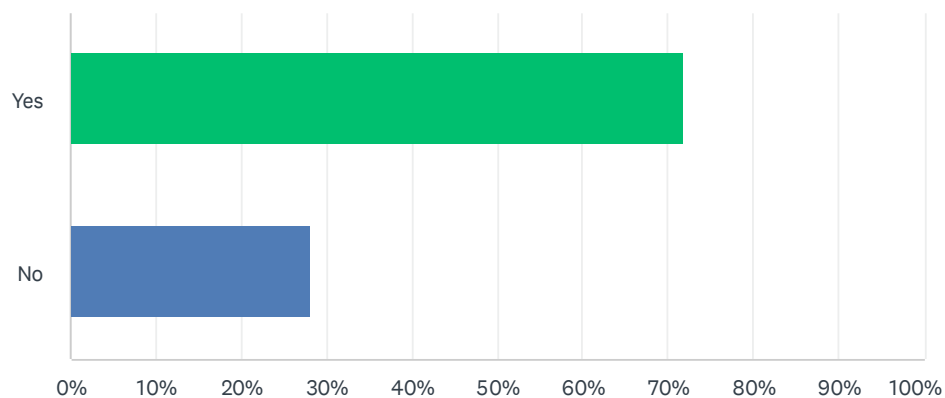


**Q1 Allied Health Professional Strategy**The number of AHP members is continually growing, with increasing inclusion in the most important projects of ESPGHAN such as Guidelines and Position Papers, educational events and Awards and Grants. As a result the Council, based on the recommendations of the Kienbaum report, are considering whether AHP members should also be given the opportunity to vote on the items determining the future of the society. The proposal would be for AHP members to have the same voting rights as Full Members of the society. Do you agree to AHP members having full voting rights for membership intake, AGM decisions, Council applications etc.?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	71.88% 69
No	28.13% 27
TOTAL	96

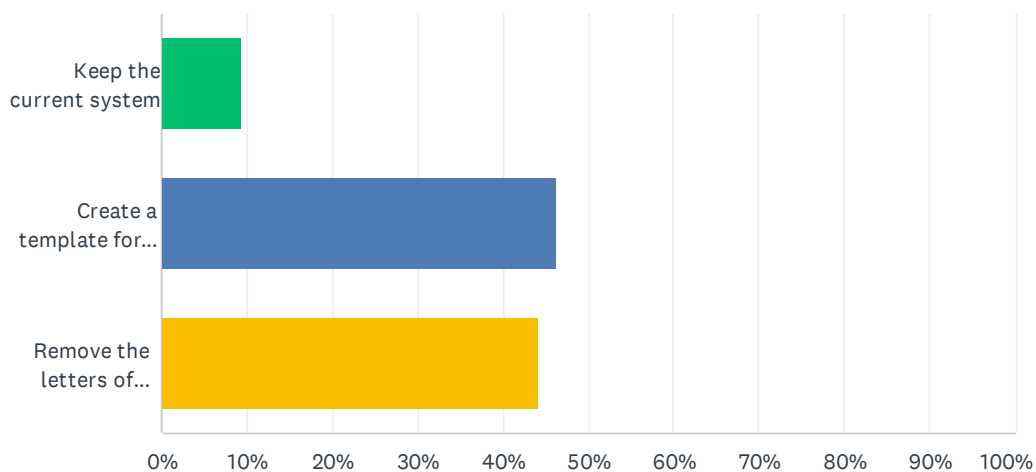
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1	AHPs are essential to modern paediatric gastroenterology practice, and as such representation on equal standing to medical membership is essential.	12/8/2023 2:07 PM
2	As integral members of the MDT it is vital our views are taken into account when voting on any society changes	12/8/2023 1:25 PM
3	they are essential to ESPGHAN and i fully support this	12/8/2023 1:14 PM
4	SSPGHAN the scottish group have been doing this for the last 10 + years. our AHPs and nurse specialists have much to add to this organisation and their comments and suggestions should be welcomed and listened to. we do not live in a medic dominated world and need to move forwards ! Forza !	12/8/2023 1:04 PM
5	Vital members of our Society with independent expertise	12/8/2023 1:02 PM

6	I just don't understand why they shouldn't!	12/8/2023 12:03 PM
7	As members of the society it is of course essential that AHPs are included in decisions that have implications for their role and activities within ESPGHAN. AHP members make essential contributions to the society and bring profession specific knowledge and experience. Lack of inclusion of AHPs in voting could potentially lead to serious oversights where specialist knowledge may be lacking.	12/7/2023 7:52 PM
8	Perhaps with some limitations so AHP cannot dominate over medical specialists	12/3/2023 6:47 AM
9	You should start by corresponding members before AHPs	11/23/2023 5:53 PM
10	one needs to consider the society and its role and decide whether there is a major change needed or not	11/22/2023 9:24 AM
11	I think in order for the group to be more representative in its view, it would be difficult to achieve this without AHP full voting right!	11/20/2023 9:44 AM
12	We have different levels of voting rights for physicians and I think that is necessary also if we should consider AHP. That is a very heterogenous group.	11/18/2023 4:40 PM
13	Yes very import a team with nutricionists, nurses, etc but ESPGHAN is a medical society and docters can not be in nurses society to vote.	11/18/2023 7:27 AM
14	I think they do not have capability to do that	11/17/2023 9:41 PM
15	Equal voting rights for allied health members are overdue.	11/17/2023 7:14 PM
16	I don't think there should be a separate category for AHP members. There should be a full member category open for all colleagues to apply whether medical or AHP and a separate category that has a reduced membership fee and therefore not have full voting rights and this could include any colleague i.e. medical or AHP.	11/17/2023 6:03 PM
17	They have their own organization. Their understanding of doctors challenges is restricted. Their aims and motivations do not need to mirror doctors views. Saying this I agree to involve AHP as they give a flavour to our society.	11/17/2023 5:26 PM

Q2 Membership applications – Letters of support  
 Recent comments from Full Members who have been reviewing the applications have highlighted the perceived outdated nature of the application process to join the society. While some members strongly feel that support letters guarantee a certain level of quality control and assurance of the applicants, others argue that the letters themselves are sometimes not of sufficient quality with little effort put in to support candidates, with duplicates often put forward with only the names changed. Additionally, a recurrent issue is applicants who do not know an ESPGHAN Member to approach for support, asking the Office for assistance. This can lead to members supporting applicants they do not know at all. With this in mind, we would like to put forward three options going forward regarding membership application support letters.

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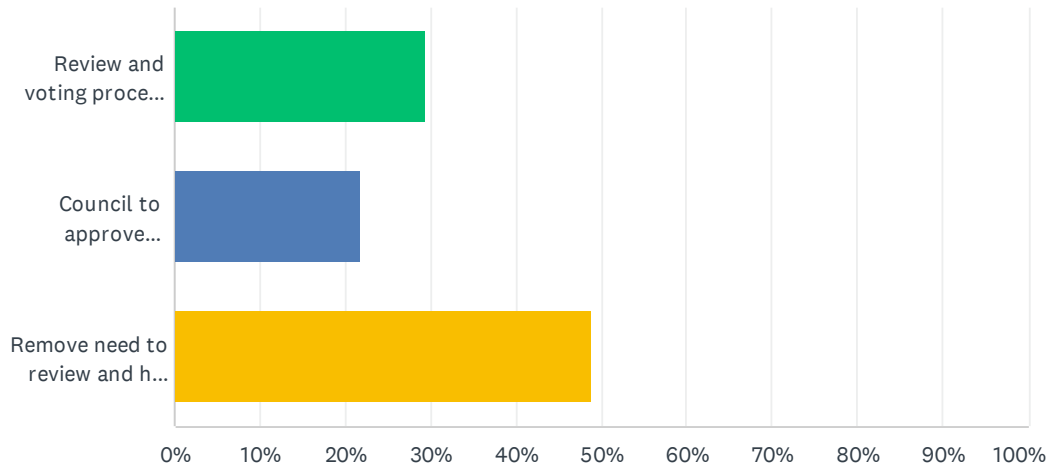
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Keep the current system	9.47% 9
Create a template for support letters where sponsors would fill and sign to prove the authenticity and quality of the candidate	46.32% 44
Remove the letters of support and have a more open system of application	44.21% 42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>

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1	I believe the 4th option would have been to allow AHP members in good standing to provide support letters	12/8/2023 1:25 PM

2	Applicants are by definition HCPs bound by governing bodies. They must abide by regulations and display exemplary professional behaviour .Therefore, it is not necessary to provide letters of support for these independent practitioners.	12/7/2023 7:52 PM
3	I think there should be more than one option - letter of support or verification of details	12/3/2023 6:47 AM
4	the current system is outdated and I feel that most do not even open the applications when voting: I'm not sure whether any voting is needed at all	11/22/2023 9:24 AM
5	Maybe revise criteria? A good one should be "has presented at an ESPGHAN meeting" but important here is to exclude "no-shows"	11/20/2023 10:45 AM
6	I agree on the old system to be changed but having a more open system may give the society less serious approach, from my point of view the system we have now is already not very complicated	11/20/2023 10:12 AM
7	I am an AHP member and had to wait ages to find the right gastro consultant to support me as not all gastro consultants are members! However, this helps to highlight to our medical colleagues that if I wanted to become a member, perhaps they should also think about it..	11/20/2023 9:44 AM
8	The old rules were based on keeping a high levels of members and that was connected with rules for attending the meetings. Today anyone can attend a meeting which results in very different quality of the participants. Previously a member had to have a position in one of the nucleus topics of our society. I think that is left already. I think this is necessary to be discussed. Do we want that membership should garantue some experience in our topics or just a general interest which can be shown by a GP without any research or special position in GHNS	11/18/2023 4:40 PM
9	The importance of the long work with ESPGHAN it is not perfect. But the inical propose of proposal letter remember the 2 members who give the opportunity to be ESPGHAN member, this gave the team and the respect in good people.	11/18/2023 7:27 AM
10	This should be a simple template and not additional red tape and hoops to jump for membership. It simply allows someone that the individual works with to confirm authenticity. Would need to be careful on how quality can be assessed and what standards are used so as not to disadvantage individuals who would benefit from the membership and with access to the society can improve patient care.	11/17/2023 6:03 PM
11	However - other requirements such as a CV and proven interest in ped GI still should be required.	11/17/2023 5:26 PM

**Q3 Membership applications – Review Process** Also raised in the context of membership review, it was suggested by several members to change the review process from eligible full members to Council only. What is your preference for the review process of new membership applications?

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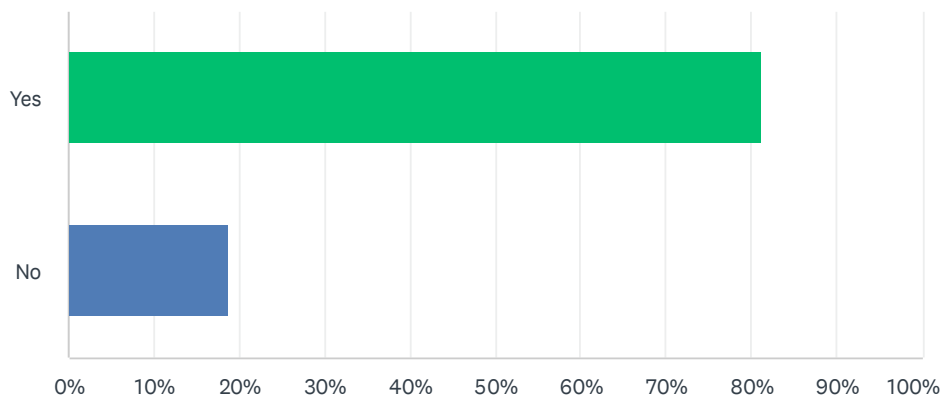


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Review and voting process to remain with eligible voting members	29.35% 27
Council to approve application with notification to members on new intake	21.74% 20
Remove need to review and have fully open process, with applications possible all year round - Office and General Secretary to carry out administrative checks on C.V. and motivation letter	48.91% 45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>

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1	This proposed new system would streamline the application process, encourage more HCPs to apply and has the potential to greatly increase membership. This is an excellent suggestion	12/7/2023 7:52 PM
2	no preference	12/4/2023 7:06 PM
3	Add corresponding members, or just cancel this status back to full members	11/23/2023 5:53 PM
4	applications possible all year round is encouraged	11/22/2023 9:24 AM
5	In addition, membership applications should be open all year round	11/20/2023 11:18 AM
6	This will however put on more jobs for the office and general secretary	11/20/2023 9:44 AM
7	I definitely against the third alternative. Then we are not any longer to garantue quality.	11/18/2023 4:40 PM
8	Keep the current system.	11/18/2023 7:27 AM

Q4 Young ESPGHAN Rep. on Executive Committee  
 When reviewing our communication report from Kienbaum on defining aims and goals moving forward, it was suggested that the upcoming generation of doctors should be involved in the planning processes for the future of the society. With this in mind, the Executive Committee (EC) is considering the option of opening a non-voting position on the EC for the Young ESPGHAN Chair to ensure the future plans of the society are presented and open for input from the younger generation of members. According to the Constitution, the Executive Committee are responsible for day-to-day operational decisions with any changes to the functioning of the society or current structures and procedures delegated to Council for approval before implementation. The inclusion of a trainee representative would allow changes and plans for the future to be seen from the perspective of younger doctors, who could offer a different perspective and insights based on their current experiences. The responsibilities would consist of joining calls and face to face meetings when required. Do you agree to the inclusion of the Young ESPGHAN Chair as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	81.25% 78
No	18.75% 18
TOTAL	96

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1	Young ESPGHAN members are the future of the society. Having a place on the EC would help understanding of their future role and responsibility as full members and their opinions would be very helpful for the EC to know.	12/7/2023 7:52 PM
2	but i think they should get a vote too	12/6/2023 8:12 AM
3	Why not include as voting member?	11/20/2023 9:56 AM
4	In this day and age, regardless of age, we should all enjoy equal right!	11/20/2023 9:44 AM
5	Young ESPGHAN Chair is in Executive Committee, only if the executive committee will be only to full members will need that.	11/18/2023 7:27 AM
6	Personally, I think that member should have voting rights on the council	11/17/2023 7:14 PM
7	I think that YE member should vote as all members of our society and as it is done in other societies	11/17/2023 6:36 PM
8	should have voting rights	11/17/2023 5:26 PM
9	with voting	11/17/2023 5:15 PM