**ECNP Networks
Guideline for proposals for the creation of a new ECNP Network**

Objectives of ECNP Networks

1. The creation of multiple themed research networks in neuropsychopharmacology
2. To compete successfully for European funding
3. To create powerful, sustainable, independent European research consortia
4. To disseminate the resulting research findings in identified sessions of ECNP congresses

Requirements of the network

1. Participants have to be ECNP members or be ready to become one if proposal is accepted.
2. To be recognised as European leaders in the relevant domain of research.
3. To be based in research or clinical centres normally already successful at a national level in conducting research and in most cases applying for external funding.
4. To have already launched successful collaborations with other centres.
5. The potential collaborative centres must agree on a single chairperson and co-chair who will make the application.

Requirements of the application for the creation of a network

1. A short (4 page) document that describes the main goals and aims of the network,
   This document should clearly state that the proposed network is not duplicating an already existing European network. If a European network already exists in the same domain, it should be clearly stated that the proposed network is complementary and meets unmet needs.
2. A list of the collaborative centres, the reason for their inclusion and the (main) representative of each centre.
3. A list of the main roles and responsibilities of each centre.
4. A clear plan of the actions to be taken by the network (agenda, time schedule, flow chart).
5. A provisional budget should be clearly established (see below).
6. Agreement to include both the name of the ECNP Network and the representatives of the collaborative centres as authors in any manuscript related to the work accomplished by the network.

ECNP Networks provided support aspects
The proposer of the creation of a network has to agree with the following statements:

1. ECNP Networks only provides funding for the organisation of meetings and to facilitate the collaboration between centres.
2. Funds will not be available for the implementation of the research protocol, for recruiting patients, for generating or analysing data, for recruiting new centres, etc.
3. The maximum budget is currently €15,000 per year for two years. Funding can be renewed if progress and plans are convincing and the overall budget allows.

Order of the application

1. The proposal is sent to the chair of the ECNP Networks Board, and copied to the ECNP Office (ecnp-networks@ecnp.eu).
2. The chair of the ECNP Networks Board will discuss the proposal with the members of the Board.
3. The chair of the ECNP Networks Board will decide for or against funding, given the overall budgetary position.
4. The chair of the ECNP Networks Board will forward the proposal and the advice of the board members to the ECNP Office.
5. ECNP Office will send the decision of the chair of the ECNP Networks Board to the proposer.
6. Failed applications can be reconsidered after two years.