

Regulations for Granting the Patronage by the Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and Global Health (FESTMIH)

Application Form for Requesting FESTMIH Patronage

1. Preamble

FESTMIH, the *Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and Global Health*, grants its patronage—always intended to be of a scientific nature and decided by the Executive Board—to initiatives organised in Europe or overseas by public scientific bodies, universities, NGOs, foundations, or scientific societies, provided that such initiatives are consistent with the aims and objectives of the Federation as set out in Article 5.1 of the Statutes and comply with the conditions established in these Regulations.

2. General Guidelines

2.1

FESTMIH grants its patronage to congresses, conferences, refresher courses, training and/or research initiatives of national and international relevance, whose content and objectives are consistent with the aims of FESTMIH, with particular reference to its mission:

to improve the health status of people worldwide through establishing partnerships and mobilising professionals, and by promoting and disseminating research in global health and tropical medicine.

In particular, FESTMIH supports initiatives that aim to:

- A) Encourage the exchange and dissemination of information on opportunities for education, training, research and funding in tropical medicine and global health, as well as knowledge and lessons learned from national societies and other networks.
- B) Promote and implement scientific activities through specific working groups, ad hoc webinars, and information disseminated via the Federation's website and newsletter.
- C) Organise regular European conferences on tropical medicine and global health and support relevant national and regional meetings.
- D) Seek opportunities to establish links with societies, networks, institutions and associations pursuing similar objectives worldwide, with particular attention to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

2.2

FESTMIH grants its patronage to events that meet the criteria outlined in Article 2.1, provided that they are non-profit and/or not intended for commercial promotion.

3. Procedure for Requesting Patronage

3.1

The request for patronage can be submitted by the Scientific Coordinator/Secretariat of the event, or by individual FESTMIH members in good standing with their annual membership fee, members of the organising committee, or by the President or Legal Representative of scientific societies, hospital institutions, universities, or scientific foundations recognised by the State.

3.2

To allow adequate evaluation by the FESTMIH Executive Board, requests for patronage must be received at least **60 days** prior to the scheduled date of the initiative for which patronage is sought. Shorter deadlines might be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3.3

The request for patronage must be submitted to the FESTMIH Secretariat (by the online form and additional documentation by e-mail)”

- A) Type of event;
- B) Implementation modalities;
- C) Thematic content;
- D) Names and roles of faculty members;
- E) Any sponsorships;
- F) A declaration by the applicant guaranteeing that the event is non-profit and/or not intended for commercial promotion, and that its organisation and content will not be subject to interference or influence by any sponsoring entities.

3.4

The presence of a FESTMIH member among the faculty constitutes a preferential, though not mandatory, requirement for the granting of patronage.

3.5

The request may be submitted prior to the finalisation of the programme; however, it must be accompanied by a preliminary draft including all the elements listed above. Incomplete or insufficient applications **will not be evaluated**. No reference to FESTMIH patronage can be made on preliminary programmes or promotional materials before official approval of the patronage request has been granted.

4. Evaluation and Granting of Patronage

4.1

Patronage is granted by the President, after consultation with the Executive Board. In exceptional circumstances, patronage may be granted directly by the President and subsequently ratified by the Executive Board.

4.2

Patronage will be granted to events deemed to be of adequate quality and consistent with the aims and objectives of the Federation. In specific cases, patronage may also be granted to particular sections of an event, based on their relevance to FESTMIH's statutory objectives.

4.3

The decision by the President to grant patronage will be promptly communicated to the applicant by the FESTMIH Secretariat.

4.4

FESTMIH patronage implies that the event will be advertised in the FESTMIH website, and advocated for within the FESTMIH community. FESTMIH patronage does not imply organisational support and/or financial coverage of event expenses.

4.5

The final programme of a patronaged event must include the wording: **“With the Patronage of FESTMIH (Federation of European Societies of Tropical Medicine and International Health)”**, as well as the Federation's logo and website address (www.festmih.eu).

In addition, a JPEG cover image of the programme and a PDF copy of the final programme must be sent to the FESTMIH Secretariat prior to the event, for possible publication on the Federation's website.

5. Final Considerations

5.1

The granting of patronage is free of charge.

5.2

As a rule, patronage cannot be extended, within patronaged events, to symposia sponsored by for-profit entities.

Note

The President and the Executive Board of FESTMIH reserve the right, at their sole discretion, not to grant or to revoke patronage and/or the use of the FESTMIH name and logo for events that are not consistent with the Federation's institutional objectives and/or general strategies as defined in its Statutes, or if granting patronage is deemed to create a conflict with the content of the event.

The FESTMIH logo is the exclusive property of the Federation and is therefore under the sole authority of its Legal Representative and Statutory Bodies. Any unauthorised or improper use is subject to legal action to protect the image and interests of FESTMIH.