

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH NEUROLOGISTS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- 1) Special Interest Groups (SIGs) within the ABN should be open to all members and associate members of the ABN.
- 2) ABN section members may also be members of relevant SIGs.

Special Interest Groups must:

- 3) share the aspirations and goals of the ABN.
- 4) be bona fide clinician/academic-led organisations. They should have democratic structures with an explicit constitution and rules for electing officers.
- 5) ensure that all sources of funding are declared to the ABN.
- 6) demonstrate to Council that all financial transactions of the SIG are appropriately audited and open to inspection.
- 7) must agree not to seek sponsorship in competition with the ABN. All sponsorship for meetings will be discussed with the ABN.

Special Interest Groups should:

- 8) demonstrate to Council that affiliation is likely to benefit the wider ABN membership through enhancement of the range and quality of service, education, training and research activities supported by the ABN.
- 9) not use their affiliation to endorse any statements or publications made by the SIG unless such statements and publications have the explicit support of Council. Any statements or publications issued by the SIG without formal endorsement by Council should carry a prominent disclaimer stating that the views expressed are not those of the ABN.
- 10) Special Interest Groups will be able to hold meetings in parallel with the ABN's national (and international) meetings subject to discussion with the relevant officers of the ABN. They will be encouraged to develop teaching and educational activities on behalf of the ABN, subject to formal discussion with Council in advance of any meetings.
- 11) Affiliation between a Special Interest Group and the ABN can be ended at any time by the request of either the SIG or the ABN Council.
- 12) The ABN Council will not take on financial responsibility for any activities of the SIG, without specific agreement between the Executive of the SIG and the ABN Council.