

By-laws
of the
International CTEPH Association

I. Name and place

Article 1

An Association called International CTEPH Association exists under the auspices of Art 60 ff. ZGB as a legal entity. The Association exists indefinitely.

Article 2

The Association is registered in Basel (Switzerland).

II. Objectives

Article 3

The objective of the Association are to:

- Foster awareness of Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension (CTEPH), a rare and poorly explored complication of venous thromboembolism, with significant morbidity and mortality
- Enable worldwide collaboration among CTEPH experts
- Facilitate training of emerging centers
- Improve education and advance research in CTEPH

III. Membership

Article 4

The Association will have active and passive members.

Members of the association are primarily, but not exclusively, physicians working in the area of CTEPH.

Applications for membership are to be sent in written form to the Chairperson of the Association. Members are voted in by the Executive Board with a 75% majority.

Article 5

The Association has the right to charge its members an annual fee. The amount is set by the Executive Board.

Article 6

Membership of the Association ends as follows

- A. Retirement/withdrawal
- B. Exclusion
- C. Death

A member who wishes to leave the Association must give notice in written form. There is a notice period of one month.

Exclusion of a member who damages the interests of the Association can be ordered by the Executive Board.

IV. Bodies

Article 7

The bodies of the Association are:

- A. The General Assembly
- B. The Executive Board

a) The General Assembly

Article 8

The General Assembly meets on an annual basis.

An invitation to the General Assembly meeting along with the agenda is sent in writing by the Executive Board at least 20 days prior to the meeting.

Each member of the Association has the right to submit items for the agenda. This must be addressed to the Chairperson in writing 30 days prior to the meeting at the latest.

Article 9

An extraordinary General Assembly meeting can be called, listing the topics to be discussed, by the Executive Board or by request of at least 20% of the members of the Association. The invitation must be issued 10 days prior to the meeting.

Article 10

The competencies and responsibilities of the General Assembly are as follows:

- a) Approval of the annual report, the annual budget and balance sheet
- b) Approve the activities of the Executive Board
- c) Elect the Chairperson and the other members of the Executive Board
- d) Handle motions forwarded by the Executive Board and members, carry out decisions
- e) Make changes to the regulations
- f) Disbanding the Association

Article 11

Decisions taken by the General Assembly are by majority vote. Voting is only carried out in secret when this is requested by the majority of the members present. In the case of a draw, the Chairperson does not have a casting vote.

All active members present have the same voting rights. Passive members have no voting right. There is no voting by proxy.

In the case of a decision being made about a legal argument or transaction between a member and the Association, the member concerned has no right to vote.

Article 12

The power to vote in written form can be partially or fully conceded to the members of the Association, should the Executive Board agree, as long as at least 20% of the members at the actual meeting request this.

b) The Executive Board

Article 13

The Executive Board consists of at least two members and is elected for a period of two years by the General Assembly. It is self-constituting. The Executive Board has the power to make decisions as long as at least 2 members are present. It is called together by the Chairperson or by request of one of the members. In the case of a draw, the Chairperson does not have a casting vote.

If a member of the Executive Board leaves during the year, the Executive Board takes over the member's functions until the next General Assembly meeting.

Article 14

The Executive Board is made up of

- A. The Chairperson
- B. The Vice Chairperson
- C. The Secretary
- D. The Treasurer
- E. Associated Members

It is possible for one person to hold more than one of the above functions. It is, however, not possible to hold both the function of the Chairperson and the Vice Chair person.

Article 15

The Executive Board is responsible for items, which are not under the responsibility of the General Assembly. Especially

- A. Preparation and carrying out of annual general meetings and extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly
- B. Compilation of annual budget and submission for approval to General Assembly
- C. Creation/dissolution of regulations
- D. Admission and exclusion of members
- E. Fixing of annual membership fees

Article 16

The Executive Board represents the Association in public. For an official signature of the Executive Board, two members are required to sign.

IV. Association funds**Article 17**

The Association's assets are made up of the yearly membership fees, funds resulting from sponsorship through partner companies, and any donations, meeting fees and bequests.

Article 18

The Association funds are solely liable for commitments made by the Association. Any personal liability of the members of the Association for commitments made by the Association is excluded.

Members who are released from the Association due to dissolution of the Association have no right to the Associations assets. In this case, the Executive Board will decide upon an appropriate organisation, with similar aims to that of the Association, to which the remaining assets will be donated.

V. Changes to the Regulations and Dissolution of the Association

Article 19

In order to change the regulations a majority of the members of the Association is required. In the case of a meeting of the General Assembly, a majority of those members present is sufficient.

Article 20

Should the Association be disbanded, the General Assembly decides on the distribution of the remaining assets. Any remaining assets must be transferred to a tax-exempt, non-profit organisation with the same or similar purpose. A return to the original sponsor(s) is barred.

These regulations were approved / ratified in the current form during a Meeting of the Association in Paris, June 18, 2012

The Chairperson:



The Vice Chairperson:

