

The Constitution of the European Hip Society

1. Name

The Association shall be called The European Hip Society.

2. Objects

The object of the Association shall be to provide a forum for the discussion of research, advances in clinical practice and the results of predominantly surgical procedures of all types relating to the hip joint.

3. Membership

- (a) The total membership of the Association shall not be restricted.
- (b) Full Membership should be open to any orthopaedic surgeon with an interest in hip problems practising in Europe.
- (c) The membership of the Association shall be divided into four classes:
 - (i) Associate Members - any person who fulfils the membership criteria and who has been elected in accordance with Rule 3(d) hereof;
 - (ii) Full Members - the Founder Members whose names appear on the Schedule hereto and thereafter any Associate member who has had a paper accepted by the Committee for presentation to a Plenary Meeting of the Association or any person who in judgement of the Committee merits admission as a Full Member;
 - (iii) Emeritus Members - any member who has retired from medical practice and who has given notice to the Committee of his wish to remain a member of the Association;
 - (iv) Honorary members - any person who in the opinion of the Committee has made a special contribution to hip surgery and who has accepted the invitation of the Committee to become a member of the Association.
- (d) Any person who wishes to become an Associate Member must be proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another and must submit a curriculum vitae together with an application in writing signed by himself and the proposer and a seconder to the Secretary - general. Election to Associate Membership shall be upon recommendation by the Committee (following the scrutiny of the two sponsorships and a curriculum vitae) or acceptance of an application for membership and approval of the application by a majority of Members attending at a General Meeting.

4. Vote of Members

All members may attend and vote at General Meetings except that: -

- (i) Full Members only are entitled to vote on any application for membership in accordance with Rule 3 (d) hereof;
- (ii) Honorary and Emeritus Members are not entitled to vote on any business at General Meetings.

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5. Subscription

- (a) The annual subscription shall be determined from time to time by the Committee and the Committee shall in so determining make special provision for reduced subscription rates for members in instances of need or national problem.
- (b) On admission each member shall pay a sum equivalent to two years subscription which shall cover a period of membership until the second anniversary of the due date for subscriptions following the date on which the Member was admitted as a Member.
- (c) Thereafter each members' subscriptions should be due annually by the 1st May or at the Annual General Meeting in June.

6. Resignation

- (a) A member shall cease to be a member if he gives written notice to the Secretary General of his Resignation.
- (b) A member whose subscription is more than two months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.

7. Expulsion

The Committee shall have power to expel a member when, in their opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Association for him to remain a member. A member shall not be expelled unless he is given 14 days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and written details of the complaint made against him. The member shall be given an opportunity to appear before the Committee to answer complaints made against him and shall not be expelled unless at least two thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of his expulsion.

8. Executive Committee

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Past President, President Elect, Secretary General, Treasurer and Editor.
- (b) The Committee members shall be proposed, seconded and elected by a ballot or show of hands at the Annual General Meeting. Committee members shall remain in office until the expiry of their term. Any casual vacancy occurring by resignation or otherwise may be filled by the Committee. retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

The President Elect shall be appointed from the country hosting the next Domestic Meeting. Countries wishing to host the next Domestic Meeting should approve the candidate proposed for the Presidency by mutual agreement and submit their application to hold a Domestic Meeting, along with the name of the agreed candidates for Presidency before the Domestic Meeting at which the decision will be taken.

- (c) Committee meetings shall be held not less than once a year and the quorum of that meeting shall be one half of the total membership of the Committee. The President and the Secretary General shall have discretion to call further meetings of the Committee if they consider it to be in the interests of the Association. The Secretary General shall give all the members of the Committee not less than seven days written notice of a meeting. Decisions of the Committee shall be made by a simple majority and in the event of equality of votes the President (or acting chairman of that meeting) shall have a casting or additional vote. The Secretary General, or in his absence a member of the Committee, shall take minutes.
- (d) In addition to the members so elected the Committee may co-opt up to six further members of the Association who shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at the meetings of the Committee.

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- (e) The Committee may from time to time appoint from among their number such sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine. All sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Committee.
- (f) The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Association and shall have the sole right of appointing and determining the terms and conditions of service of employees of the Association. The Committee shall have the power to enter into contracts for the purposes of the Association on behalf of all the members of the Association.
- (g) The members of the Committee shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Association for all expenses and other liabilities properly incurred by them in the management of the affairs of the Association.
- (h) The Committee will be advised by the National Representatives, one being elected for each European Country by the Full Members of the Society of each Country. The National Representative will be responsible for maintaining contact with all other Full and Associate Members of the Country concerned. During Annual Meetings of the Society the National Representatives will convene a private meeting of these members. The National Representative will be elected or re-elected at this private meeting.

9 Officers

- (a) The Honorary Officers of the Association shall be President, Past President, President Elect, Secretary General, Treasurer and Editor.
- (b) The Officers shall be proposed, seconded and elected at an Annual General Meeting. The term of office for each of the Officers should be as follows:-
 - i) 2 years for the President, Past President and President Elect.
 - ii) 4 years for the Secretary General, Treasurer and Editor.

The President and Treasurer will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Domestic Meeting and the Secretary General at the Annual General Meeting of EFORT to ensure that Officers' terms of service overlap maintaining continuity.

- (c) Each Officer shall retire at the Annual General Meeting following the expiry of his term of office. Any vacancy occurring by resignation or otherwise may be filled by the Committee. Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election.

- (d) The duties of the individual officers shall (inter alia) include the following:-

- i) The President shall organise the Association Plenary (Domestic Meetings) to take place during his term of office and the open Plenary meeting (Specialist Society of EFORT)
- ii) The Vice President shall commence preparations for those meetings following those organised by the President.
- iii) The Secretary-General shall act as official public representative of the Association, shall be responsible for dealing with its normal affairs and shall assist the President in the organisation of meetings.
- (iv) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Association and shall collect Membership subscription fees.
- (v) The Secretary General shall be responsible for all records and the documentation of the Association and supervise collection of the papers submitted and arrange for their distribution to all Members. The Secretary

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shall also be responsible for the preparation of summaries of the proceedings of the Association for external publication.

10. Annual General Meeting

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held each year not later than 31st December to transact the following business;
 - (i) to receive the President's official address and the Secretary-General's report of the activities of the Association during the previous year;
 - (ii) to receive and consider the accounts of the Association for the previous year and the Auditors Report on the Accounts and the Treasurer's report as to the financial position of the Association;
 - (iii) to remove and elect the Auditor or confirm that he remain in office;
 - (iv) to elect the Officers and other members of the Committee who are due for election;
 - (v) to decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted in accordance with Rule 10(b).
- (b) Nominations for the election of members to any office shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder to the Secretary-General not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. Notice of any resolution proposed to be moved at the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Secretary-General not less than 28 days before the meeting.
- (c) The date, time, place and venue of the Annual General Meeting shall be determined by the Committee save that in each year which a Plenary Meeting takes place the Annual General Meeting shall be immediately beforehand and at the same place.

11. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee and a notice to convene the same shall be despatched within 28 days of receipt by the Secretary-General of a requisition in writing signed by not less than one quarter of the members stating the purposes for which a meeting is required and the resolutions proposed.

12. Procedure at the Annual and Special General Meetings

- (a) The Secretary-General shall send to each member at his last known address written notice of the date of the General Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed thereat at least 28 days before the meeting.
- (b) The quorum for the Annual and Special General Meetings shall be one-quarter of the members entitled to attend at such meetings.
- (c) The President or in his absence the Vice-President or in his absence a Full Member selected by the Committee shall take the chair. Each Full Member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting or additional vote.
- (d) The Secretary-General or in his absence a member of the Committee shall take minutes at Annual and Special General Meetings.

13. Plenary Meeting

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- (a) Plenary Meetings shall take place annually alternating between those held concurrently with the European Congress of Orthopaedics and those held at a date and location chosen by the President and approved by the Committee.
- (b) A Plenary Meeting held concurrently with the European Congress of Orthopaedics shall be known as an "Open Plenary Meeting" and a Plenary Meeting held at any other time shall be known as an "Association Plenary meeting".
- (c) The purpose of each Plenary Meeting shall be to receive papers prepared in furtherance of the objects of the Association.
- (d) Attendance at Plenary Meetings shall be open to all Members and summaries of the proceedings shall be made available to all members of the Association. In addition Open Plenary Meetings shall also be open to all persons attending the European Congress of Orthopaedics.
- (e) The Secretary-General shall send each Full Member at last known address written notice of the Plenary Meeting together with a copy of the Agenda proposed thereat.

14. Alteration of the Rules

The Rules may be altered by a resolution at an Annual or Special General Meeting provided that the resolution is carried by a majority of at least two thirds of (Full) Members present at the General Meeting or by a two thirds majority of all (Full) Members in a postal ballot.

15. Byelaws

The Committee shall have power to make, repeal and amend such byelaws as they may from time to time consider necessary for the well being of the Association, which byelaws, repeals and amendments shall have effect until set aside by the Committee or at a General Meeting.

16. Finance

- (a) All monies payable to the Association shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in a bank account in the name of the Association. The Treasurer may sign cheques alone to draw money from that account unless the current holdings of the Association exceed 10, 000 ecu in which case a counter-signature by any one of the President, Vice-President and Secretary-General shall be required. Any monies not required for immediate use may be invested as the Committee in their discretion think fit.
- (b) The income and property of the Association shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Association and no part thereof shall be paid by way of bonus, dividend or profit to any members of the Association, save set out in Rule 19 (c).
- (c) The Committee shall have power to offer a payment as remuneration and expenses to any officer, member or employee of the Association and to any other persons for services rendered to the Association.
- (d) The financial transactions of the Association shall be recorded in such a manner as the Committee think fit by the Treasurer.

17. Property

- (a) The property of the Association, other than cash at the bank, shall be vested in not more than four custodians. They shall deal with the property as directed by resolution of the Committee and entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence of such a resolution.

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- (b) The Custodians shall be elected at a General Meeting of the Association by a simple majority of those attending and shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution passed at a General Meeting.
- (c) The Custodians shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the property of the Association for all expenses and other liabilities properly incurred by them in the discharge of their duties.

18. Borrowing

- (a) The Committee may borrow money on behalf of the Association for the purposes of the Association from time to time at their own discretion for the general upkeep of the Association or with the sanction of a General Meeting for any other expenditure, additions or improvements.
- (b) When so borrowing the Committee shall have power to raise in any way any sums of money and to raise and secure the repayment of any sum or sums of money in such manner or in such terms and conditions as they think fit, and in particular by mortgage of or charge upon or by the issues of debentures charged upon all or any part of the property of the Association.
- (c) The Committee shall have the power to pledge the personal liability of any member of the Association for the repayment of any sums borrowed.
- (d) The Custodians shall at the discretion of the Committee, make such dispositions of the Association's property or any part thereof, and enter into and execute such agreements and instruments in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such monies and the interest payable thereon.

19. Dissolution

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the Association shall only be possible by postal ballot and must be carried by a majority of at least four fifths of all Full Members.
- (b) The dissolution shall take effect from the final date given for receipt of postal votes which shall be not less than 14 days from when the notice of the resolution was given to all the members. The members of the Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Association.
- (c) Any property remaining after the discharge of the assets and liabilities of the Association shall be given to the European Congress of Orthopaedics or if this is no longer in existence an association with similar objects.

20. Jurisdiction

- (a) The Constitution of the Association shall be governed by English Law.
- (b) The Courts of England shall have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Constitution.

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**The following members met in Hamburg on 17th October 1992
and on that occasion Founded the European Hip Society**

Austria

Professor R Bauer

Belgium

Dr. Jean Lewalle

Denmark

Dr. J Steen Jensen (Treasurer)

Finland

Professor Erik B Riska (President elect)

France

Dr. Herve Olivier

Germany

Dr. med. Elmar Nieder

Greece

Professor Emmanuel K. Dretakis

Irish Republic

Mr Garry C Fenelon

Italy

Dr. L Specchia

Netherlands

Dr. Sjoard Bulstra

Norway

Professor Pal Benum

Portugal

Dr. Jose Adraio Proenca

Spain

Dr. Eduardo Garcia-Cimbrello

Sweden

Dr. Lennart Sanzén

Switzerland

Professor Dr. med. B G Weber

Turkey

Professor Ilker Çetin

United Kingdom

Mr Reginald Elson (Secretary)

Each European Country will elect from its Full Members a National Representative who will be responsible for advising the Executive Committee in matters relating to their Country.

The Executive Committee is directly responsible to the Annual General Meeting to which gathering it reports its stewardship and whose wishes it contrives to fulfil.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

	FULL	
ASSOCIATE		
1. Right to attend open meetings (perhaps at reduced rates)	✓	✓
2. Right to attend domestic closed meetings	✓	✓
3. Right to vote on policy issues	✓	-
4. Right to vote in elections of new members	✓	-
5. Right to be eligible for election to officer of Society	✓	-
6. Right to sponsor a new applicant for membership	✓	-
7. Right to present a communication at a domestic meeting	✓	✓
8. Right to present a communication at an affiliated meeting	✓	✓
9. Right to receive all announcements relating to activities of the Society	✓	✓
✓		
10. Right to display or publish fact of Membership	✓	-
11. Right to organise or participate in trial, studies or consensus meetings in the name of the Society	✓	-
12. Right to control any research fellowship if established	✓	-
13. Reduced subscription to a Journal controlled by the Society	✓	✓

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