

SETAC Europe committees

SETAC Europe is governed by the SETAC Europe Council, supported by the work of 9 standing committees. The committees are composed of SETAC Europe members who wish to contribute to the governance of SETAC Europe regarding, amongst others, science, education, communication, and financial matters of the society.

SETAC Europe Council strongly encourages the direct involvement of SETAC Europe members (including students) in the governance of SETAC Europe. SETAC Europe Council has therefore implemented new committee guidance to ensure broad membership participation in the SETAC Europe committees. As a consequence, there are currently a total of **31 vacant positions across all 9 SETAC Europe standing committees, including 9 positions for student members.**

SETAC Europe is looking for **25 regular committee members** to serve for a 3-year term (renewable once) and for incoming **vice-chairs for 6 committees** to serve for a 1-year term (renewable twice).

Workload

The required time investment for SETAC Europe committees is depending on the committee and **about 25 to 40 hours per year** to ensure the proper functioning of the committee. This includes quarterly 1-2 hour telephone conferences and follow up discussions by email. The committees meet once a year at a 2 hours face-to-face meeting organized during the SETAC Europe annual meeting. The committee vice-chairs will normally be expected to devote about double this amount of time to ensure proper committee functioning. In addition to regular member activities, committee vice-chairs are also expected to support the chair and occasionally take over his role in leading and following-up on committee actions and goals.

Candidate profile

Committee member

- Must be a SETAC member
- Strong affiliation with the mission of SETAC.
- Affiliation with the responsibilities as described for the individual committees (see below).
- Willing to learn about the SETAC governance structure.
- Teamplayer.
- Short response times.
- Willing to invest approximately 25 to 40 hours per year in committee work.

Vice-chair

- Must be a SETAC member
- Strong affiliation with the mission of SETAC.
- Strong affiliation with the responsibilities as described for the individual committees (see below).
- Willing to learn about the SETAC governance structure.
- Teamplayer.
- Ability to inspire and motivate volunteer committee members.
- Good communicator with short response times.
- Willing to invest approximately 50 to 80 hours per year in committee work.

Applications

SETAC Europe members are invited to apply for one or maximum two of the available positions. The applications will be considered by the committee and the new members will be elected from the available candidates. SETAC Europe strives towards balanced representation of gender, sector (academia, business and government) and region in the committees.

Please send your application to setaceu@setac.org stating “COMMITTEE APPLICATION” in the subject line.

More information about the work in the committees can be obtained by contacting SETAC Europe executive director Bart Bosveld (email bart.bosveld@setac.org or call +32 2 7727281) or the relevant committee chair.