



BYLAWS

Article 1

Name and legal form

Under the name “European Society for Shoulder and Elbow Rehabilitation” (EUSSE) is formed an association pursuant to the sections 60 et seqq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

Article 2

Language

The association’s official language is English. Slides and handouts should be in English if the presentation is given in another language.

Article 3

Office

The seat of the association is Geneva, Switzerland. Its registered offices are located at the following address: 86bis Route de Frontenex, 1208 Geneva, Switzerland.

Article 4

Goals

The purpose of the association is to:

- Promote the importance of high quality in rehabilitation.
- Promote communication between various medical professionals in the field of shoulder and elbow rehabilitation to enhance patient care.
- Promote high quality research and education in the field of shoulder and elbow rehabilitation throughout Europe.
- Promote work towards a standardized terminology in the field of shoulder rehabilitation in Europe.
- Promote communication with and spread information to other organisations active in the fields of trauma and diseases in the shoulder and elbow.

Article 5

Membership

- To be eligible for membership applicants must be officially licensed by a national authority as: Medical Doctor, Physiotherapist, Chiropractor, Osteopath or approved by the Board based on an individual curriculum vitae.
- Honorary membership can be awarded to individuals who have made important contributions in the field of shoulder and elbow rehabilitation.
- Membership is submitted to the payment of an annual fee. The request and acceptance of membership allow the association to claim for the membership fee every year in a regular basis; if possible with an automatic system.
- From the General Assembly of 2013 the validity of the fee paid by each member will be from the date of payment and will end after twelve months.
- On the decision of the board a list of membership with dues could be published on the web site. Members not paying the fee requested by the society could be fired by the Society on decision of the Board.
- The annual fee is not due if a member is fired or has resigned from the society. Retired members and honorary members are exempted from the annual fee.

Article 6

Resignation

A member can resign by a written statement sent to the secretary at least 2 months before December the 31st. No refund of the membership fee will be issued.

Article 7

Exclusion

Exclusion of a member can be decided by the Board in case of the member not acting according to the EUSSER rules or not paying the membership fees.

Article 8

Resources

The association's funds consist of membership fees, public or private grants and subsidies or gifts.

Article 9

Activities

- The association organizes an annual meeting during which the General Assembly normally congregates. The time and place of the annual meeting is decided by the General Assembly at the proposal by the Board.
- The association may organize courses and other educational activities.
- The association may support research and training.
- The association communicates through printed and/or electronic media.

Article 10

Structures

The society works through:

- The General Assembly
- The Board
- The Committees

Article 11

General Assembly

The General Assembly consists of the members of the association. It is the supreme decision making body of the association.

An annual meeting of the General Assembly of EUSSER shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board.

Summons to the General Assembly including time and venue for the meeting and the agenda shall be sent to the members no later than one month in advance. The summons can be distributed by electronic or surface mail.

If required the vote on the agenda items could be requested by the Board through an electronic system, also in a remote mode and before the physical GA, protecting the privacy of members vote. The electronic vote will be added to the vote collected during the GA by the tellers elected.

The following items should be included in the agenda:

- Election of chairman and secretary for the meeting.
- Election of two members to check and approve the minutes and two tellers.
- The president's report and the activities of the Board since the last General Assembly.
- Report of the Treasurer on the finances of the society.
- Release from responsibility for the Board.
- Decision on the membership fee for the coming year.
- Election of board members for the coming year.
- Election of auditors.

- Election of the nomination committee.
- Any other business.

Each EUSSER member has one vote at the General Assembly. Members can put forward motions and proposals to the General Assembly. In order to be out on the agenda, they must be sent to the Secretary General at least three months before the next General Assembly in order to be put on the agenda. "The Board may decide to invite the members to vote in written form (letter, fax or e-mail) on the points included to the agenda within 60 days instead of convening a General Assembly. Voting in written form is possible for all points which the General Assembly is competent for. A proposal submitted to voting in written form needs to be approved by the simple majority of the members entitled to vote, under reserve of qualified majorities requested by legal or statutory prescriptions."

Article 12

The Board

- The Board is responsible for the activities of the society. The Board consists of:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Administrative secretary
 - Past president
 - Chairman of the Scientific committee
 - Chairman of the Education committee
 - Chairman of the Network committee
- Each board member is elected for two years and may be re-elected for one or two years more.
- If a board member leaves the board during his/her term a substitute may be chosen by the board for the remaining part of the term.
- The Board may establish committees or task forces for special projects for a maximum period of two years. The projects should then be re-evaluated.

Article 13

Standing committees

The association has a Scientific, an Education and a Network standing committee. They are led by a chairman and vice-chairman (optional) elected by the General Assembly. The chairmen are Board members. The number of members in each standing committee is not fixed but can be decided according to need. The members of a committee are appointed by the chairman.

Article 14

Auditors

The association may have an external auditor who annually audits the association's accounts and financial activities or two EUSSER members, who are not part of the board, willing to check the association's account and financial activities. In either cases they will have to make a written statement.

Article 15

Finance

- The association's fiscal year is January 1st to December 31th.
- A fiduciary shall control the Treasurer's balance sheet.
- The association shall be a non-profit organization.
- The accounts of the association shall be under the responsibility of the President and the treasurer. The President and the treasurer have the right to subscribe for the association's accounts.

Article 17

Amendment of statutes

Proposals for amendments in the association's by-laws must be sent to the Secretary General at least 3 months before the next General Assembly.

Sanction of amendments to the by-laws requires acceptance by two thirds of the members voting at the General Assembly.

Article 18

Dissolution of the Association

In order to dissolve the association, two thirds of the votes of the members present at the General Assembly are required at two consecutive General Assemblies.

On dissolution of the association,, the assets of the association, shall be distributed among the members in equal parts.

Article 19

- If an article is not listed in the By-laws the 60 ss article from the Swiss laws applies.
- Bylaws were reviewed and amendments were approved by the board and AGM on October 6th, 2012.

- The present bylaws were subjected to a partial revision and approved by the AGM on September 15th, 2017.
- The present bylaws were subjected to a partial revision and approved by the AGM on September 17th, 2021.