

GUIDELINE FOR THE EUROPEAN REGISTERED TOXICOLOGISTS IN TURKEY

SCOPE and PURPOSE :

The purpose of this document is to supply the relevant definitions, to determine the authorized institutions and to delineate the rules and the procedures as regards the bestowing the title of “European Registered Toxicologist” (ERT) to people working in the field of toxicology.

DEFINITIONS:

EUROPEAN Registered Toxicologist (ERT): The title awarded to a toxicologist who has successfully completed all the requirements of a registration system which had been approved by EUROTOX (Federation of European Toxicologists and European Societies of Toxicology)

Turkish Society of Toxicology (TST)-ERT Committee: The committee is composed of three European Registered Toxicologists who have been elected by the General Assembly for four years and is responsible for evaluating and giving the final decision of the ERT application.

Application File: The file to be used in applications for ERT, the format of which is determined and designed by the ERT Committee of the TST.

The ERT Certificate (European - Registered Toxicologist Certificate): The certificate is issued by the EUROTOX to the toxicologist whose application has been evaluated and deemed successful by the ***Turkish Society of Toxicology ERT Committee*** in accordance with the principles delineated in this document.

The General Assembly of the TST-ERT Registration System: The effective governing body of the TST-ERT System shall be the General Assembly of the TST-ERT Registration System hereinafter called General Assembly. The General Assembly consists of persons who have European Registered Toxicologist Certificate hereinafter called General Assembly Member. The General Assembly shall meet every four years and can also be held as an extraordinary meeting upon request of the chair of the TST-ERT Committee or the written request of at least one-third of the General Assembly Members. The General Assembly shall have the right to elect the three members of TST- ERT Committee and make amendments in the guideline of the TST-ERT Registration System in accordance with the EUROTOX decisions on the registration system.

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The Formation of the Temporary TST-ERT Committee :

1. Following the decision given by the TST General Assembly regarding the establishment of a national ERT Registration System and the delegation of authority to the TST Executive Committee in this context, the Executive Committee will appoint three TST member toxicologists as members of the Temporary TST-ERT Committee. The working term of this temporary committee will be ended when the first ten toxicologists are certified by this system. The first General Assembly of TST-ERT Registration System should be held within

the 60 days following the first ten toxicologists have been certified. Three TST-ERT Committee Members shall be elected by this General Assembly.

The members thus appointed must have the following qualifications :

- a) They must be Professors of Toxicology and they must have obtained their Ph.D. degrees and their associate professor appointments in the field of toxicology.
- b) Their work in the field of toxicology must have received international recognition.
- c) Must have been working in this field for at least 20 years.

2. The TST-ERT Committee elects its Chairman and a Secretary General at its first meeting in the beginning of each four-years term.

- In case one of the seats at the TST-ERT Committee is vacated, a new member is selected or appointed to fill the vacated seat in the same manner as has been defined above. This appointee serves for the period remaining of the term of the person who had vacated the seat.
- A member who has served for a term may be appointed for only one more term.

TST-ERT Application :

The applicant must fulfill the following minimum requirements:

- A Ph.D. degree in toxicology.
- At least 5 years of work in the field of toxicology after having received the Ph.D. degree.
- Must be currently working in the field of toxicology.
- Must have published at least 10 articles in the field of toxicology in periodicals indexed by the SCI
- Must have at least 50 citations to his/her works in periodicals indexed by the SCI
- Supporting letters from two individuals with ERT title

Applicants who fulfill the above qualifications may submit their files in English and in 2 copies, prepared in the format the details of which is to be delineated by the TST-ERT Committee.

A non-refundable application fee (100 € for TST members, 125 € for non-members) for consideration of inclusion or for continuation must be submitted with applications.

Charges are set such that the register shall be self-financing. Any net profit will be used to promote the Register and help provide continuing professional development/education for Members.

Process for the Evaluation of TST-ERT Applicants:

The applications are forwarded by the General Secretary of the TST-ERT Committee or one of the members of the Committee.

The applicants are evaluated in terms of (i) their education in the field of toxicology, (ii) their international scientific activities, (iii) the posts he/she has held and the services he/she has rendered and (iv) the contributions he/she has made to the society. The applicant is graded on each area separately. Those who receive at least the minimum points on each area separately and also in cumulative from at least two members of the Committee, will be awarded *the European Registered Toxicologist Certificate* issued by the EUROTOX to the toxicologist whose application has been evaluated and deemed successful by the TST-ERT Committee in accordance with the principles delineated in this document.

The Committee shall retain copies of applications of all Registered Toxicologists and those whom they have refused to list.

An applicant's suitability for membership shall be considered by the TST-ERT Committee maximum six months from the time of the presentation of the documents for the application. Thus, after this period the applicant shall be notified, in writing, as to whether or not he/she has been approved for membership by the TST-ERT Committee.

Removal from the register:

After 5 years if not re-registered; in cases of death of the individual, not performing assigned duties, legal incapacity, formal request by member, the committee may remove the registrant from the register. In the event of proposed removal from the Register a minimum of one month's notice will be given to provide an opportunity for personal representation, or through a representative, to the TST-ERT Committee

Re-certification :

The certificate is valid for 5 years from the date of being issued. At the end of this period, the holder of the certificate may apply for recertification with his/her current professional activities. Evidence of continuing involvement in Toxicology is necessary. The process of recertification is in the same manner as the first application.