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## Membership Responsibilities and Benefits for the Cyprus Alliance for Rare Disorders (C.A.R.D.)

C.A.R.D. has three (3) Membership types:

- (a) **Founding Members.** (individuals or organizations or associations who sign the Constitution of the Alliance and receive automatically the right to vote).
- (b) **Associate Members.** (individuals or organizations or associations who are *not* patients themselves [for individuals] or patient-related [for organizations or associations] or do not have any relation with Rare Disorders. They have rights to participate at Assemblies of the Alliance but they do not have voting rights.
- (c) **General Members.** (individuals or organizations or associations who are patients themselves [for individuals] or patient-related [for organizations or associations] or have relation to Rare Disorders. They have voting rights one (1) year after the date of their registration as members.

Founding members:

- They automatically have voting rights
- They have the right to assign 1-2 individuals as proxies through a written letter of designation, which they can obtain from and submit to the registered office of the Alliance.
- The proxy(ies) can vote on behalf of the voting member
- Only one (1) proxy can vote on behalf of each voting member.
- They do not have the right to vote in a General Assembly if all payable membership fees have not been settled.
- They can be nominated as Board Members
- They can take part in the procedures of submission and approval of policies of the Cyprus Alliance for Rare Disorders. They have an active role in all the decisions of the Board of Directors of the Alliance.
- They have the opportunity to participate in events organized by the Alliance, or in events organized by other organizations with which the Alliance collaborates, as representatives of the Alliance.
- They receive regular updates and information with regard to upcoming conferences and/or other activities that the Alliance or other organizations with which the Alliance collaborates, organize(s) or participate(s) in.

General Members:

- They have voting rights one (1) year after the date of their registration as members of the Alliance.
- They have the right to assign 1-2 individuals as proxies through a written letter of designation, which they can obtain from and submit to the registered office of the Alliance.
- The proxy(ies) can vote on behalf of the member



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- Only one (1) proxy can vote on behalf of each member.
- They do not have the right to vote in a General Assembly if all payable membership fees have not been settled..
- They can be nominated as Board Members
- Change in proxies can only be effectuated following written notification to the Board of Directors.
- They can take part in the procedures of submission and approval of policies of the Cyprus Alliance for Rare Disorders. They have an active role in all the decisions of the Board of Directors of the Alliance.
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#### Associate Members:

- They have rights to participate at Assemblies of the Alliance but they do not have voting rights.
- They have the opportunity to participate in events organized by the Alliance, or in events organized by other organizations with which the Alliance collaborates, as representatives of the Alliance.
- They receive regular updates and information with regard to upcoming conferences and/or other activities that the Alliance or other organizations with which the Alliance collaborates, organize(s) or participate(s) in.

#### **Registration Procedure:**

The interested party(ies) must return the following to the registered office of the Alliance:

- (a) Completed registration application
- (b) The membership fees for the first year of membership\*
- (c) The registration fees

The membership fees are payable on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of January of every calendar year. If a member has not been paid these until the 1<sup>st</sup> of July of the same calendar year, then its membership status is withdrawn.

\* The registration and membership fees are specified by the Board of Directors of the Alliances at the Annual General Assembly.