

STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS

Art. 1

Name

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

Art. 2

Registered Office

The Society is registered as an association at the Court of Illkirch-Graffenstaden, Strasbourg, under the provisions of Articles 21 - 79 of the local Civil Code as enacted by French Law introducing the Civil Code, 1st June 1924.

The address of the registered Society is Centre de Traumatologie et d'Orthopédie, 67400 - Strasbourg, Illkirch-Graffenstaden.

Art. 3

Duration

The Society is established for an unlimited period of time.

Art. 4

Objects

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 programmes 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 organisations, governmental and private bodies, both national and international, in order to establish specifications 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.

Art. 5

Membership

The Society comprises :

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

Definition : Here-in-after the term "members" in these Statutes and in the Byelaws shall be construed to mean the ordinary members of the Society duly elected to membership in accordance with these Statutes who are entitled to vote.

Art. 6

Termination of membership

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

Art. 7

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 seven members and from amongst themselves shall appoint a President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as may be deemed necessary. The Council members shall hold office for a term of four years and are eligible for re-election.

Art. 8

Administration

The President (or Council member designated by the President) represents the Society in the Courts and in every act of civic life. Disbursement of money on behalf of the Society is authorised by the President or his delegated representative.

Art. 9

Assets

The assets of the Society constitute :

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

Art. 10

General Meetings

A General Meeting of members shall be held once every two years at a time and place decided by the Council. Notification of a General Meeting, together with the Agenda as set by the Council, shall be sent to each member not less than thirty and not more than fifty days prior to the date of the meeting. Minutes of the proceedings are kept in one or more books provided for that purpose, authenticated by the signature of the President and Secretary.

Art. 11Changes to the Statutes

Changes to the Statutes can only be made at a properly constituted General Meeting of the Society at which at least 10 % of the total members are present. A resolution to change the Statutes must be proposed by the Council or by 10 % of the total members or at least 25 members, whichever is the greater. The resolution is passed if it gains the vote of at least 3/4 of members present at the General Meeting.

Art. 12Dissolution

The Society may be dissolved at a properly constituted General Meeting specially convened for the purpose by the action of at least 10 % of the total members or 25 members, whichever is the greater. A resolution to dissolve the Society is passed if it gains the vote of at least 3/4 of members present at the special General Meeting. Upon dissolution the assets of the Society shall be distributed to one or more Societies having similar objectives.

Art. 13Notification of Changes

The President 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 Court of Illkirch-Graffenstaden.

Art. 14Byelaws

Byelaws governing the administration of the Society shall be drawn up by the Council and submitted to the members for ratification at a General Meeting of the Society.