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How are members selected/invited to join your committee?

New candidates have traditionally been invited based on suggestions from the present committee members. The candidates are often people who are visible in the radiobiology (RB) research community, for example through their participation in ESTRO meetings or, more specifically, in RB conferences or workshops. We also recruit new candidates from the RB scientific advisory group for the ESTRO meetings. In their first year, the candidates are observing members. Then if the committee agrees, the candidate will continue as full member for a 2 year-term, once renewable, for 3 years.

What is the profile of the perfect candidate for your committee or working groups?

The candidate should be engaged in basic, preclinical or translational/clinical RB research. The applicant should also be enthusiastic and eager to contribute to the work of the committee or working groups.

How can members get involved with your committee activities?

The RB committee provides various activities at the educational and research levels to strengthen and promote basic, preclinical and translational/clinical RB within European radiation oncology. Our ESTRO school activities include a research course in translational radiation biology, which is focused on current research trends and outlines "hot topics" and research opportunities that have recently emerged in RB and translational radiation oncology. Details and registration for this year's course can be found online.

There is ongoing work in the committee to establish meeting places or workshops that are directed towards RB research. In addition, the committee is currently working to make its activities more visible through social media, and we intend to communicate our idea to the members soon. The goal of these initiatives is to stimulate collaboration within the RB community, to provide a connection point between students and institutes for training opportunities, to facilitate a search for RB experts and to increase the visibility of RB research.

How can members contact your committee to propose activities or to become involved?

The committee is contactable through radiobiology@estro.org at the ESTRO office.

Are you planning any changes in the way committee or working group members will be selected in the future?

No changes are planned, but our selection procedure is open for discussion at our committee meetings. Therefore we are happy to receive suggestions from members.

