

European Society for Protective Clothing (ESPC)

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1. Scope:

ESPC is an independent and non-profit society that acts as a forum for discussions and knowledge exchange for persons working in the area of protective clothing including gloves and footwear. The field of interests are diverse and cover e.g. basic and applied research, field studies, test methods, product development and application, improvement of protective and comfort features, maintenance, use problems, cost effectiveness, legal requirements, standardization, market surveillance etc.

2. Activities and aims

The most important activities and aims are:

ESPC promotes international and interdisciplinary communication and information exchange in the field of protective clothing,

ESPC publishes and fosters publications on protective clothing,

ESPC organizes, sponsors and supports meetings, conferences, seminars and other national and international initiatives on protective clothing in all participating nations,

ESPC co-operates with government authorities, other agencies and groups having similar purposes in all participating nations,

ESPC promotes fora for protective clothing organized by sister organizations in other parts of the world, e.g. Asian Society for Protective Clothing.

The main activities of ESPC aim to develop all types of protective clothing and improve the use.

3. Organization and publications

The members of ESPC are all participants of conferences of ESPC or persons indicating their interest to this society (ESPC website is available – www.es-pc.org). The members may come from state government departments, associations, companies, test laboratories, research institutes, unions etc. The members meet at the General Assembly of ESPC during the European Conference on Protective Clothing (ECPC).

ESPC has a board formed of persons representing European countries and international organisations, and supporting the aims of ESPC. The board members elect a head of board (chairman). The chairman shall be elected to that position for 2 conference periods. The organizer of the last conference becomes co-chairman of the board and the organizer of the coming conference acts as a board member. The optimal size of the board is about 15 persons. The board is responsible to coordinate all main activities, and especially the ECPC every two years. The board members meet officially during the ECPC.

Board members inactive for two conference periods shall be replaced by new ones. Inactivity means neither promoting the conference, reviewing the abstracts/papers nor participating on the conference. The decision to exclude a board member shall be submitted to a vote and be the result of a consensus.

The ESPC administration work is conducted mainly by voluntary work of active members and financed to a limited extent from conference fees (5 %), and voluntary contributions of sponsors. The fees are mainly intended to support the administration of the web page of ESPC and publishing. The ESPC web page may be utilized by the organizers of the next conference with the support from the webmaster of ESPC.

The proceedings of the European Conference on Protective Clothing are the most important publications of ESPC to the public. As appropriate ESPC distributes further information e.g. newsletters and announcements (by website and mail). In addition, the members of ESPC publish papers in technical magazines.