shlomit Zuckerman (Israel)	Member	until - 31/12/2025

Thus, the three-year term of office of four Board members will finish by the end of 2025 (Gerrit Kimsma, Eugenijus Gefenas, Joanna Rozynska, and Shlomit Zuckerman). There are vacancies for the position of Treasurer as well as for three positions of Regular Board Member. We will follow the [By-Laws concerning the election procedure of the Board](#):

1. We invite nominations from the membership.
2. The Board will establish an election proposal on the basis of the nominations received.
3. This proposal will be circulated prior to the General Assembly.

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If members do not agree with the proposal of the Board, they are invited to prepare an alternative proposal (backed by 10% of the membership). This proposal must be sent to the Secretary or given to the Board prior to the beginning of the meeting at the latest. The proposal of the Board, as well as such proposals of the membership, will be open for voting during the General Assembly. At the same time, members who are not able to attend the General Assembly can request postal ballot sheets from the Secretariat.

With this first step, we would like to invite you to send in nominations for the four above-mentioned upcoming vacancies in the Board (the position of Treasurer as well as three Regular Members of the Board).

For a valid nomination please follow these rules:

1. Specify the name of the person nominated as well as the position (treasurer of the *espmh* or regular member of the Board). Only members of the *espmh* can be nominated.
2. We need the written consent of the person nominated (in an email or letter to the secretariat).
3. We need 2 signatures of members who will be making this nomination (names and signatures of these members through email).
4. The nominations must be received by the secretariat **before 1 April 2025**.

In preparing its election proposal, the Board will consider the following criteria: geographical diversity, professional diversity, gender diversity and European residency. If you were to consider making nominations, it would be helpful if you could take these criteria into account as well.

All the best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, fluid strokes that form a cursive name.

Bert Gordijn,  
Secretary of the *espmh*