

By-laws European Urogynaecological Association

I.

Name, status, seat and aims of the EUGA

1.1 The name of the society is:

European Urogynaecological Association (in short E.U.G.A.)

1.2 The status of the European Urogynaecological Association (hereafter referred to as „the Association“):

is an unincorporated association established in compliance with Act No. 183/1990 Coll., on Association of Citizens, (in valid version) as subsequently amended. The Association is a legal entity - a non-profitable organisation.

1.3 The Association has its registered address at:

Albertov 7/3a, 128 01 Praha 2, Czech Republic

1.4 The aims of the Association are as follows:

- to facilitate the study and the analysis of all aspects of urinary tract and of pelvic floor dysfunction, including diagnosis and treatment
- to spread the knowledge about the problematics in public and among specialists
- to create the platform for application of prevention
- to cooperate with other scientific and medical societies, universities and organisations with related professional interests
- to organize congresses, workshops
- to organize the European network of telemedicine, thus providing the consultation service in urogynaecology for its members

II.

Membership

2.1 Membership in the Association can be as follows:

- full member (clinicians or scientist active in the field) with the right to vote and to be voted
- associate (nurses and student members with reduced fee) with the right to vote
- affiliated National Societies membership with reduced fee with the right to vote for each present individual
- honorary (the scientists and clinicians who have made outstanding contributions to the field of urogynaecology)

2.2 Full and individual associate members apply for the membership through the internet or at the address of the Association

2.3 Honorary members will be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly

- 2.4 Affiliated National Societies membership is prepared by the Steering Committee after the formal request of each National Society
- 2.5 Friends of the Association recruit from the industry paying the agreed fees as fixed by the Steering Committee as in all the cases of membership payment
- 2.6 Every member can quit the membership in the Association by the written announcement delivered to the Executive Committee of the Association. The termination of membership occurs at the date of the delivery of this written announcement.
- 2.7 Any member can be expelled at the recommendation of the Executive Committee and after ratification of the General Assembly.
- Following reasons apply:
- if he/she commits in his/her practice a severe violation of professional and ethical medical and health care standards or valid law of Czech republic and/or European Union
 - if he/she commits a severe violation of duties as a member of the Association particularly if he/she doesn't pay the annual fees for two years
- 2.8 Full members and associate members pay annual fees. The amount of those annual fees is proposed by the Executive Committee and ratified by the General Assembly. For the Affiliated National Societies respective Societies pay the timely designated fees.
- 2.9 All members have right to all information concerning all activities of the Association. The Executive Committee is responsible for providing such information.
- 2.10 Full and affiliated members are entitled to pay a reduced fee at the congresses of the Association
- 2.11 All members have right of the access to the web sites of the Association including the list of members and further applications created by the Association

III.

The Authorities of the Association

- 3.1 The Authorities of the Association:
- General Assembly
 - Executive Committee
 - Scientific Committees

IV.

General Assembly

- 4.1 General Assembly is the highest Authority of the Association and consists of all present paying members of the Association. The General Assembly has all rights permitting the realization of the purposes of the Association.

- 4.2 General Assembly decides by the vote of full and affiliated members present at the General Assembly particularly in following matters and approves them:
- change of by-laws
 - election of the chairman - for 3 years term and another 3 years after reelection
 - election and withdrawal of the members of Executive Committee (for the total period of 6 years)
 - election and withdrawal of the members of Scientific Committee (for the total period of 6 years)
 - acceptance or expulsion of a member of the Association
 - annual budget (corresponding to the calendar year)
 - last year economic balance
 - dissolution of the Association,
 - further matters which the General Assembly reserves for own decision
- 4.3 General Assembly is held once a year during the Annual Meeting of the Association (regular General Assembly). Every paying member has the right to take part in presence. All the full, associate and affiliated members present, having one vote each, have the right to vote at the General Assembly
- 4.4 The Executive Committee calls the General Assembly by written invitation sent to all the members at least 30 days before it takes place. The invitation must include::
- the day and hour of the Assembly
 - the place
 - the agenda of the Assembly
- 4.5 The Executive Committee must include any motion to be raised at the General Assembly if at least 10 % of full and honorary members submit a signed resolution 45 days before the date of the General Assembly.
- 4.6 The Executive Committee must call an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly following the resolution submitted to the Chairman and signed at least by 20% of full and honorary members of the Association, to be held within 90 days after the receipt of such resolution.
- 4.7 The quorum is comprised of any paying members present at the General Assembly. The General Assembly decisions affecting motions raised will be taken by a majority vote. The Chairman will have the deciding vote.
- 4.8 The Chairman presides the General Assembly. Otherwise an officer of the Association will act on the authority of Chairman.
- 4.9 The minutes of the General Assembly conduct is made. It must include:
- the date and place of the General Assembly
 - the decisions taken
 - results of vote

The General Assembly elects at the beginning of the meeting a minute-man and two controllers of the transcript.

4.10 For the dissolution of the Association the Executive Committee calls the General Assembly by a written invitation to all the members at least 90 days before it takes place.

For the decision on dissolution the quorum is reached with at least 50 % present or delegated votes of full or honorary members and the dissolution decision require at least 2/3 of those votes.

V.

Executive Committee

5.1 The Executive Committee of the Association is its statutory body, it governs the Association and it acts in the name of the Association. The Executive Committee is qualified for all acts of management and disposition concerning movable and immovable property of the Association.

5.2 The Executive Committe Members are elected and dismissed by the General Assembly. The Members are appointed for 3 years and their madate may be renewed.

5.3 The Executive Committe has 5 members. The Executive Committee elects the Chairman, Vice-Chairman , Secretary General.

5.4 The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Secretary General act in the name of the Association individually. Their signature is valid in connection with the written or printed logo of the Association.

5.5 The Executive Committee meets at least bi-annually. The Meeting calls and presides the Chairman.

5.6 The Executive Committee reaches the quorum with the majority of its present members. All decisions affecting motions raised at the Meeting will be taken by a majority vote of present members. The Chairman will have the deciding vote in the case of equality.

5.7 The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting conduct is made. It mus include:

- the date and place of the General Assembly
- the decisions taken
- results of vote

The Minutes are signed by all the present members of the Executive Committee.

5.8 The Executive Committee takes care especially about:

- membership data base
- administration of the Association
- budget and balance of the Association

The Executive Committee can fullfil its tasks and duties with the help of hired personel of the Association or the service is delivered by the specialized company.

VI.
Scientific bodies of the Association

- 6.1 The Association can create the Scientific Committee or Committees. Those bodies are approved by the General Assembly which according to the proposal elects and withdraws the members of the Committees.

VII.
Economic rules

- 7.1 The accounting period of the Association is a calendar year.
- 7.2 The Association is a nonprofit organisation and its budgeting and accounting corresponds to the valid laws of the Czech Republic.
- 7.3 The incomes of the Association is generated from the annual fees, by sponsors and from the eventual revenues of congresses, courses organized by the Association.

VIII.

- 8.1 This Association was founded for the unlimited period.
- 8.2 This Association can be dissolved according to the rules of this by-laws and to the valid law of the Czech Republic.

IX.

- 9.1 These by-laws were proposed by the Preparatory Committee on January. 26-27 2008 and approved in Como, June 28, 2009.

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