Thank you for your interest in the EUROTOX European Register of Toxicologists (ERT).

The following brochure provides information regarding the register, as well as instructions on how to become an ERT.

If you need advice, for example, choice of National Register or how to rectify deficiencies in your CV, you may contact the EUROTOX Registration Sub-Committee Chair Prof. Mumtaz Iscan at mumtaz.iscan@pharmacy.ankara.edu.tr or the EUROTOX Registration Liaison Officer, Dr. John Fowler at john.toni@btinternet.com

What is ERT?

The title European Registered Toxicologist (ERT) is accorded by EUROTOX to individuals who have been nominated by their National Register. ERT are listed by EUROTOX according to their country and date of registration or re-registration. The following countries have National Registers that are presently recognised by EUROTOX as setting and maintaining the standard expected for ERT:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Greece

In order for a National Register to become recognised by EUROTOX in this regard, it will have lodged (and had accepted) its criteria for registering toxicologists with an appropriate National Society (i.e., a member Society of EUROTOX). The National Society in turn, will have lodged, and had accepted, these criteria with EUROTOX. An acceptable registration scheme will satisfy legislative, executive and judicial aspects.
EUROTOX does not directly register individuals. To be ‘ERT’ a toxicologist must be registered with an accepted National Registry, must be in good standing, demonstrate ongoing professional development and be currently active in the subject.

For its part, apart from maintaining current listings of ERTs, EUROTOX addresses the ‘Expectations of a European Registered Toxicologist’ on a regular basis; these expectations appear on the EUROTOX website.

EUROTOX also appoints a Registration Liaison Officer (ERLO) who will provide information and assistance regarding National schemes whether in existence or envisaged. EUROTOX also provides observers who will assist in setting up and running of national schemes. EUROTOX will also advise its Individual Members, and others not adhering to a National Society, in identifying an appropriate registry, or a route to eventual registration.

**ERT Requirements**

The expectations are summarised as follows: basic theoretical training (three years minimum), further advanced theoretical and practical training in toxicology (two or more further years).

Suitable applicants for registration will have demonstrated a high standard of critical ability and communication skills, for example by authorship of published papers and/or reports. Once registered, a toxicologist must re-affirm their registration credentials and illustrate their currency on a 5-yearly basis.

**The ERT Templates**

Developed by EUROTOX, the purpose of these templates is to further promote the harmonisation criteria and procedures of the national registration in Europe and to serve as a self-evaluation tool for individuals seeking ERT recognition. The following four hypothetical professional profiles are proposed as examples of individuals found at various levels of the criteria for ERT recognition. They have been chosen to ideally represent various phases of training and experience, ranging from an entry-level position to one describing a well-established professional career in toxicology.
How to become an ERT

First, some questions:
• Are you currently working in toxicology?


• Have you a preferred National Register?

• Do you have sponsors, prepared to support your application to the chosen National Register, in writing?

If the answer is yes to all the above, request an application form from the National Register in question, complete the forms, gain the support of your sponsors and submit your application.

If the answer is no, then take steps to amend your CV until it is compliant with the needs of 'ERT'.

When you gain admittance to a EUROTOX-approved National Register, they will advise EUROTOX and your name will be placed on the ERT list. In due course you will receive an ERT certificate, which will remain valid for as long as you remain in good standing with your chosen National Register.

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About EUROTOX

EUROTOX is the Federation of European Toxicologists & European Societies of Toxicology, which together groups approximately 5,000 members across Europe and more than 200 individual members from around the world. Our mission is to advance human, environmental and animal health by being the leading voice of toxicology in Europe, through numerous activities:

- Annual Congress: European forum to disseminate and recognize scientific innovation and research
- Awards: recognize outstanding scientists and professionals in toxicology.
- European Register of Toxicologists (ERT): promote toxicology standards
- Education: basic and advanced toxicology courses across Eastern and Central Europe
- Corporate Program: stronger liaison with industry and scientific partners

For more information or to become member of EUROTOX, visit our website at www.eurotox.com or contact the EUROTOX Secretariat at secretariat@eurotox.com.