What is ORPHEUS?

ORPHEUS is the largest professional organization serving PhD education in biomedicine, medicine and health sciences in Europe.

- ORPHEUS acts to safeguard the reputation of the PhD as a research degree and strengthen career opportunities for PhD graduates.
- ORPHEUS works through consensus to develop standards for PhD education based on existing best practices in PhD education.
- ORPHEUS bridges the gaps between basic sciences, clinically oriented research, medical and health professionals, and policy makers.
- The ORPHEUS labelling programme provides quality control, allowing institution to reflect in detail on how their programmes compare with ORPHEUS standards.

Why join ORPHEUS?

Use your expertise to contribute to, and provide leadership for the development of the PhD standards document:

- Use the conferences and workshops to meet with the main opinion leaders in PhD education.
- Receive a regular newsletter for members with updates and requests for consultation.
- Use the network to learn about latest developments in the field of PhD education and about open calls for funding.
- Increase competitiveness in applications for PhD funding.
- Obtain reduced registration at ORPHEUS annual conferences.
- Be eligible to apply for ORPHEUS labelling.

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Annual Conferences

The annual conferences are the primary forum for promoting interaction among members with their common field of interest. Conferences are the opportunity to discuss best practices, to support members with less experience within the area, and to develop standards for PhD education. Conferences are also an opportunity to meet with major stakeholders and to influence the political development of PhD education in Europe and worldwide. Members have reduced registration.

Workshops and training
In addition to the Annual Conferences, ORPHEUS provides workshops and training packages throughout the year.

Membership activities

Leadership Positions
Lend your expertise to ORPHEUS by supporting its activities or become a member of the Executive Committee. Serve on one of the special interest groups, or organize a workshop between the Annual Conferences. Organize a symposium for the Annual Conference, submit a manuscript to the newsletters, provide a course, or recruit a new member.

Public Relations Activities
ORPHEUS relies on the knowledge of its members to help increase the awareness of PhD education and its practitioners to those in the European Community and beyond. ORPHEUS’s official electronic newsletter and website (www.orpheus-med.org) provides members with the news and information necessary to remain aware of the latest developments in one central location.

PhD candidates
ORPHEUS encourages the active participation of PhD candidates in every component of its activities.

Online Membership Directory
Online access to colleagues around Europe, Asia, North-America and Australia for networking and information sharing.

ORPHEUS standards

The first edition of the ORPHEUS standards for PhD education in biomedicine and health sciences was published together with AMSE and WFME (Aarhus University Press, 2012). The standards document provides a concise description of the expected outcomes and contents of PhD programmes. It combines specificity with the flexibility needed to accommodate the variety of PhD procedures throughout Europe.