



ICS Elected Position Application Form

By applying for an ICS elected position you must be nominated and seconded by two ICS members. Please advise them to send an e-mail to the ICS office confirming this. Please complete the information below and send the completed form to Nickie@ics.org by 1 April 2016 in order for your nomination to be considered.

We also ask that in addition to the below you also update your online “Biography” with your membership record outlining the experience and skills related to and your goals and initiatives for the post should you be elected (no more than 300 words): <https://www.ics.org/ContactEdit.aspx>

Language

Whilst the ICS is an international organisation, English is the official language of the society. It is expected therefore that Trustees members must have a good understanding of spoken and written English, and should feel confident speaking within the Committee environment.

Name	Marco H. Blanker, MD PhD
Occupation	General practitioner with special interest in urology & epidemiologist
Country of Residence	Netherlands
Qualifications	MD, PhD, general practitioner, epidemiologist
ICS Membership Number	8400

Position applying for	Scientific committee
Nominated by	Kari Tikkinen (e-mail send February 25 th 2016)
Seconded by	Marcus Drake (e-mail send February 29 th 2016)

What interests you in this ICS position (100 words maximum)	This committee supports the scientific development of this field of research. Evaluating the scientific quality of new studies is of vital importance for this field, to further improve the quality of care for patients with uro(gynaeco)logical problems. Members of this committee act on the frontline in this field, by systematically evaluating the quality of research. I would be happy to contribute to (and learn from) this committee.
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Outline the skills, abilities and experience and what qualifications, if any, you could bring to this position and committee. (200 words maximum)	<p>As an academic general practitioner, I can evaluate both clinical relevance and scientific value of research. As an epidemiologist, I have a 18-year scientific experience in various studies, both observational and intervention studies. The majority of my scientific work has been in functional urological research. My expertise is in clinical epidemiology, but not basic research (e.g. animal models, or urodynamic studies).</p> <p>I am well-experienced in evaluating full papers, as well as abstracts, as a frequent peer-reviewer for different (urological and general medical) journals, and reviewer for the scientific program of the Dutch Society of General Practitioners annual meetings. My aim is always to provide feedback to authors with the intention to increase the value of their work, by performing kind, but critical, reviews.</p> <p>As an author of multiple letters-to-the-editor, I have commented on the scientific value, or clinical interpretation of results from various studies, with this same intention. Others consider me to be a team player with clear opinions. Glad to share knowledge and learn from others. I can bring my epidemiological skills and expertise to this committee and to the ICS.</p>
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Do you already hold the position and are standing for re-election? **No**

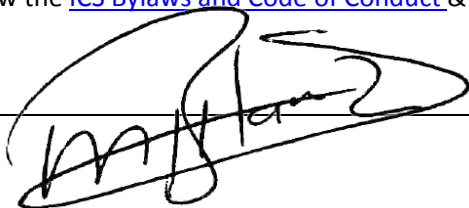
Check list

- ✓ I am an ICS member
- ✓ I have completed an online disclosure here: <http://www.ics.org/Disclosures/DisclosureStatement.aspx>
- ✓ I have uploaded a photo to my membership profile <https://www.ics.org/VContactEdit.aspx>
- ✓ I submit a short CV alongside this form (6 pages maximum)
- ✓ I have read the below policy on canvassing. See Appendix I

I hereby confirm that I have completed my disclosure form/declaration of interest via my membership record on the ICS website, that I have read and understood the ICS Memorandum, Articles, and Bylaws, and the ICS Code of Conduct and agree to abide by these. If elected I understand what would be required of me to undertake an ICS position, and that I would accept the position. I also note that I am unable to canvass for my election to this post. In addition, I confirm that I am an upstanding member of the ICS and can confirm that I am not the subject of any disciplinary investigations, internal or external to my workplace.

Click here to view the [ICS Bylaws and Code of Conduct](#) & [Memorandum and Articles of Association](#)

Signed: _____



Date: February 29th, 2016

APPENDIX I

ICS policy on campaigning

Campaigning for ICS elected positions is not permitted by applicants or members. Any campaigning, be it positive or negative, will result in the disqualification of the candidate. The Board of Trustees' judgement will be final in determining whether a candidate has engaged in positive or negative campaigning. Negative campaigning is not permitted by any candidate or ICS member and will be considered a violation of the ICS Code of Conduct. This policy is in effect at all times and for any position.

During the voting period candidates' application forms will be circulated by the ICS office for all members to view. In addition, the ICS office will periodically contact all ICS members to encourage voting and provide direct links to the voting section of the ICS website.