

**STATUTES OF THE
EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF BREAST IMAGING
(EUSOBI – EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF BREAST IMAGING)**

1. NAME, OFFICE AND ACTIVITY OF THE SOCIETY

- 1.1. The name of the society shall be “European Society of Breast Imaging” (EUSOBI)
- 1.2. The society shall have its office in Vienna.
- 1.3. The society shall extend the activities throughout Europe.

2. PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

EUSOBI shall be a non-political and non-profit society with the solely and main goal to support the medical field of breast imaging in the widest sense of the word.

The society’s task shall be to promote high quality, create unique medical and scientific standards as well as the furtherance of the study of the normal breast, abnormal breast and axilla with emphasis on the integration of radiology, ultra-sonography, magnetic resonance, computed tomography, nuclear medicine and other new imaging methods, diagnostic and therapeutic interventions and research.

3. MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE SOCIETY’S PURPOSE AND TO RAISE THE FUNDS

The purpose of the Society shall be achieved by the following ideal and material means:

3.1. Ideal means:

- a. Bringing people together who belong to the Society’s target group through the organisation of scientific meetings and events on topics related to the Society.
- b. Support research and training in the field of breast imaging
- c. Organisation of committees and definition of scientific and technical standards for the exchange of knowledge and scientific and technical information through the organisation of conferences, forums, symposia, workshops as well as national and international congresses.
- d. Distribution of information on this field of knowledge by the supporting and financing of scientific and special publications.
- e. Promotion of the organisation of a uniform training programme within this field.
- f. Representation of interests in the field of breast imaging within Europe towards public authorities nationally as well as internationally e.g. towards the European commission and national governments.

3.2. Material means:

The necessary means for the Society’s purpose shall be derived from:

Membership dues, profits from scientific meetings, workshops, donations, collections, liabilities and other grants.

4. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

The Society shall have:

4.1. Active Members

This type of membership shall be restricted to radiologists involved in practice, teaching or research within the field of breast imaging who have their permanent place of residence within Europe (as determined by the Executive Board). The membership application shall be signed by at least two radiologists confirming the applicant's profession.

4.2. Associate Members

This type of membership is offered to all qualified professionals who do not fulfill individual or all requirements for active members.

4.3. Corporate Members

Representatives of companies and organisations involved in mammography, breast imaging or general medical research.

4.4. Fellows

A fellow shall be suggested by the Executive Board and shall have made a significant contribution in the field of mammography or breast imaging. Fellow applicants shall at least participate within one out of three financial supported scientific meeting, symposium etc. as well as attend the General Assembly and shall be encouraged to give presentations at meetings or courses organized by the Society. At least two years of active, associate or corporate membership shall be required for becoming a fellow member.

4.5. Honorary Members

Honorary members shall be suggested by the Executive Board and shall be elected during the General Assembly. Honorary members shall be individuals with outstanding contributions for the Society.

5. ACQUISITION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1. Membership application shall be done in written. The applicants' names are to be notified to the Executive Board at least 6 weeks prior to the General Assembly.
- 5.2. The Executive Board shall decide about the admission of applicants. The admission may be denied without giving reasons.

6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall expire through death (in case of legal persons through loss of their legal personality), voluntary withdrawal, cancellation or exclusion.

- 6.1. Voluntary withdrawal shall be possible at any time and shall be announced in written one month prior to the end of the calendar year at the latest. In case the notification is delayed the withdrawal shall only become effective at the upcoming withdrawal date.
- 6.2. If, despite two written reminder, a member is more than two months in arrears with the payment of the membership the Executive Board may decide about the cancellation of the membership. The obligation to balance the membership dues shall nevertheless remain.
- 6.3. Exclusion from the Society may be decreed by the Executive Board on the grounds of serious violation of the membership obligations or due to dishonorable conduct.

7. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

- 7.1. Members shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Society and to use the Society's facilities.
- 7.2. All Active Members, Fellows and Honorary Members shall have the right to vote. Only Active Members shall be entitled for election into the Executive Board.
- 7.3. All members are obliged to further the interests of the Society and to refrain from anything that might harm the prestige and purpose of the Society. They have to respect the statutes of the Society and decisions by the Body of the Society.
- 7.4. All members are obliged to the timely payment of the membership dues in the amount determined by the General Assembly whereas only Honorary Members shall be except.

8. BODIES OF THE SOCIETY

Bodies of the Society are:

- 8.1. The General Assembly
- 8.2. The Executive Board
- 8.3. The various Committees
- 8.4. The Auditors
- 8.5. The Conciliation Committee

9. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 9.1. The ordinary General Assembly shall take place annually.
- 9.2. For the annual General Assembly as well as for any extraordinary General Assembly all members are to be invited in written at least 6 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. The General Assembly shall be called by the Executive Board.
- 9.3. All members shall have the right to attend the General Assembly. The transfer of voting rights shall not be possible. The General Assembly shall reach a quorum if half of the members are present. If no quorum is possible at the scheduled starting time the General Assembly shall again be started 15 minutes later with the same agenda and the quorum shall be independent from the number of members present.
- 9.4. Elections and decisions in the General Assembly shall be made by a simple majority of votes. Decisions regarding an amendment of the Society statutes shall require a three quarter majority of votes. Abstention will not be counted.
- 9.5. The president shall chair the General Assembly, in case of his absence the Vice President.

10. DUTIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 10.1. Acceptance and approval of the statement of accounts and the balance of accounts.
- 10.2. Decision on the budget for the upcoming year.
- 10.3. Appointment and removal of Executive Board members.
- 10.4. Determination of membership fees for the upcoming year.
- 10.5. Award of Honorary Membership.
- 10.6. Decision on appeals against exclusion of members.
- 10.7. Decision about amendments of the Society statutes and the dissolution of the Society.
- 10.8. Deliberation and decision about other points on the agenda.

Furthermore the results of the elections of the Executive Board as well as the dates of upcoming annual scientific congresses, symposia or similar meetings are to be announced within the General Assembly.

11. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 11.1. The Society shall be managed by the Executive Board. Each member of the Executive Board has to be an Active Member of the Society and shall have a recognised reputation as author of 3 publications and/or presentations on breast related topics at national or international meetings.
- 11.2. The Executive Board shall consist of a minimum of 11 and a maximum of 14 members.
- 11.3. The term of office for all Executive Committee members shall be 2 years.
- 11.4. The Executive Board shall consist of the following members:
 - One President
 - One Vice President
 - One Past President
 - One Secretary
 - One Vice Secretary, who is additionally Secretary for membership concerns
 - One Treasurer
 - One Vice Treasurer
 - One Chairman of Scientific Activities
 - One Chairman of the Editorial Board
 - One Chairman of the International Relation Committee
 - Up to 3 members

The election in the various positions of the Executive Committee shall be made with a simple majority of votes by the members of the Executive Board. Abstention shall not be counted.
- 11.5. New into the Executive Board elected members may not be elected into the position of the Vice President during their first term of office. This position is reserved to Executive Board members having already accomplished one term of office with the Executive Board.
- 11.6. A member elected to the position of the Vice President is elected for 3 terms of office and shall hold the position as Vice President in his first term of office, followed by the position as the President and afterwards the position of the Past President, without the need of a further election.
- 11.7. A maximum of 2 Active Members having their permanent place of residence in the same European country may be in the Executive Board at the same time.
- 11.8. Positions within the Executive Board which become vacant for which reasons ever, may be filled by a decision of the remaining Executive Board members. A new Executive Board member appointed to a position that has become vacant because of resignation, death or removal shall be elected for his predecessor's remaining term of office. The position of the president shall be excluded from this procedure and shall require an extraordinary General Assembly.
- 11.9. Re-election of Executive Board members into the various positions shall be permitted.
- 11.10. A member of the Executive Board may resign from office at any time by written notice to the President and at least two further Executive Board members.
- 11.11. The Executive Board shall reach a quorum if all Executive Board members have been invited to the Executive Board meeting at least one month in advance and at least half of the Executive Board members are present.

12. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall manage the Society, with the following tasks in detail:

All tasks which are not assigned statutory to another body of the society shall be assigned to the Executive Board, with the following duties in particular:

- 12.1. The organisation of various meetings
- 12.2. Creation of annual budget, statement of accounts as well as the balance of accounts
- 12.3. Convocation of the General Assembly

13. SPECIAL DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The President, and in case of his prevention the Vice President, shall represent the Society externally. Within the Society the following shall apply:

- 13.1. The President shall chair General Assemblies.
- 13.2. The President is obliged towards the Society to sign written documents and announcements of the society, in particular documents with obligations for the Society, together with another member of the Executive Board.
- 13.3. The Vice President may only become active if the President is prevented.
- 13.4. The Secretary shall be responsible for the various minutes. He shall supervise the filing of Society documents and the membership directory.
- 13.5. The Vice Secretary shall be responsible for general membership questions and shall take over the duties of the Secretary in case of his prevention.
- 13.6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and administration of the Society's funds as well as for the payment of the Society's obligations. He is committed to prepare and to present the statement of accounts of the previous year as well as the forecast of the Society's finances for the upcoming year at the General Assembly.

14. CONTROLLERS ('Rechnungsprüfer')/AUDITORS ('Abschlußprüfer')

- 14.1. The Society shall have two Controllers, elected by the General Assembly for the period of one year. Re-election is permissible. In case the appointment of Controllers becomes necessary prior to the General Assembly, the Controllers shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The Auditors must not be individual persons, but have to be independent and prejudiced.
- 14.2. The regulations about appointment, relief and resignation of the Executive Committee shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Auditors.
- 14.3. The Controllers shall audit the financial management of the Society in terms of proper accounting and statutory use of the Society's assets and funds and shall create an audit report within 4 months after the annual financial statement was announced by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall provide the Controllers with all required documentation and information. The Controllers shall report to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall correct all financial errors with regard to the financial management of the Society found by the Controllers and shall implement all necessary actions to ward off any danger to the Society notified by the Controllers. The Executive Committee shall inform the members about the Controllers report on occasion of the General Assembly whereas the Controllers shall be present.
- 14.4. In case the Controllers detect a serious and ongoing violation of the duties of the Executive Committee regarding the accounting and no rapid and efficient remedy is to be expected, the

Controllers may demand the convocation of an extraordinary General Assembly. Moreover the Controllers themselves are entitled to call an extraordinary General Assembly.

- 14.5. The Controllers shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Act of Associations 2002 (Österreichisches Vereinsgesetz 2002).
- 14.6. In case the appointment of an Auditor becomes necessary according to the Act on Association, the General Assembly shall elect an Auditor for the period of one year. The Auditor shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as stated within this section as well as in the Act of Associations 2002 (Österreichisches Vereinsgesetz 2002).

15. CONCILIATION BOARD

- 15.1. All internal Society disputes shall be settled by the Conciliation Board.
- 15.2. The Conciliation Board shall consist of three members. Members of the Conciliation Board have to be active Member or members of the Executive Committee. The Conciliation Board shall be constituted in case of a clear dispute for that every contesting party informs within two weeks the Executive Board of its conciliator. The two named conciliators shall nominate the third member of the Conciliation Board with simple majority of votes. In case of a tie the third member shall be appointed by the lot. The members of the Conciliation Board must be unbiased with regard to the dispute subject to conciliation.
- 15.3. It is the purpose of the Conciliation Board to achieve a quick and fair internal settlement of the dispute, observing the principle of a fair trial and in particular the principle of the opportunity of being heard. For this reason all parties shall be invited to one or more oral hearings.

16. LIQUIDATION OF THE SOCIETY

- 16.1. The voluntary liquidation of the Society may only be resolved with the majority of votes laid down in section 9.4 of these statutes in a General Assembly convened for this purpose.
- 16.2. This General Assembly is to pass a resolution concerning the assets of the Society, if such assets exist. The General Assembly is to appoint a liquidator and to pass a resolution to whom the Society's assets will be transferred after the payment of the debts. In case of liquidation of the Society these assets, as far as possible and permitted, shall be transferred to a non-profit organisation for the promotion of non-profit purposes in accordance with the section 34ff of the Austrian Tax Order (Österreichische Bundesabgabenordnung), preferably for the promotion of research, education and science in the field of radiology. The same shall be valid should the Society cease to promote its non-profit purpose.
- 16.3. The last Executive Board of the Society is to inform the authorities of the voluntary liquidation in writing.