

STATUTES OF ISDE

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF DOCTORS FOR ENVIRONMENT



1- GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

Art. 1- The ISDE is a Association according to art. 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. The Office is based in Lugano (CH) and the scientific central direction in charge of research, scientific formation and information activities is c/o The Scientific Centre in Arezzo (Italy).

Art. 2- It does not have any political connections and is not profit making. It is composed of doctors, dentists, vetinary sugeons, pharmacists and other saitary workers.

2- AIMS

Art. 3- The ISDE must:

- inform and make the world public opinion aware of the problems linked with pollution produced by human activity in order to protect health and the continuity of life on planet Earth,
- fight against every type of environmental degradation to air, water and the ground both in the world and locally.

Art. 4- To achieve these aims the association can collaborate with third parties.

3- MEMBERS

Art. 5- The following can join the ISDE:

- a) National or regional associations of doctors for the environment.
- b) Similar organizations who have the same aims.
- c) Single doctors or other sanitary workers in case there isn't a specific association or organization in their respective region or nation.

New members are approved by the International Directing Committee.

4- ORGANS

Art. 6- The organs of the ISDE are:

- a) GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)
- b) DIRECTING COMMITTEE (DC)
- c) THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB)
- d) THE REVISION OFFICE (Auditor of accounts) (RO)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 7- At least 3 rapresentatives per national association or at least 1 representative per regional association with a right to vote are part of the assembly.

Also single doctors or sanitary workers who are individually associated may participate at the work of the assembly but without the right to vote and also people invited from similar associations (non ISDE members).

The determined number of members is that indicated in the last annual report.

Art. 8- The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the ISDE. It is responsible for following:

1. approval of the annual report and balance sheet of the Directing Committee,

2. approval of the report of the Revision Office and discussion of activities of the Directing Committee, Executive Board and Revision Office,
3. Election of:
 - the President
 - the Co-President
 - other members of the Directing Committee
 - the Revision Office,
4. Assignments concerning:
 - a) proposals of the Directing Committee
 - b) proposals of members
 - c) revision of statutes

Art. 9- The members of the Directing Committee, Executive Board and Revision Office are elected for a period of 4 years.
During the ordinary assembly of delegates, partial elections are admitted only for resignations given with 4 months notice.
Resignations are to be addressed to the President.

Art.10- The ordinary General Assembly is summoned at least once every 2 years.
The date and place of the assembly will be communicated by circular letter at least 6 months before the reunion. The active members must forward their proposals and list of their candidates for president at the latest 8 weeks before the reunion of the General Assembly.
The summoning, accompanied by the order of the day, the report, the statement of assets, the auditors office report, proposals and list of candidates is to be sent to persons with a right to vote at the latest 3 weeks before the General Assembly.

Art.11- The organization of an extraordinary assembly of the delegates can be requested by the Directing Committee or by a third of the national associations, who must in this case indicate the issues to be dealt with.
The Executive Board must summon an assembly within 3 months.
The date, place and order of the day of the extraordinary assembly of the delegates must be communicated by circular letter at the latest 8 weeks before the extraordinary assembly.

Art.12- The General Assembly is directed by the President of the ISDE, in case of impediment by the Co-President or, possibly, by another member of the Executive Board. In the voting the majority of the first turn decides and the majority regarding the second. In case of equal votes, the President's vote decides.
The elections are done by hand raising unless at least a fifth of the voters present request a secret ballot.

DIRECTING COMMITTEE

- Art.13- The Directing Committee is composed of at least 11 members elected by the General Assembly.
- Art.14- The Directing Committee controls the ISDE and has all powers which are not reserved to other organs by statute.
In particular the Directing Committee is responsible for:
- 1) Drawing up the report and balance sheet and accepting proposals and lists of candidates in view of the General Assembly.
 - 2) Admission of new members.
 - 3) Nomination of:
 - Vice president (at least 2)

- Executive Board
- Treasurer
- People responsible for work groups
- People responsible for associated nations.

- 4) Accepting internal rules for the directing committee and the Executive Board.
- 5) Decisions regarding the budget estimate as far as ordinary income and expenditure are concerned.

Art.15- The Directing Committee will meet at least once a year. Further reunions can be requested by a third of the members of the Directing Committee or summoned by the executive Board.

Art.16- The meetings of the Directing Committee are directed by the President, if he has an impediment by the Co-President or, possibly, by another member of the board. The simple majority of the votes decide in voting. In elections the absolute majority of the first turn and majority regarding the second.
In case of equal votes, the president decides.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Art.17- The Executive Board is composed of at least 5 members and of maximum 10 members among whom the President, Co-President, the Vice Presidents and the Treasurer.

Art.18- The Executive Board is placed before the ordinary administration of the ISDE.

In case of necessity it can make decisions which are outside it's competence but they must be confirmed to the posteriors of the competent organs.

In particular it is responsible for representation of the ISDE towards third parties.

It meets every time business requires.

The direction is assumed by the president of the ISDE and in case of impediment by the Co-President or by the Vice President. In case of equal votes, The President of the meeting decides.

THE PRESIDENT

Art.19- The President directs the meeting of the General Assembly, the Directing Committee and the Executive Board.

He supervises the observation of the statutory norms.

He is authorised to represent the Executive Board both internally and externally-

For binding juridical acts, his action must however be based on equivalent decisions of the Executive Board.

Art.20- The President is assisted by the Co-President who helps in particular with the co-ordination of the associated activities.

In case of need, the Vice-Presidents substitute the President and Co-President.

Art.21- The legal signature is granted to the President, Co-President, and Vice President.

THE TREASURER

Art.22- The Treasurer elaborates the balance sheets and is responsible for the patrimony and the economic administration of ISDE.

REVISION OFFICE

Art.23- The Revision Office is composed of at least 2 auditors who cannot belong to the Directing Committee.
It is elected by the General Assembly for a period of 4 years.
It must verify the accounts of the association and collaborates with the treasurer and draws up the revision report for the General Assembly.

SCIENTIFIC CENTRE OF AREZZO

Art.24- The Scientific Centre of Arezzo operates according to the rules which will be elaborated and approved by the Directing Committee and will take advantage of collaboration with university institutes. Other centres can be founded in the future in other countries. *and other research centres*

5- FINANCES

Art.25- The liabilities assumed by the ISDE are guaranteed exclusively by the social patrimony. ISDE is not however responsible for liabilities assumed by its members or by associated organizations and these also are not responsible for liabilities assumed by ISDE.

Art.26- On the treasurer's proposal, the Executive Board decides how to use the patrimony and according to which principles to administrate it.
Expenses can be deliberated only in consideration of means at disposal and cash flow.

Art.27- The ISDE supplies its own financing through:

- a) social contributions fixed by the Directing Committee on proposal of the Executive Board.
- b) Contributions of funds of public or private companies, juridical or physical people in fulfilment of associated scopes.
- c) Extraordinary income obtained through activity of the association for research, author's copyrights, consultancy, etc.

6- DISSOLUTION

Art.28- The dissolution of ISDE can be announced by the General Assembly with 2/3 of the votes present at the assembly.
The social patrimony will be transferred to the founders of the association.

The present statute was approved at the assembly on 25.11.1990 at Cortona (I).

The President of ISDE:

Dr. Werner Nussbaumer

