

E-AHPBA policy for promotion, support and endorsement of studies and surveys

These guidelines have been developed to ensure consistency in the evaluation of requests for promotion, support and endorsement of studies and surveys organised by related organisations or institutions.

Online applications to E-AHPBA for such requests should be made to the Management Office via the website http://eahpba.org/scientific-and-research-corner/apply-for-e-ahpba-endorsement-of-meetings-studies-or-surveys/ who will then submit to the Scientific & Research Committee for evaluation. All correspondence regarding such requests will be between the applicant and the Management Office.

PROJECTS – SURVEYS OR STUDIES

Active Endorsement

E-AHPBA GOLD Seal Project

For an active endorsement the project may be developed within the Scientific & Research Committee, by active members or be brought to the committee as a collaborative project, whose lead is seeking help and advice.

E-AHPBA to be named in any publication as appropriate, decided in advance by the lead and the Committee chair.

Passive Endorsement

E-AHPBA BLUE Seal Project

Any study or survey initiated and setup by a single group (whose chief is an E-AHPBA member) and which looks for advertisement within the E-AHPBA community. The Scientific & Research Committee should validate the project but does not participate to the set up or analysis.

1. E-AHPBA will only consider applications to disseminate or promote projects to its membership by current members.

- 2. Applicants should allow up to 3 month for a response from the Scientific & Research Committee or after their next meeting.
- 3. Consideration of an application by E-AHPBA may result in one or a combination of the following:
 - o Dissemination of the survey/study by way of email to E-AHPBA membership
 - o An offer to promote the survey/study within the E-AHPBA website news section
 - o A decision not to disseminate or otherwise promote the survey/study on Social Media
 - Other promotional activity as considered appropriate by the Scientific & Research Committee.
- 4. E-AHPBA will send a maximum of 8 surveys/studies per year, evenly spread out.
- 5. Surveys promoted by E-AHPBA will include the following disclaimer:
 - "E-AHPBA acts as a vehicle for distribution of this survey/study and such distribution does not constitute or imply endorsement of the results or any subsequent use of data collected. Please address any comments or questions regarding the content of the survey/study to the project lead."
- 6. Applicants whose requests are accepted by E-AHPBA will, within 3 months of the survey/study being disseminated or otherwise promoted, provide E-AHPBA with information about the project including, progress, results, and where possible the number of responses and the age and geographic location of the responders.
- 7. E-AHPBA to be named in any publication as "this project was endorsed by the European-African Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (E-AHPBA)"