

Rules of procedure for EIBIR Joint Initiatives (JI)

I. EIBIR Joint Initiatives (JI)

EIBIR Joint Initiatives (JI) represent interdisciplinary groups working towards a common bioimaging-focused research goal and thereby strengthening and promoting the JI's research area. EIBIR and its office will support JIs in setting up a new research-oriented community of scientists.

Specific activities within the Joint Initiatives include the:

- Organisation of meetings (online and face-to-face) and workshops (depending on available funding)
- Initiation/set-up of proposals for collaborative EU projects and/or of investigator-initiated studies with EIBIR as partner for management and dissemination
- Assessment of cutting-edge research and/or state-of-the-art technology in the field
- Preparation of joint-author review/position papers

II. Starting an EIBIR Joint Initiative

1. Initiator shall write a concept for the EIBIR Scientific Director. The concept shall:

- Describe the new JI, its aims and goals
- Detail how it fits the mission of EIBIR and the current challenges in biomedical imaging research
- Highlight links to current EIBIR research activities and other joint initiatives
- Explain the importance of a European approach
- Propose a joint initiative director
- List potential Members (15-25)
- Present ideas for JI activities for the coming year

2. Pending positive feedback from the Scientific Director and EIBIR's Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), the JI and its Director have to be formally appointed by the EIBIR shareholders during the annual EIBIR General Meeting (held on the occasion of the annual European Congress of Radiology (ECR)). The JI Director will become an ex officio member of the EIBIR SAB.

3. After formal establishment, the JI Director will select the JI Members. The EIBIR office can help by advertising the new JI among its network.

4. Kick off meeting/tcon of the JI (moderated by JI Director), in which the overall goals and aims are consolidated and the strategic course of action is defined. The EIBIR office will provide administrative support.

III. Responsibilities of the JI Director and JI Members

- The JI Director will attend the meetings of the EIBIR SAB, provide JI activity reports and present the strategic goals and activity plans for the upcoming year(s)
- JI face-to-face meeting preferably at the ECR to discuss the strategy for the upcoming year. If necessary, the meeting can be held at another location (or during other meetings). However, in this case EIBIR cannot provide the meeting room. Additional electronic meetings can be scheduled as necessary. The EIBIR office will provide administrative support.
- Promote EIBIR's activities through their networks

IV. General Remarks

EIBIR network membership is strongly suggested for both JI Director and Members. The Director shall encourage Members to join EIBIR.

EIBIR will offer administrative support to the JI Director- However, there is no additional financial support available for the Directors or Members unless provided within specific projects. JIs will benefit through networking opportunities and collaboration in research projects.