Bv-laws

International Society for the History of Radiology - ISHRAD

§1 Seat of the Society.

The name of the society shall be the "International Society for the History of Radiology". The seat of the Society will be in Remscheid/NRW, Germany. The Society will be entered into the Vereinsregister (Register of Non-profit making Organisations). After registration the letters e.V. will be added to the Name of the Society in German The business year will be the calendar year.

§2 Aims of the Society

The aims of the Society are the advancement of scientific research and exchange of information in the field of the History of Radiology and radiological technology and practice. These aims will be furthered in the first instance by the collection and presentation of specialist scientific contributions on a new website, through the organisation of exhibitions, scientific congresses and meetings on the History of Radiology and radiological technology and practice. The Society will pursue its aims exclusively in compliance with the qualifying purposes enumerated in the AO (Arts. 52-54 Abgabenordnung) of the tax regulations. The aims of the Society will be carried out selflessly. Any income from the assets will be used exclusively to pursue the tax-exempt purposes defined in § 2. No Member should receive any form of benefit from any monies belonging to the Society. No person should benefit from any recompense which is contrary to the aims of the Society or from expenses claims which are unreasonably high.

§3 Official language

The official language will be English.

§4 Membership

Both individual and corporate bodies may apply for Membership. Application for Membership shall be made either by letter or email. The Committee will decide on each application. No explanation will be required for any application which is declined.

§5 Honorary Membership

- a) On the recommendation of the Committee, a General Meeting of Members can elect any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the History of Radiology as an Honorary Member without the necessity of that person being an Ordinary Member.
- b) Chairpersons of the Society who have rendered exceptional service, can, on the recommendation of the Committee, be elected to the position of Honorary Chairperson. However there can only be one Honorary Chairperson at any one time. An honorary Chairperson can be invited to attend Committee Meetings but will have no voting rights.
- c) Honorary Chairpersons and Members will hold all the rights of a Member of the Society but will be free of all associated duties.

§6 Termination of Membership

Membership of the Society will terminated by:

- a) The death of the Member or the loss of legal personality.
- b) Voluntary resignation.
- c) Expulsion.

The termination of Membership will ensue on the receipt in writing or per email of the intention to resign. Resignation shall only be possible as per December 31st of every calendar year. The Committee or one of its Members has to be notified in writing at least six weeks in advance. A Member can be expelled from the Society on the grounds of behaviour detrimental to the aims of the Society but the charges must be clearly presented to the said Member and he/she must be given the opportunity to defend him/herself. The decision must be made at a General Meeting of the Society with a majority vote of at least 75% and requires a majority of at least three quarters of the attending Members. The decision will take effect immediately.

§7 Subscriptions

All Members will pay a yearly subscription. The amount will be decided by the Members at a General Meeting.

§8 Committee

The Committee of the Society will be composed of the following:

- a) The Chairperson
- b) The Vice-Chairperson
- c) The Secretary
- d) The Treasurer
- e) Four further co-opted Committee Members

The names of Committee Members to be entered in the Vereinsregister as required by §26 of the Buergerliches Gesetzbuch (German Civil Code, BGB) can be any two Committee Members. Each Member is empowered to represent the Society individually. Members of the Committee will be elected by full Members for a period of three years at a General Meeting. After the expiry of a term of three years, a Committee Member will stay in office until a new Committee has been elected. Any Committee Member is eligible for re-election.

§9 General Meetings of Members

General Meetings of Members can be called at any time but must take place at least once a year. A General Meeting will be called by the Chairperson with at least two weeks' notice, in writing and accompanied by the itinerary. Members attending any General Meeting called according to the rules constitute a quorum. As long as the By-laws do not decree otherwise, decisions of a General meeting of Members will be carried on a simple majority of the valid votes. Abstentions will be disregarded. Any motion to alter the By-laws, including any alteration to the aims of the Society, must be carried by 75% of the valid votes. Minutes of any General Meeting of Members must be recorded by a person approved by the Meeting, giving the place, time, number of Members present, motions carried, the exact wording of any alterations to the by-laws and the results of the voting. The Minutes must be signed by the Chairperson of the Meeting and the person recording.

§10 Dissolution of the Society

If the Society is dissolved or loses its tax-privilege position any property or monies belonging to the Society are to be used for tax-privileged purposes. Any decision on the disposal of any property must be approved by the Finanzamt (Inland Revenue).

§11 Liquidation of the Society

Liquidation will ensue on a unanimous decision by the last recorded Committee Meeting unless a General Meeting of Members decides otherwise. An announcement of Liquidation will be made in the Bergische Morgenpost according to the requirements of §50 of the Buergerliches Gesetzbuch (German Civil Code, BGB)

Adopted at the Meeting of Members of the Society at the European Congress on Radiology, Vienna on March 5th, 2011

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