

Europe- Middle-East Neurospine Society
(EMENSS)

STATUTES

NAME: Europe-Middle-East Neurospine Society (EMENSS)

REGISTERED ADDRESS: Leopold Strasse 159, 80804 Muenchen, Germany

Article: 1

The registered name of the Society is "Europe-Middle-East Neurospine Society" abbreviated:

EMENSS: The Society is constituted in conformity with the laws of Europe concerning International Societies with scientific and educational goals. EMENSS is a non-profit making Society. The life of the Society is unlimited.

Article: 2

The registered office of the Society is situated in Munich, Germany. This registered office can be transferred to any one of the countries of the EU and Middle-East upon simple decision of the Executive Committee.

Article: 3

The aims of the Society are:

3.1:

To create a forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas in the field of research, clinical studies, and also prevention and treatment of all spinal disorders.

3.2:

To make the efforts undertaken in European-Middle-East countries and also abroad for further development of concepts and equipment in the above field.

3.3:

To promote the best practice based on available evidence in the management of spinal conditions.

Article: 4

To fulfil the above aims, the Society may organise the following activities:

4.1:

Scientific meetings to exchange knowledge resulting in development of new ideas.

4.2:

Organise and stimulate basic and clinical research.

4.3:

To represent the views of the Society to governmental and any other health related organisation to further the aims and the objectives of the Society.

4.4:

Organise postgraduate teaching programmes and assist universities in developing graduate and post-graduate teaching programmes, and shall meet at scientific congresses at least once a year in different countries.

4.5:

The Society has all the rights of a legal status and can acquire any personnel or real estate, which serves its aims, in respect of the applicable International laws.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 5

Membership shall be determined by proposal of the Membership Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The number of members can be limited by the General Assembly per country and per category. A third-level professional qualification will be required unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly.

5.1:

The Society is constituted by Active members, Honorary members, Senior members and Corresponding members.

5.2:

ACTIVE members are medical doctors and other professionals who are engaged in research in to or management of the prevention and treatment of spinal disorders and their related problems.

They should be residents of geographic Europe-Middle-East at least until eligible for senior membership.

5.3: HONORARY members are elected for their outstanding contributions to the Society and / or in the field of spinal disorders and their related problems.

5.4:

SENIOR members are, without any formality, former Active and Corresponding members aged over 65 or who have retired or become disabled.

5.5:

CORRESPONDING members shall be distinguished specialists resident outside Europe who have not reached the age of 65 years.

To be eligible as an active member, it will be necessary to demonstrate scientific or management interest in spinal disorders and their related problems.

An active member has to show continued interest in spinal disorders.

A new active member must provide a letter of recommendation from their Head of department, Professional Association, or an existing member of the Society.

Article 6:

Membership may be terminated

6.1:

By resignation at any time.

6.2:

By expulsion for adequate motives upon the decision of the General Assembly convened for that purpose, with at least 75 % of the voters present personally or represented by a valid proxy, in favor, on proposal of the Executive Committee who will submit a report specifying the reasons for the proposed expulsion.

The concerned member will be advised in advance about the proposal and report of the Executive Committee. He will upon his request be heard previously to the final vote by the General Assembly.

6.3:

By death membership is exclusively personal. The beneficiaries, or successors of the deceased members have no right at all to belong to the Society.

6.4:

Failure of payments of dues for more than three years will result in automatic expulsion

Article 7:

The members are not personally responsible for the debts of the Society. The debts are exclusively guaranteed by the assets and liabilities of the Society.

The Society is not responsible for the debts of its members

Article 8:

Members who have resigned or who have been expelled as well as any beneficiaries, or successors of deceased members have no right to the official assets and liabilities.

Article 9:

Senior members and Honorary members will not, unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly be required to pay annual dues but have voting rights and can be elected to offices.

In order to receive the EMENSS Journal they will, however, have to pay to the Society the amount charged by the Editor for a subscription.

LANGUAGE**Article 10:**

The official languages of the Society are those of the European-Middle-East Community. However at the meetings the language used will be English and the native language of the place of such meetings if simultaneous translation is possible. English will also be used for the reports and correspondence.

ORGANS OF THE SOCIETY***I- GENERAL ASSEMBLY*****Article 11:**

The General Assembly is the highest organ of the Society.

11.1:

The General Assembly, when convened for that purpose, pass and amend the Statutes by two-third majority of all its members. The proposed amendments of the Statutes will be sent to all members together with the written notice including the agenda (Section 15).

If such a quorum is not reached, a new General Meeting will be held which will in any case be competent to pass and amend the Statutes by a two-third majority of the voters present (personally or represented by a valid proxy).

11.2:

Elects and relieves of their office the members of the Executive Committee.

11.3:

Elects and relieves of its office the Congress Committee, according to the proposal of the Executive Committee.

11.4:

Elects and relieves of their offices, according to the proposal of the Executive Community, members of different committees for special tasks.

11.5:

Determines the annual dues on proposal of the Executive Committee.

11.6:

Discusses and adopts the reports on the activity of all organs of the Society.

11.7: May decide the dissolution of the Society.

11.8: Does accept the annual financial statement

11.9: Decides the annual budget

11.8: Takes all the decisions that are its own by law and/or by the present Statutes.

Article 12:

The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year at the Annual General Meeting. The meetings are proposed by the Executive Committee at the proceeding Annual General Meeting who will fix the time and the place.

Written notice with the Agenda of the meeting must be sent to the members at the latest one month prior to the date of the General Assembly.

Article 13:

An Extraordinary General Assembly has to be convened by the Executive Committee upon application, by registered letter, undersigned by at least 25 % of the members.

Such meeting will be held within a delay of three months starting from the date when the above-mentioned application was posted to the registered office of the Society.

Article 14:

All Active members, Senior members, Corresponding members and Honorary members have equal rights to vote in the General Assembly. One member can only be represented by proxy by another member. No member can vote with more than two proxies.

Article 15:

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be passed by a majority of those voting members present or validly represented by proxy, unless otherwise provided by these Statutes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**Article 16:**

The Executive Committee administers and represents the Society.

Only Active, Senior and Honorary Members may be elected to it.

It is composed of:

- The President (of the Society)
- The Vice-President
- The Past-President
- The Secretary
- The Past-Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The Assistant-Treasurer
- The Chairman of the next Annual General Meeting
- Two Members at large

Article 17:

The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be convened if necessary and also upon request of three members of the Executive Committee by the President or, at his request or in case of illness or other obstacles, by the Vice-President or another member of the Executive Committee who replaces him, but at least once at the time of the Annual General Meeting and further as often as necessary

Article 18**18.1**

The President of the Society shall be elected for two years and the Chairman of the next Annual General Meeting for a term of one year.

18.2:

The Treasurer shall serve for two years as Assistant Treasurer followed by two years as Treasurer.

18.3:

The Secretary will be elected for a period of two years. The immediate Past-Secretary will serve one year after the completion of the term of office.

18.4 The members at large will serve a period of two years.

Article 19

19.1:

The Executive Committee shall propose to the General Assembly the nominations for the vacant offices of the Executive Committee for the next term.

19.2:

The Executive Committee shall receive the recommendations for membership for ratification.

The Executive Committee shall receive resignations of membership.

19.3:

The Executive Committee can propose new and/or changes of all Internal Rules to the General Assembly. These modifications will be approved by the following General Assembly by simple majority.

19.4:

The Executive Committee may designate or appoint the persons who will have powers to represent the Society, even before the Courts, towards third parties and will grant to those persons the right to sign individually or collectively on behalf of the Society.

19.5:

Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be passed by a majority of the members present.

In case of a tie, the President or his substitute shall have the casting vote. Decisions by round-mail are also accepted.

19.6:

In general, the Executive Committee takes upon itself all tasks that are not reserved to the General Assembly by the law and/or these Statutes.

Article 20:

In case of vacancy in the Executive Committee, it may elect by co-option one new member who will continue until the next General Meeting

FINANCES OF THE SOCIETY**Article 21:**

The revenues of the Society shall be with respect of the applicable (European-Middle-East Countries) laws:

21.1: Annual dues of Active and Corresponding members

21.2: Contributions from International Organisations

21.3: All other incomes, grants, legacies and gifts.

These revenues serve to cover the administration and running cost of the Society.

Article 22:

The General Assembly may appoint a chartered accountant for a period of two years to audit annually the accounts of the Society.
This appointment is renewable.

MISCELLANEOUS

Article 23:

The Society may be dissolved by the General Assembly convened for the purpose, if 75 % of the members present or validly represented by proxy so agree.

Article 24:

The official term starts at the end of each general meeting and runs to the next general meeting. The first official term starts on first June 2009 and finishes on begin the next general meeting.

Article 25:

For all points not solved by the present statutes, the Society refers to the German law concerning International Societies with scientific and educational objectives.

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