

Enlargement of the Euroleague for Life Sciences (ELLS) Definition of membership with observer status and timeline

Definition of observer status

Members of ELLS with observer status have the same rights and obligations as regular members except the following:

- no participation and vote in the ELLS Board
- no vote in the ELLS Task Force but the right to participate and to speak in Task Force meetings

Observer members are expected to actively contribute to the further development of ELLS and ELLS products. In particular, they are expected to fully participate with all rights and obligations in

- ELLS conferences
- Subject Areas
- Support teams
- ELSA
- ELLS fund for incentives (contribution of 5.000 € per annum and right for application).

Timeline

- There is no fixed period for the observer status. Full membership will depend on the commitment to ELLS.
- May 18, 2005 (ELLS Board Meeting, Copenhagen): Decision by the ELLS Board on observer membership of Central-Eastern European partners (Warsaw and Prague)

If observer status will be approved:

- Until May 31, 2005: Official invitation letter to join ELLS as an observer member by the ELLS Chair
- Until June 30, 2005: Letter of acceptance of invitation and nomination of ELLS representatives by the new observer members
- From June 30, 2005: Participation in Task Force Meetings and all other activities as defined above
- October 27-28, 2005 (ELLS Conference, Uppsala): Participation of observer members in the ELLS conference and presentation of their universities and planned ELLS activities
- ELLS Board Meeting in autumn 2006: Assessment of the performances of observer members by the ELLS Board, based on evaluations and recommendations from the Task Force; discussion of results with the observer members and adjustments if required
- ELLS Board Meeting in autumn 2007: Assessment of the performances of observer members by the ELLS Board, based on evaluations and

recommendations from the Task Force; discussion of results with the observer members and adjustments if required; first possibility for a decision on full membership of Central-Eastern European partners.

- From October 28, 2005: continued screening of potential partners from Southern Europe and anglophone countries. Once there is agreement on further potential partners the same procedure would apply to make them observer members.