

Articles of the European Association of Dermato-Oncology

I. Name and Seat

Art. 1

The association exists as a juristic person in order to article 60 ff. Swiss Civil Code (ZGB) and shall bear the name European Association of Dermato-Oncology (EADO).

Art. 2

The association is located in Glattbrugg, Switzerland.

II. Purpose

Art. 3

The purpose of the association shall be the promotion of clinical and research activities in the field of melanoma and skin cancer. The association is non-profit oriented.

This purpose shall be reached by:

- a) Exchange of experience for the purpose of coordinating activities in the area of early detection and the prevention of skin cancer.
- b) Elaboration and publishing of common quality standards and guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer.
- c) Cooperation in clinical, therapeutical and experimental trials in the area of skin cancer.
- d) Organisation of clinical and experimental research in the field of skin cancer.
- e) Organisation of scientific events, in particular scientific congresses.
- f) Coordination and support of projects of national skin cancer groups.
- g) Gathering of funds by seeking for sponsors.

III. Membership

Art.4

1.) The members of the association shall be:

- a) Active members
- b) Passive members

2.) An active member is a physical person that is entitled to vote, a passive member is a physical or a juristic person that has no voting power.

Art. 5 Begin and Termination of Membership

1.) Active and passive members are accepted by the board resolving on the proposal for acceptance by a two-third majority of present members in open vote. A formal application should be submitted to the Executive Committee who would then examine the file (primarily based on the person's expertise but other factors should also play a role, i.e., geographic representation) and then will make an official proposal to the Assembly that will decide by voting. An application for acceptance may be refused without giving reasons.

2.) Membership is terminated by death or in case of loss of legal personality (in case of legal entities by dissolution):

- a) by voluntary resignation

may be declared only at the end of the corporate year and is to be announced at least one month in advance by letter to the association; the date of the post stamp shall be relevant for effectiveness.

- b) by expulsion

Members who impair the reputation of the functioning of the association or who do not comply with their corporate obligations may be expelled by the board in secret vote by two-third majority. Expulsion shall be effective immediately. The expellee shall be entitled to object expulsion within thirty days at the president in writing and to demand a board of arbitration to be formed within this time limit (the date of the post stamp shall be relevant). This board of arbitration shall decide on the objection.

Art. 6 Rights and Duties of Members

All members shall be entitled to take part in the general assembly and in general events. Only active members are entitled to vote actively and passively in the general assembly.

Art. 7 Funds and Assets

1.) The required funds and assets for the accomplishment of the purpose of the association shall be raised by:

- a) Contribution of Membership of active members EURO 200
- b) Collection of payments, donations and sponsoring
- c) Benefits from events and congresses

2.) The assets of the association are exclusively liable for any obligations of the association.

IV. Organs of the Association

Art.8

Organs of the association shall be:

1. The general assembly
2. The executive committee

V. The General Assembly

Art. 9

1) The general assembly shall be the supreme organ of the association. The ordinary general assembly shall be called by the president of the association at least once a year until no later than the 30th of November. Legal entities who are members of the association shall be represented by an authorised person; physical persons being entitled to vote may also be represented by a proxy in a general assembly (signed written power).

2) Invitation to the ordinary general assembly shall be made known to all members at least 20 days prior to the date of the general assembly by letter also containing the agenda. Motions from members regarding to agenda shall be submitted to the secretariat of the association in writing no later than ten days prior to the date of the general assembly. The text of a planned amendment of statutes shall be distributed at least 20 days prior to the date of the general assembly together with the invitation.

3) The general assembly shall be presided by the president, if he is not able to preside, the Vice President will overtake the task, and if neither nor is available a member of the executive committee shall preside the general assembly.

4) An extraordinary general assembly may be called by the president at any time. An extraordinary general assembly has to be called within 14 days if demanded by at least one- fifth of the members or by the board of the directors.

5) The general assembly shall:

- a) Approve the annual statement of accounts, the progress report and the annual estimates;
- b) Elect the executive committee every three years;
- c) Resolve on amendments of the association;

6) Elections and resolutions in the general assembly shall generally be passed by simple majority (majority of members present). Resolutions by means of which the association is to be dissolved shall, however, be subject to a qualified majority (of two thirds of the valid votes). In case of equality of votes the president's vote shall decide.

VI. The Executive Committee

Art. 10

1) The executive committee shall consist of five members. The term of the executive committee shall be three years; re-elections shall be allowed once. It is self-constitutional (organises his duties, rules and persons authorised to sign in the name of the association)

2) The executive committee can take a decision if a minimum of three members are present. The meeting of the executive committee shall be called up by the president or on the demand of a board member. The resolution shall pass by simple majority of the members of the executive committee present. In case of equality of votes the vote of the president shall decide. Resolutions shall also be available by circular letter if no member of the executive committee opposes.

Art. 11

The executive committee is composed of:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) General Secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) The last Past President

Art. 12

The executive committee shall decide on all matters which are not expressly the authority of the General Assembly. These are in particular:

- a) Preparation and execution of the assembly
- b) Draw of the articles, claims and rules
- c) Approval and exclusion of members
- d) Management of the association

VIII. Dissolution of the Association

Art. 14

1) Voluntary dissolution of the association may be resolved only in an assembly meeting, which has been called for such purpose and at which at least half of all members entitled to vote are present. Such a resolution shall require a two third majority of the members present.

2) If an assembly meeting called for such a purpose does not constitute a quorum another assembly meeting has to be called within a period of two weeks and such an assembly meeting shall constitute a quorum irrespective of the number of members present and shall decide by simple majority. In case of equality of votes the president shall decide.

3) The last assembly meeting shall simultaneously with the resolution regarding dissolution also decide on kind and form of liquidation. Furthermore it shall resolve that the assets of the association shall by no means go to its members but shall be used for beneficial purpose pursuant to a non-profit organisation or public corporation chosen by the general assembly.

The articles are approved in September, 2011

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