

Guidelines of the Scientific Committee for the Emerald Conference

The mission of the committee will be to ensure the Emerald Conference provides the most cutting-edge technical scientific content that will provoke collaboration and the advancement of science in the cannabis industry.

Governing Principles

1. **Integrity** - The committee will fulfill its responsibilities by bringing an unbiased state of mind to fulfill their tasks and never compromise their judgments.
2. **Commitment** - Members of the committee shall commit themselves to act independently, and in the best interest of the Emerald Conference, and to contribute actively to the work of the Scientific Committee.
3. **Independence** - Committee members shall act independently and will not delegate their responsibilities to anyone else. They will act in the best interests of the scientific integrity of the Emerald Conference. Any interests that may compromise or reasonably be conceived to compromise their independence must be declared in writing.
4. **Confidentiality** - Members may not divulge any information acquired as a result of their committee membership. Members will sign a declaration of confidentiality.

Appointment of Members

1. The appointment of the first Scientific Committee will be made by the Scientific Director and members of Emerald Scientific.
2. Members will be appointed on the basis of proven scientific expertise and experience demonstrated by the candidate for the defined range of fields and disciplines, having regard to the need to ensure:
 - a. Balanced representation of expertise in one or more of the fields of competence of the committee in order to fulfill its mission.
 - b. Independence and absence of conflict of interest
3. Members will be chosen following publication and announcement of Call for Expression of Interest and will be published to the Emerald Conference website.

Terms of Office

1. Members of the Scientific Committee will be appointed for a term of three years. They shall remain in office until they are replaced, or their appointment renewed.
2. The Scientific Director shall serve for a period of three years. He/She shall remain in office until they are replaced, or their appointment renewed.
3. Session Chairs will be appointed by the Scientific Director, Session Chairs will serve as Session Chair for one year.
4. Committee Members, including Session Chairs, will serve a three year term. All Committee Members are eligible to serve an additional three year term. Each member must resubmit an interest abstract and curriculum vitae or resume during the next Call for Interest.
5. Emerald Scientific reserves the right to make appropriate changes to the committee for just cause. Just cause includes, but is not limited to; negligence of a member to fulfill their duties, violation of Governing Principles, or inappropriate or unprofessional conduct.

