

Bylaws Swiss Society of Infectious Diseases

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1. Goals

Article 1:

An association has been founded under the name "Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases", which is defined and regulated by the present statutes and Article 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. The duration of its existence is indefinite. It is entered in the commercial register.

Article 2:

The company has the following goals:

1. Promote knowledge and research on infectious diseases.
2. Contribute to education in the field of infectious diseases with the aim of increasing prevention and improving patient care.
3. Set up criteria for further training, which should serve as the basis for acquiring the FMH specialist title for infectiology. The company is committed to continuing education in the field of infectiology.
4. Represent a competent interlocutor for questions of epidemiology and the prevention of infectious diseases in medical (especially FMH), scientific or professional associations as well as in dealings with the authorities.
5. Represent Switzerland in the international societies for infectious diseases and create links between the European institutions dealing with infectious diseases.

Article 3:

The registered office of the company is the official residence of its secretary or, in the case of a co-presidency without a secretary, the official residence of one of the co-presidents.

Article 4:

The company signs bindingly with the joint signature of two members of the Management Board.

2. Members

Article 5:

The company consists of:

1. Ordinary Members
2. Extraordinary Members
3. Collective Members
4. Honorary Members
5. Honorary Members
6. Guest Members

Article 6:

Ordinary Members

Every holder of the specialist title FMH for infectiology can submit an application for admission as a full member. The conditions for acquiring the specialist title FMH for infectiology were approved by the Medical Association on September 24, 1998 and published in the Schweizerische Aerztezeitung [1999;80 (Supplementum2):3S-10S]. Candidates address an application for admission to the President of the Society and submit the names of two full members of the Society who will submit the application in writing support. This is checked by the board of directors of the company and submitted to the general assembly for approval. The Board of Directors may invite the candidates to attend the scientific session of the General Assembly. Ordinary members have voting rights and can be elected to all offices of the society. They pay the annual fee determined by the General Assembly.

Article 7:

Extraordinary Members

Any post-graduate individual interested in the field of infectious diseases may apply to become Associate Member. The admission procedure is the same as for ordinary members. Extraordinary members take part in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity. They pay the annual fee determined by the General Assembly

Article 8:

Collective members

Legally constituted institutes, laboratories, industrial and commercial companies or other bodies can be accepted as collective members. The authorized experts of a collective member can take part in the scientific meetings. The collective members pay an annual fee, the minimum amount of which is determined by the General Assembly. The Board of Directors submits the acceptance of the collective members to the General Assembly for voting.

Article 9:

Honorary members

The status of an honorary member is granted to all those personalities who the society would like to honor in particular. Each honorary member is appointed by the General Assembly on the proposal of the Board of Directors. The appointment of an honorary member must appear on the agenda of the General Assembly with mention of his name. An honorary member can be a full or associate member. The board can appoint an honorary president for life.

Article 10:

Honorary Members (Retired Members)

Ordinary or extraordinary members who have given up their professional activities are appointed honorary members. They participate in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity. You no longer pay any contributions.

Guest Members ("Associate Members")

Ordinary or associate members of the Society of Specialists in

Tropical medicine and parasitology can apply for guest membership from the Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases and vice versa. Guest members do not pay a membership fee. They participate in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity

Article 11:

Membership expires through:

1. resignation,
2. Non-payment of the annual fee,
3. Exclusion.

Article 12

A member can be expelled if they are guilty of machinations that are contrary to the aims of the society. Expulsion can be requested by the Executive Board or by at least three members of the Society who address their request in writing to the Executive Board. The exclusion of a member can only be during the Administrative Session of the General Assembly and will be decided by secret ballot. This must appear on the agenda. Such a decision shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the members present

3. Bodies of the company

Article 13:

The organs of the company are:

1. The General Assembly
2. The Board of Directors
3. The auditor

Article 14

The Ordinary General Assembly is convened once a year. The agenda and the election proposals of the board must be sent to the members at least one month before the intended date. Other suggestions may be addressed to the Board of Directors. The general assembly elects the members of the society, the board members and the auditor. She approves the President's, Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports and issues discharges.

An extraordinary general assembly can be convened at any time by the board of directors and at the request of at least one third of the full members. The Ordinary General Assembly is preceded by a scientific session

Article 15:

The elections take place by open vote (raise of hands) at the General Assembly or by correspondence. A secret ballot can be demanded by any full member. All other voting will be held by show of hands unless otherwise proposed. The President appoints two tellers at the beginning of each session. Decisions are made on the basis of the majority of votes of the full members present or, in the case of written votes, on the basis of the majority of votes of the voting members.

Article 16:

The board consists of: a president or two co-presidents; a vice-president or two co-vice-presidents; a secretary, a treasurer and members.

The election of a secretary can be waived if a co-presidency is established. The duties of the secretary shall then fall to the two co-presidents.

Article 17:

The board members are elected by the general assembly for three years. At each deadline, the Board proposes at least one new member (and one resignation) to ensure the gradual renewal of the Board. The individual functions of the Management Board are allocated internally

Article 18:

Tasks of the board:

1. The main task of the board of directors is to pursue the goals of the company and to manage the company.
2. The Board establishes the commissions it deems necessary. The commissions consist of members of the company or external experts.
3. The board establishes close contacts with the medical and scientific associations and with the authorities.
4. The Board organizes the General Assembly and the scientific sessions.
5. The President (or his deputy) represents the Society towards third parties, except as provided in article 4. He presides over the administrative meetings and the General Assembly.
6. The secretary keeps the administrative files. He is responsible for the society archives.
7. The treasurer keeps the books of the company, collects the annual dues, settles the current payments and those to which the board of directors and the

General Assembly gives the order. He submits all accounts to the auditor and to the General Assembly.

Article 19:

The official statements concerning the company must be confirmed by the board of directors.

Article 20:

Financial medium

The financial means of the society consist of the contributions, donations, proceeds from the scientific meetings and legacies.

Article 21:

The auditor is appointed for a period of three years. He can be re-elected to take over his duties. He controls the accounts, prepares the annual report for the general assembly and proposes what he considers useful from a financial point of view.

Article 22:

Any change to the present statutes can only be made by a decision of the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority of the members present. The wording of the proposed change must be communicated at least one month before the General Assembly is held.

Article 23:

The dissolution of the company can only take place by resolution of the general meeting with a two-thirds majority of the votes.

Article 24:

In the event of dissolution, the Company's assets will be donated to one or more not-for-profit institutions that contribute to infectious disease research.

Article 25:

The founding of the company in question was decided on November 13, 1990 in Bern.

4. Privacy

Article 26:

The SGINF may pass on data from doctors such as first name, surname, postal and e-mail address to recognized umbrella organizations and recognized specialist societies (periodic data comparison).

This data may only be used for the organization of conferences with medical content and within the scope of the association's purpose and the tasks of the SGINF (Article 2).

The SGINF provides for further data processing that serves to fulfill the purpose of the association.

This includes data processing in connection with further and advanced training, the specialist examination, data in the context of legal advice, professional law, the expert office, the organization of committees and controlling of the FMH.