
Next Generation Partners (NGPs) of the European Glaucoma Society (EGS)

The Next Generation Partnership Programme

The NGP Programme is a mentorship and networking programme aiming to enhance the professional and leadership development of emerging leaders in glaucoma care delivery, education and research who are interested and able to support the goals of the European Glaucoma Society.

NGP definition

NGPs are European younger specialists in ophthalmology or established glaucoma researchers, with particular interest in the field of glaucoma, fulfilling membership requirements (see below), wishing to be involved in the diverse activities of the EGS aiming to achieve the EGS Vision. The experience of the NGPs may vary from glaucoma fellows to more established glaucoma researchers/specialists and, therefore, their assignments and involvement within the EGS may vary. The heterogeneity promotes continuity because the inclusion of more experienced NGPs within the group facilitates mentoring within the NGP network. All are united by their common interest to actively contribute, help and work within the EGS in order to make a difference in glaucoma care throughout Europe.

NGP-Special Interest Group definition

The NGP-SIG was established by the EGS ExCo and its remit is 1) to implement the EGS vision, 2) to identify ways in which the NGP can help the EGS achieve its goals, 3) to advise the EGS of activities which would benefit the NGP's professional and leadership developments. This SIG is composed of senior NGPs originating from across European countries in order to be representative of the younger European ophthalmological community.

Mission of NGP-SIG

To identify, inspire and encourage potential NGPs who have interests in implementing and expanding the vision and missions of the EGS.

To actively contribute with new ideas to various EGS activities

To support training and development of future EGS leaders within the framework of EGS Committee and SIGs.

Action plan of NGP-SIG

To collaborate with EGS Committee and SIG chairs to achieve the Missions and Action Plans of the EGS Themes and their Committees and SIGs.

To help identify NGPs who have an interest in, and a wish to contribute to, the various SIGs and committees of the EGS.

To act as a coordinating body for NGPs engaged in various SIGs and Committees.

To suggest activities and projects that are complementing and enriching current EGS activities and simultaneously represent a significant interest for the NGPs.

To facilitate contacts between interested NGPs and leaders of SIGs or Committees to engage new projects.

To identify new SIG and Committee leaders who have the potential to become the future EGS leadership.

How to become an NGP?

After introducing the initiative for Next Generation Partnership in 2016, potential NGPs were identified and selected by EGS leaders to participate in the inaugural NGP-Day at the Members Meeting in London 2017. Now, by fulfilling the requirements, young(er) members of EGS can join the NGP and help move future glaucoma care forward.

Why become an NGP?

The EGS will support the NGP members to develop as clinicians and researchers through personal skills education. Furthermore, the programme provides a forum and a platform to network with other NGPs and more senior members of EGS in order to more easily get engaged in EGS activities.

Requirements to become a NGP

To be a member of EGS

To be at least one of the following

- a specialist in ophthalmology in her/his own country with special interest in glaucoma and that has received focused glaucoma training or a structured glaucoma fellowship. .
- a scientist with focus on glaucoma research

To be recommended by a senior member of the EGS.

To be motivated, willing and have the capacity to work within the EGS with the aim to help move future glaucoma care forward.

EGS programme for NGPs

- Yearly NGP day during EGS congresses and meetings
- Personal development program based on 5 modules
 - 1) Critical appraisal of literature (delivered at the London Meeting 2017)
 - 2) Presentation skills: a) How to be on stage, b) How to prepare good slides
 - 3) How to write successful grants
 - 4) How to write a scientific paper
 - 5) Leadership

The first module was organized during the 2017 EGS members meeting in London. The Critical Evaluation NGP Day served as stepping stone for the strong involvement of the NGPs in up-dating process of the guideline based on systematic reviews.