



AIS Ethics Committee – Appointment of New Chair

Expression of Interest

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The AIS seeks expressions of interest for the voluntary position of Chair of the AIS Ethics Committee.

Background

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) is responsible for leading and enabling a united high performance sport system that supports Australian athletes to achieve podium success. A key strategic objective of the AIS is to: “Research, develop, and execute the big things on the frontiers of gold medal winning sporting performance that no other body is naturally positioned to do, whilst adhering to high ethical principles”.

The AIS Ethics Committee was established in 1987 and is a registered Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). The AIS Ethics Committee has a particular role to play to ensure that research being conducted nationally, with elite athletes as participants, is done within the NHMRC’s *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Updated 2018)*. Over the years, the AIS Ethics Committee has developed expertise in a variety of specific ethical issues related to elite athletes participating in research and the Committee receives submissions from research groups from the National Institute Network (NIN) and research groups working with National Sporting Organisations (NSOs).

The Chair of the AIS Ethics Committee

After seven years of outstanding service, the current Chair of the AIS Ethics Committee, Ms Aurora Andruska, has signalled the intention to resign at the end of 2021. Ms Andruska is the third Chair of the AIS Ethics Committee since 1987 with other Chairs as follows:

- Hon Mr Justice John F Gallop 1987-1998 – Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the ACT
- Hon Mr Ron Cahill 1999-2014 – ACT Chief Magistrate
- Ms Aurora Andruska 2015-2021 – Former CEO of ASADA

The Chair is a voluntary position with a small honorarium allocated to acknowledge the extra duties undertaken by the role.

The Successful Applicant

The Chair of the AIS Ethics Committee is a highly regarded position of national significance that plays a vital role in ensuring that research conducted in Australia’s national high performance sports system is done within the highest ethical considerations. The successful applicant will have:

- Demonstrated and significant professional experience as a leader in either corporate, government, and / or legal settings.
- Good understanding of ‘ethical decision making’ from their professional experience.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills including previous experience chairing meetings.
- Time and commitment to fulfil the role of Chair of the AIS Ethics Committee.
- Demonstrated ‘good character’ with an unquestionable record of integrity.



Roles and Responsibilities of the Chair

The following roles and responsibilities are listed, with training and consultation provided:

- To Chair AIS Ethics Committee meetings currently scheduled as two-hour video conference meetings occurring six times per year in February, March, May, August, October, and November.
- To liaise with the AIS R&D Office on any matters of improving the administration of the AIS Ethics Committee.
- To liaise with the AIS Research Review Committee on matters of mutual interest of the AIS Ethics Committee.
- To gain a general understanding of the NHMRC's National Statement on the Ethical Conduct of Human Research (with extensive support from the AIS R&D Office).

APPLICATION AND NOMINATION PROCESS

Please complete the Expression of Interest form at the link below by **COB, Friday 12th November 2021.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/Z72Wzc2zSM>

Once nominations have closed, a Review Panel will review information provided in the Expression of Interest form. The appointment process will take approximately two (2) weeks from the closing date. The AIS expects to notify nominees of the outcome of their nomination as soon as practicably possible.

For more information, please contact: tim.kelly@ausport.gov.au

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