



EUROPÄISCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR ZAHNÄRZTLICHE ERGONOMIE
EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF DENTAL ERGONOMICS
SOCIETE EUROPEENNE D'ERGONOMIE DENTAIRE
SOCIETA EUROPEA ERGONOMIA DENTALE

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BYLAWS

Article 1:

The bylaws herein declare the foundation of a society with the following name:

SOCIETE EUROPEENNE D'ERGONOMIE DENTAIRE (SEED),

whose offices are located in:

6, rue Saint Georges in F- 67500 Haguenau.

This society will be registered at the Registry of Societies at the Local Courts of Haguenau.

This society complies with the articles 29 - 79 of the Local Civil Law, which has been kept in force by the introductory law dated 1 June 1924, as well as for the present bylaws

Article 2: Objectives

The objectives of the society are: the collection, analysis, following up, publication and archiving of scientific knowledge concerning dental ergonomics and dental practice (organisation, hygiene, psychology, etc.), and, more generally, all included and/or related activities.

Article 3: Membership

Membership is granted and acquired by unanimous decision of the executive committee of the society.

Membership may be of one of the following forms:

1 - Ordinary Members

European dentists may apply for ordinary membership. The number of these members is unlimited.

2. - Associate Members

All Europeans belonging to the dental profession and who are especially dedicated to dental ergonomics may become Associate Members of the society.

In particular, these will include:

- dental surgery assistants and dental hygiene staff,
- members of the dental industry,
- members of the dental trade.

All physical and juridical persons who are interested in medical ergonomics may also apply for associate membership.

Associate members who have taken part in the activities of the society for three years may become ordinary members.

3 - Corresponding Members

Corresponding members are those persons who, in conformity with Article 3 - Paragraph 4, reside outside of Europe.

These members may be nominated by the executive committee of the society and will have no right to vote

4 - Honorary members

Honorary membership is granted by proposal of the executive committee of the society.

Article 4: Membership fee

Ordinary members and Associate members are required to pay a membership fee.

The amount of the membership fee is proposed by executive committee and determined at the general assembly.

Honorary and Corresponding members are exempted from payment of the membership fee.

Article 5: Termination of membership

Membership may terminate:

- by death
- by withdrawal at the end of the calendar year
- by exclusion: Exclusion will be determined by decision of the executive committee, which will summon and hear the member in question.

Reasons for exclusion may include:

- violation of the statutes of the society
- violation of the ethics of the medical profession.

Members who have not contributed in any way to the activities of the society for three years running will be advised to resign or may be excluded by decision of the executive committee.

Members who are involved in a hearing for exclusion, because of a violation of the statutes or the ethics or for not having contributed to the activities of the society will be informed and summoned for hearing by the executive committee by means of registered mail, with return receipt. The decisions of the executive committee at the hearing will be final, with no possibility of appeal.

Article 6: Executive Committee

The society will be directed by the executive committee. Its members will be individually voted by the general assembly and hold office for a period of three years. It is possible for members to be re-elected for the same period of office, without limitation.

The work of the members of the executive committee is voluntary.

The executive committee has the following powers:

- legal representation of the society towards other parties
- organisation and management of the society
- determination and execution of future missions of the society
- the exclusion of members
- proposal of the membership fee.

The members of the general assembly elect, in individual elections, the following members of the executive committee:

- a president, who will represent the society for all juridical matters
- a vice president
- a general secretary
- a treasurer
- a communications referee
- up to a maximum of three auditors.

The executive committee will meet by summoning addressed to each of the members by the president, or by simple majority request of the members of the executive committee.

The decisions of the executive committee will be recorded in numbered minutes. The minutes and decisions of the executive committee and general assembly will be signed by the President and the General Secretary.

Article 7: General Assembly

The general assembly is composed of all the members of the society, with the exception of corresponding members.

The general assembly may deliberate and make decisions independent of the number of participating members.

All ordinary members of the society have the right to vote during a general meeting.

Associate members and Honorary members may have only an advisory function.

The President, or in the event of his/her absence, the Vice-President of the society will be the chairman of the general assembly.

The secretariat is guaranteed by the General Secretary of the society or, in the event of his/her absence, will be taken over by a member of the executive committee of the society, nominated by the general assembly for the purpose.

The summoning notice of the general assembly will contain the agenda will be notified 2 (two) months prior to the date of the assembly. The forwarding postage date will be considered as validation of notification.

The decisions of the general assembly will be recorded in minutes, and signed by the President of the society and the general secretary, or by the substitute secretary nominated by the assembly.

Article 8: Voting Procedures of the General Assembly

The general assembly will adopt decisions relating to matters included in the agenda by simple majority vote of the attending members possessing the right to vote.

Arguments not included in the agenda may be included as urgent matters by majority vote of two thirds of the members of the general assembly.

Any modifications to the bylaws require a majority vote by at least three-quarters of the attending members. Such modifications must be exactly announced in the summons for the general assembly.

The dissolution of the society or the merging with other societies or associations requires the majority vote of three-quarters of the attending members possessing the right to vote.

Article 9: Ordinary General Assembly

The ordinary general assembly meets once a year.

Article 10: Extraordinary General Assembly

The extraordinary general assembly may be summoned by the President through request presented by the executive committee of the society.

The summoning of the general assembly may even be determined by a written request of at least one-quarter of the voting members of the society.

For the extraordinary general assembly, the same regulations apply as for the ordinary general assembly.

The extraordinary general assembly has the power to modify the bylaws of the society or to decide its dissolution.

Article 11: Dissolution of the Society

In the event of voluntary or necessary dissolution of the society the executive committee will nominate two official liquidators. These will convert assets and settle any liabilities. Any sums remaining after dissolution by the general assembly will be attributed to a European association that pursues objectives similar to those of the present society.

Such decision will be made by the extraordinary general assembly for approval of the settlement of accounts.

Article 12: Registration of the Society

The executive committee of the society will arrange for all formalities regarding registration and legal publication as required by law.

Registration shall be made at the competent courts, in this case at the Register of Societies at the Local Courts of Haguenau.

Article 13: Obligations towards the Courts

With the least possible delay, the President of the society will have to submit to the Local Courts of Haguenau the following proceedings and documents:

- the present bylaws
- the names of the members of the executive committee and any changes thereof
- any changes made or introduced into the statute
- changes regarding the location of the offices of the society
- the decision regarding dissolution of the society

Article 14: Internal Regulations

The internal regulations will be established by the executive committee and submitted to the general assembly for approval.

Article 15:

The foundation members have accepted these statutes, including the enclosed minutes, and undersigned.

These statutes will come into force after registration of the society at the Registry of Societies at the Local Courts of Haguenau.

These statutes have been accepted in Haguenau, on 11 January 1998.

Six original copies of the present statutes have been drawn up; two of these copies are submitted to the Local Courts of Haguenau and one to the executive committee.

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