

## **STATUTES OF ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL STUDENTS**

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### **Article 1**

1.1 The International Association of Dental Students (hereinafter called the Association) is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and, secondly, by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

1.2 The only valid abbreviation for the International Association of Dental Students shall be "IADS".

1.3 The Association is non-political, non-religious and non-discriminatory.

### **Article 2**

2.1 The Organization's headquarters are located in the State of Geneva, Switzerland.

2.2 The Association shall be of unlimited duration.

### **AIMS**

### **Article 3**

The aims of the Association are to serve society and dental students globally through its member organizations by:

3.1 Promoting international contact and co-operation between dental students and dental student organizations throughout the world for the benefit of society.

3.2 Establishing and encouraging international programmes which stimulate the interest of dental students to lower the global burden of oral diseases, to develop the education, science, and art of dentistry.

3.3 Inspiring dental students to use their knowledge and capacity to advocate for the prioritization of oral health within the global health agenda.

3.4 Promoting interprofessional and multisectoral collaboration to achieve better oral health outcomes for various population groups.

## **RESOURCES**

### **Article 4**

4.1 The Association's resources are derived from:

- membership fees;
- sponsorship;
- capitation fees
- any other resources authorized by the law.

4.2 The financial year of the Association begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year.

4.3 The funds shall be used in accordance with the Association's aims.

## **MEMBERS**

### **Article 5**

5.1 Membership Conditions

5.1.1 Membership of the Association shall be open to all dental students and all organizations of dental students, provided they comply to abide by the Statutes and Bylaws of the Association.

5.1.2 The Constitution and Regulations of the Organisation applying for membership shall be pursued and primarily evaluated by the Executive Committee of the Association, and finally accepted by the General Assembly of the Association with a simple majority vote.

5.2 The Association comprises:

- 5.2.1 Organisation Members (Bylaws Chapter 1, Section 2a)
  - Full Members: - Country Members -National Associations
    - Associate Members - National Associations where a national membership already exists or where an association represents more than 1(one) university.
    - School Members - Local (School) Associations



- Corresponding Members:  
conditional membership category valid for 2 years (Bylaws Chapter 1, Section 2b)
- Affiliate Members:  
exceptional conditional membership category of unlimited duration (Bylaws Chapter 1, Section 2c)
- 5.2.2 Individual Members
  - Honorary Life Members (Bylaws Chapter 1, Section 4)
  - Personal Members (Bylaws Chapter 1, Section 2d)

5.2.3 The General Assembly may establish other categories of membership.

## 5.2 Voting rights

5.2.1 The right to vote shall only be given to delegates from countries or schools holding Full Membership.

5.2.2 Each Local Member-School Member shall have one (1) vote.

- If there are two or more Local School Members from the same country, their given votes will be a maximum of 2 votes.

5.2.3 National Associations have two (2) votes.

- If there are two National Association members, their votes shall be divided to 1 vote per association member. If there are more than two members from the same country that have obtained National Association membership, the two associations which represent the most schools shall have the voting rights and they share two votes equally.

5.2.4 Other members of the Association have no voting rights.

## 5.3 Termination of Membership

Membership ceases:

5.3.1 for non-payment of dues for more than two years.

5.3.2 By exclusion, the General Assembly shall be entitled by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of those present and voting at any session of the General Assembly to exclude a Member. The Member whose exclusion is proposed shall, if possible, have the right to address the General Assembly before discussion and decision on the matter is taken.

5.3.3 by written withdrawal notifying the Committee at least one month prior to the session of the General Assembly at which such withdrawal will be noted and acted upon.

5.3.4 on death (in the case of individual members).



5.4 In all cases the membership fee for the current year remains due. Members who have resigned or who are excluded have no rights to any part of the Association's assets.

5.5 Members have no personal liability.

## **ORGANS**

### **Article 6**

The Association shall include the following organs:

6.1 The General Assembly

6.2 The Leadership

6.3 The Executive Committee

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Article 7**

7.1 The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority. It is composed of all the full members' representatives.

7.2 The General Assembly shall convene two times each year. It may also hold a special session whenever necessary, at the request of the Executive Committee or at least 1/5 of its full members.

7.3 The General Assembly shall be considered valid when 1/3 of the full members who are up to date with their membership fees are present.

7.4 The Executive Committee shall inform the members in writing of the date of the General Assembly at least six weeks in advance. The notification, including the proposed agenda, shall be sent to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

### **Article 8**

The General Assembly:

8.1 approves the admission and expulsion of members;

8.2 elects the Executive Committee and Leadership members during the annual meeting;



- 8.3 notes the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year and votes on their adoption;
- 8.4 approves the annual budget;
- 8.5 supervises the activity of other organs, which it may dismiss, stating the grounds, therefore;
- 8.6 might appoint an auditor for the Association's accounts;
- 8.7 decides on any modification of statutes;
- 8.8 decides on the dissolution of the Association;
- 8.9 fixes the annual membership fees.

## **Article 9**

The General Assembly is presided over by the Chairperson (Bylaws Chapter 2, Section 5a).

## **Article 10**

- 10.1 Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority vote of the members present. In case of deadlock, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.
- 10.2 A Vice Chair shall serve as a replacement for the Chairperson of the General Assembly in any unforeseen or urgent circumstances where the Chairperson is unable to be present or fulfill their duties.
- 10.3 Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes and the dissolution of the Association must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the full members present.

## **Article 11**

The agenda of the ordinary annual session of the General Assembly must include:

- approval of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly
- The Leadership's annual Activity Report
- the setting of membership fees
- approval of the budget
- election of Leadership members
- election of Executive Committee members
- miscellaneous points

## **THE LEADERSHIP**

### **Article 12**

Functions of the Leadership:

12.1 to carry out duties assigned by the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, the Statutes, and Bylaws.

### **Article 13**

13.1 The Leadership is composed of the Executive Committee members, Regional Ambassadors and Officers of the Association.

13.2 The Regional Ambassadors of the Association are responsible for coordinating representation and work of the Association on regional levels.

13.3 The Officers of the Association organize and coordinate projects for the Association.

13.4 Each member's term of office lasts for 1 year and is renewable up to 3 times.

13.5 The Leadership members work on a volunteer basis and as such can only be reimbursed for their actual expenses and travel costs.

13.6 Potential attendance fees cannot exceed those paid for official commissions.

13.7 For activities beyond the usual function, each Leadership member is eligible for appropriate compensation.

13.8 The paid employees of the Association have only a consultative vote on the Leadership.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Article 14**

Functions of the Committee:

14.1 To manage the day-to-day affairs of the Association between General Assembly meetings.

14.2 To represent the Association and serve the purposes of the Association in accordance with its Statutes and Bylaws.

14.3 To convene the ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies.



## **Article 15**

15.1 The Executive Committee is elected at the annual General Assembly in accordance with the Association's Statutes and Bylaws (Bylaws Chapter 3, Section 3).

15.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the President, Vice President of Internal Affairs, and Vice President of Finances.

15.3 All elected members of the Executive Committee have equal voting rights.

15.3.1 In case of a tie in the Executive Committee meeting the President has a casting vote.

15.3.2 The Immediate Past President works as an advisor for the Executive Committee and does not have a voting right.

15.3.3 Certain decisions may need to be discussed in advance with the Advisory Board. In such a case a written request signed by at least 3 members of the Executive Committee shall be sent to the Immediate Past President in order to convene an Advisory Board meeting to evaluate the matter. The Advisory Board will present its recommendations to the Executive Board in a timely manner.

15.4 Each member's term of office shall last for one year.

15.5 Executive Committee members are not allowed to hold more than one post in IADS.

15.6 No more than one member of the Executive Committee may hold citizenship of the same country.

15.7 The Executive Committee members shall not serve as delegates in the General Assembly during their term of office.

## **Article 16**

The Association is legally bound by the joint signature of the President and any person who has been granted co-signatory powers by the Executive Committee.

## **VARIOUS PROVISIONS**

## **Article 17**

17.1 The Association has Bylaws to regulate matters not described in these Statutes.

17.2 The Bylaws have to comply with these Statutes.



17.3 Amendments and changes to the Statutes have to be agreed upon by at least 3/4 of the delegates present at the General Assembly. Amendments to the Bylaws have to be voted upon by a simple majority.

### **Article 18**

18.1 The Association may be dissolved only at a special session of the General Assembly convened for this purpose.

18.2 Dissolution shall require the approval of three-quarters (3/4) of the delegates present at such a session.

18.3 Should the Association be dissolved, the available assets should be transferred to a non-profit organization pursuing public interest goals similar to those of the institution and likewise benefiting from tax exemption.

18.4 Under no circumstances should the assets be returned to the founders or members. Nor should they use a part or a total of assets for their own benefit.

### **Article 19**

19.1 The institution pursuing an aim of public utility, it requires exemption from direct taxes under the Articles 56 letter g LIFD and 9 paragraph 1 letter f LIPM.

*The present Statutes have been approved by the General Assembly of the International Association of Dental Students on February 21st, 2023, in Kyrenia, Northern Cyprus.*

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