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# **STATUTES**

## **of**

# **THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS**

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### **Name**

The society shall be known as the "European Society for Biomaterials".

### **Registered Office**

The Society is registered as an association at the Tribunal d'Instance de Strasbourg, France, under the provisions of Articles 21-79 of the local Civil Code as enacted by French Law introducing the Civil Code, 1st June.

The society has its permanent office within the city limits of Strasbourg, France.

### **Duration**

The Society is established for an unlimited period of time.

### **Objectives**

The Society undertakes to abstain from all political activity.

The Society is non-profit making and its objectives are:

To encourage, foster, promote and develop research, progress and information concerning the science of biomaterials, as well as to promote, initiate, sustain and bring to a satisfactory conclusion research with others and programs of development and information in this particular field.

To collaborate with other associations and bodies whose efforts are directed at the same objectives and whose interests are allied with or are similar to those of the Society itself.

To promote the propagation of scientific information through publications and meetings.

To co-operate with other scientific organizations, governmental and private bodies, both national and international, in order to establish regulations and standards for biomaterials in general.

To encourage progress in the field of biomaterials in all its aspects, including research, teaching and clinical applications, as well as to foster any other activity pertinent thereto.

### **Membership**

The Society comprises:

Any person or representative of a laboratory or institution, irrespective of nationality, who has an interest in biomaterials and is accepted for membership by the Council.

Details of Membership are defined in the Byelaws.

## **Termination of Membership**

The Council of the Society is empowered to suspend or to terminate membership, or to accept the resignation of members at its discretion.

## **Council**

The affairs of the Society shall be managed in accordance with these Statutes and with the Byelaws by a Council elected by the members. The Council shall comprise at least nine members and from amongst themselves shall appoint a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers and committees as may be deemed necessary. The Council members shall hold office for a term of four years and are eligible for once-only re-election.

## **Assets**

The assets of the Society constitute:

- the membership dues
- public or private grants of money and revenue from property owned by the Society.

## **General Assemblies**

A General Assembly of members shall be held at least once every two years usually on the occasion of the annual conference of the Society. Minutes of the Assemblies are kept in one or more books provided for that purpose, authenticated by the signature of the President and Secretary.

## **Changes of the Statutes**

Changes to the Statutes can only be made at a properly constituted General Assembly or by online voting (see below). In both cases, at least 10 % of the members shall vote.

Proposed changes shall be sent to the members at least 30 days in advance.

A resolution to change the Statutes must be proposed by the Council or by 10 % of the total members. The resolution is passed if it gains the majority of the votes. If a quorum is not obtained, a second vote can be convened by the President, at the earliest, one day later. A resolution to change the Statutes may then be passed by a vote with a normal majority sufficient to pass any resolution.

Should any revision of the Statutes be needed in a short period of time, the Council has the faculty of circulating proposed amendments among members and call for an online voting to be carried out after 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date of circulation of the proposed amendments. The resolution is passed if it gains the majority of the votes.

## **Dissolution**

The Society may be dissolved by the action of 10 % of the total members. The resolution to dissolve the Society is passed if it gains, in a ballot, the majority of the votes of all members in good standing. If a quorum is not obtained, a properly constituted Special General

Assembly can be convened by the President, this second meeting being, at the earliest, one month later. A resolution to dissolve the Society may then be passed by a vote with a normal majority sufficient to pass any resolution.

Upon dissolution the assets of the Society shall be distributed to one or more Societies having similar objectives.

### **Notifications of Changes**

The Secretary shall notify any changes in the Statutes; the names of elected officers of the Society; change in address of the registered office; dissolution of the Society to the Tribunal d'Instance de Strasbourg, France.

**Accepted by the ESB General Assembly**

**6<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, Athens, Greece**

**Prof. Dr. Marc Bohner  
(Secretary)**

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