

ESA Research Group – PROVENet – Letter of acceptance

To: Prof. Paolo Pelosi, Prof. Marcus Schultz, Prof. Marcelo Gama de Abreu

Cc: Dr. Sabine Hemmes, Dr. Ary Serpa Neto

Brussels, Thursday, 26 June 2014

Dear Prof. Pelosi,
Dear Prof. Marcus Schultz,
Dear Prof. Marcelo Gama de Abreu,

The European Society of Anaesthesiology Research Committee (ESA RC) is pleased to confirm to you the endorsement at the 26 March 2014 of the PROtective Ventilation Network (PROVENet) as an official ESA Research Group and is happy to support your current project PROtective ventilation of OBESE patients (PROBESE) study (Clinicaltrial.gov identifier NCT02148692).

The following advantages are offered by ESA for period of 3 years to the Research Group (RG):

1. Time and room at Euroanaesthesia for a business meeting (to discuss collaborative research)
2. Max 10.000 € / year to perform one meeting at the ESA Secretariat in Brussels or more meetings if within the budget.
3. Please note that the money is not allocated upfront to the Group Chair but reimbursements are made by ESA upon return of invoices sent to ESA following the ESA reimbursement Guidelines (App.2).
4. The right to use ESA database for e-mailings to ESA members (preferably in the Newsletter, eNews after an approval process). This is not a direct access but indirect access via ESA staff.
5. The right to suggest a program session part on Euroanaesthesia Congress. The programme suggestions must follow the deadlines and the regulations of the ESA Scientific Committee.
6. Entitlement to display the ESA logo (not the CTN logo) together with the following sentence: "European Society of Anaesthesiology Research Group" on their documentation, e-mails and websites. The ESA Board and the ESA RC must be informed of any promotional material embedding the ESA logo
7. Space to promote their project/study/work on the ESA website (already done: <http://www.esahq.org/about-us/the-esa/committees/research-committee/provenet>) and at the Euroanaesthesia Congress

The Chair and the members of the ESA RC will evaluate and monitor over time the activity of the Group. The ESA RG shall send a report to the ESA RC of the RG activities once a year, on 26 March at the annual anniversary of the Group acceptance.

All publications out of the ESA RG shall be labelled as "ESA Research Group".

The PROtective Ventilation Network (PROVENet) is endorsed by ESA from 24 March 2014 until 26 March 2016. The ESA RC shall re-evaluate the RG after 3 years for renewal and continuation of the ESA support.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Andreas Hoefft
Research Committee chairperson