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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Founded in 1990, the European Respiratory Society (ERS) is a not-for-profit international medical organisation that brings together physicians, healthcare professionals, scientists and other experts working in respiratory medicine. ERS is one of the leading medical organisations in the respiratory field, with a growing membership representing over 160 countries worldwide. Its mission is to alleviate suffering from respiratory disease and to promote lung health through research, knowledge-sharing, medical and public education and drive standards for respiratory medicine globally.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Respiratory disease research and education
- Knowledge-sharing and advocacy for respiratory health
- Lung health

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

ERS grants fellowships to researchers in the field of lung health in order to accelerate and share knowledge and scientific understanding in combatting respiratory diseases. The organisation holds a yearly congress, Europe's biggest annual scientific gathering in respiratory medicine, which provides a platform for important improvements in the treatment of lung diseases. ERS is also active in the field of education, with a school mission to encourage and support training and continuous medical education in the field of respiratory medicine. Through its multiple publications and close cooperation with the European Union, ERS is a leading advocate for better respiratory health in Europe.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The organisation is governed by elected council composed of national delegates and the 11-member management group. President of the ERS is Ms Mina Gaga and the Executive Office is headed by Executive Director Werner Bill. ERS employs approximately 105 staff members, of which approximately two thirds work in the headquarters in Lausanne.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

The organisation is funded through grants from industry partners and membership fees, as well as revenues from its activities in event and training organisation. Total operating income in 2016-2017 was EUR 22.4 million.

PUBLICATIONS

ERS publishes multiple journals, most importantly the following:

European Respiratory Journal: <http://erj.ersjournals.com/>

ERJ Open Research: <http://openres.ersjournals.com/>

European Respiratory Review: <http://err.ersjournals.com/>

Breathe journal: <http://breathe.ersjournals.com/>

For all other ERS publications, see: <https://www.ersnet.org/#publications>

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