



## Public Affairs Committee

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### ***Objective & Mission of the Public Affairs Committee***

The Public Affairs Committee was created to raise the profile of Gastroenterology amongst the citizens of Europe, to promote Gastroenterology at a public and political level and to interact with the politicians in Europe in the interests of gastroenterologists and their patients. The committee developed a rigorous public agenda to promote awareness of digestive diseases in Europe. This agenda includes initiatives relating to clinical practice and research, in addition to health care politics in the different regions of Europe.

### ***Committee Functions & Responsibilities***

- Public Affairs:
  - Implement relevant directions from the UEGF Strategic Plan assigned to the committee and provide input on strategic trends for consideration by UEGF Council.
  - Interaction with the politicians in Europe to promote and protect the interests of gastroenterologists and their patients.
  - Interact with the Brussels office of the UEGF, responsible for coordinating UEGF lobbying activities.
- Press work:
  - Implement UEGW press work.
  - Implement the regular UEGF press service.
  - Interact with the external press agency IMPRESSUM in Hamburg.
- Consult with UEGF Secretariat staff to ensure that all tasks are carried out in a timely and appropriate manner.

### ***Characteristics of the open position***

We are looking for two colleagues strongly interested in dealing with public affairs. The candidates shall have a broad experience in gastroenterology and related fields and provide good organizational skills. The candidates must be very communicative and have a good command of the English language.

These attributes are required and are of more importance than previous councillor or society-administrative experience. In recognition of gender issues we are looking for **two female candidates** to fill the open posts.

### ***Volunteer commitment***

The Public Affairs Committee meets usually 3 times a year (January/February and June in the Secretariat in Vienna or Brussels; in October at UEGW). If necessary the chair may convene additional meetings during the year. The candidate needs to make time available for these business meetings and for coordination of assigned projects in between the meetings. Reimbursement of necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be provided.

### ***Term of office***

The term for this position starts January 1st, 2011 and ends December 31st, 2014.

*For additional information on activities, committee structure and members of the UEGF Public Affairs Committee, please contact the Secretariat at [office@uegf.org](mailto:office@uegf.org) and visit the UEGF website at [www.uegf.org](http://www.uegf.org).*