

THE EUROPEAN SHOCK SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is the European Shock Society. The Society shall be a non-profit making organisation. It shall conduct its business in the English language.
2. The object of the Society is to advance the study of shock, trauma and sepsis, or of an allied discipline experimentally and clinically.
3. This object shall be achieved by encouraging the exchange of knowledge and ideas through interaction at international scientific meetings or other means, such as e-mail or newsletter.
4. The Society shall consist of ordinary and honorary members. Any person who is active in any of the subjects in which the Society is interested is eligible for ordinary membership. Individuals of distinction in sciences related to shock research shall be eligible for election as an honorary member.
5. The Officers of the Society shall be the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The President-Elect shall serve two years as such, followed by two years as President. No person shall ever be eligible for re-election to the Presidency.
6. Amendments to the constitution or rules, respectively, may be initiated by individual member of the Executive Committee or by a petition to the Executive Committee signed by ten members of the Society. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee and must then be discussed at a subsequent General Business Meeting.

The constitution and rules shall only be altered at a General Business Meeting of the Society held during a Conference. The approval of three-fifths of the members present is required for an alteration of the CONSTITUTION, but a simple majority of those present is needed for an alteration of the RULES. No amendment shall be made to the constitution which would have the effect of making the Society non-charitable by law.

7. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Society there remain, after the payment of all its debts and liabilities, any funds whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society, but shall be transferred to another institution which has objectives similar to the objectives of the Society, and which likewise shall prohibit the distribution of its income and property amongst its members.

RULES

I Membership

1. Ordinary Members. Any person eligible for Ordinary Membership may apply to the General Secretary or to the Treasurer. The recommendations of two members should be included in the application. Ordinary members may attend and participate in the General Business Meetings of the Society and shall be entitled to vote.
2. Honorary Members. Honorary members shall be elected at the General Business Meeting of the Society held during a Conference. The names of candidates for Honorary Membership may be proposed by any member to the General Secretary. If approved by the Executive Committee, they shall be accepted as Honorary members. There shall be no membership dues for Honorary members. Honorary members may attend and participate in the General Business Meetings of the Society and shall be entitled to vote.
3. Membership dues. These shall be sent to the Treasurer. The annual dues shall be € (Euro) 42 or equivalent in other currency, or at such a rate as determined at a subsequent General Business Meeting. A lapse in the dues payment of more than two years shall result in loss of membership.
4. Any Member may resign from the Society by writing to the Treasurer expressing his/her wish to do so: Such resignation shall become effective at the end of the period for which the member has paid the dues.

II Organisation

1. The general business of the Society shall be conducted by members of the Executive Committee, who are:
The President, the Past-President and the President-Elect,
The General Secretary,
The Treasurer,
The Editor(s) of the official Society Journal ,
The Elected Councillors.

All Officers shall act in an Honorary capacity but will be reimbursed for their proper expenses.

2. President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the biennial General Business Meeting of the Society, to serve as Chair of the Executive Committee, to appoint and charge, with the approval of the Executive Committee the members of all sub-committees of the Executive Committee, and to carry out other activities usually pertaining to the office. He/she shall be the President and organise the next Conference.

The President-Elect shall carry out the duties of an absent or disabled President. He/she will automatically succeed to the Presidency when the office becomes vacant and shall organise the meeting after the next meeting.

3. General Secretary. The General Secretary shall be nominated by the Executive Committee. If this appointment is approved by the members, he/she shall serve for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-election. The General Secretary runs the office of the Society, shall keep accurate records, maintain an up-to-date membership list, and give notice of all meetings to the members and the Executive Committee.
4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be nominated by the Executive Committee. If this appointment is approved by the members, he/she shall serve for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-election. He/She shall transact all the financial business of the Society, with power to receive subscriptions and donations into, and to authorise payments from, the funds of the Society. He/she shall inform the General Secretary periodically of the names of those members whose subscriptions have been paid.

The funds of the Society shall be lodged in the Treasurer's home country in the name of the Society. The accounts of the Society shall be examined by an Auditor appointed by the Executive Committee with the approval of the membership at the General Business Meeting.

5. The Editor(s) shall be appointed by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Editor-in-Chief and shall be responsible for the publication of the Official Journal of the Society as well as of Proceedings, Abstracts or any other material that requires publication. He/she shall serve for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-election.
6. Elected Councillors. A total of not more than five members may be elected to the Executive Committee by members of the Society. Such Elected Councillors shall serve a term of four years and may be re-elected.

A total of not more than two members may be appointed by the President of the Society in consultation with the Executive Committee. Such members shall serve a term of not more than two years and may not be eligible for re-election.

7. The Executive Committee shall meet during the period of each Conference and at such other times as may be necessary. Five members shall constitute a quorum of which two shall be either the President, the General Secretary or the Treasurer. Sub-committees may be formed as required, but the President, General Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex officio* members of these sub-committees.

III Conferences

1. The Conferences shall be held in different countries biennially. If possible, the Society shall aim at having the Conferences jointly with a Congress held by an organisation which shares the interest of the Society.
2. The organisation of each Conference shall be the responsibility of the President of the Society who shall be the Chairperson of the Local Organising Committee.
3. The Organising Committee shall determine the aims and details of the organisation of the Conference in consultation and conjunction with the Executive Committee.
4. The Organising Committee shall be responsible for the payment of half of any profit from the Conference to the Society.

IV General Business Meeting

1. A General Business Meeting of the Society shall be held during each Conference, and will be chaired by the President of the Society. The business shall be to deal with the Reports and Accounts of the Society, to confirm or otherwise deal with any acts of the Executive Committee and to elect Officers of the Society, members of the Executive Committee and Honorary Members.
2. To constitute a quorum at any General Business Meeting there shall be present in person no fewer than fifteen members. Only those members whose names are on the Treasurer's list as having paid their annual dues shall count towards a quorum and shall vote.
3. At any meeting a resolution put to the vote shall be decided on a show of hands and evaluated by the Chairperson. If a poll is demanded, it shall be taken by a closed ballot or in such a manner as the Chairperson shall direct after consultation with the Executive Committee.