



# **EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY (ESPD)**

## **STATUTES**

### Article 1 – Name, object and legal address of the Society

1. The Society is named “European Society for Pediatric Dermatology”.
2. The object of the Society is to promote clinical care, interdisciplinary research, education and training, and to stimulate international contacts within Europe in the field of pediatric dermatology.
3. The address of the secretary is official address of the Society. The Dermatology Clinic of Strasbourg is the legal address.
4. The authorized representatives of the Society forming the executive board are the president, the secretary and the treasurer. The treasurer represents the Society in all financial affairs.

### Article 2 – Membership

1. Eligible for active membership in the Society shall be all physicians and investigators with interest in the field of pediatric dermatology.
2. All applications for membership must be in writing and sent to the Secretary General who shall present membership applications to the Board for approval or rejection.
3. All applicants for membership must agree to comply with all the rules relating to membership as outlined in the bye laws (internal rules) of the ESPD.
4. Distinguished scientists who have contributed to the advancement of this medical discipline shall be eligible as honorary members.

### Article 3 – Executive board and board of directors

1. The executive board is charged with the organization of the activities of the Society. The executive board consists of three active members. The president, the secretary and the treasurer. They have to practice pediatric dermatology and have to belong to a European nation.
2. The immediate past President remains an advisor of the Executive Board for two years after the end of his/her term as President, and retains the right to vote, but only the actual president has a casting vote.
3. The board members of the Society elect the members of the executive board and their election is approved by the general assembly.
4. All officers of the executive board and the board of directors are honorary officers (unpaid).
5. The president is elected for two years. An immediate re-election is not possible. The secretary and the treasurer are also elected for two years. However, they can be re-elected for two additional consecutive office periods.
6. Voting members from each eligible European Country shall elect their Board member/members by voting in an election of all eligible members in that country administered by the Secretary General of the ESPD. As far as possible, this board of directors shall represent most of the European countries. The board of directors advises and supports the executive board.
7. If a member of the executive board resigns or is no longer able to carry out his function, the board of directors designates a deputy to become member of the executive board and to remain in this function until the beginning of the following election period.
8. The board of directors meets once a year, on the occasion of the scientific meeting.
9. The board of directors appoints the three members of the scientific committee charged to organize or to approve the program of the periodic scientific meetings of the “European Society for Pediatric Dermatology”.
10. The board of directors appoints a financial controller who controls the accounts of the ESPD. He belongs to the non-executive board of directors, is elected for two years, and may be re-elected.
11. The executive board is charged to establish relationships between the “European Society for Pediatric Dermatology”, and the “Society for Pediatric Dermatology” and the “International Society of Pediatric Dermatology”.

### Article 4 – Business meetings

1. The business meeting of the Society shall be held on the occasion of the ESPD congress.
2. The agenda of the business meeting shall consist of
  - a. Report of the secretary
  - b. Report of the treasurer

- c. Election of the members of the board of directors
- d. Election of the members of the executive board
- e. Election of new members of the Society
- f. Discussion of the activities of the Society.

#### Article 5 – Finances

1. The amount of the annual fee of the members shall be determined by a majority vote at a business meeting of the Society on recommendations of the executive board.
2. The funds of the Society consist of the fee of membership and other sources. The funds are under the control of the executive board that shall have the power to extend such funds for promotions of the object of the Society as they think fit.
3. The treasurer shall submit a financial budget and report to the executive board once a year, and every two years to the general assembly of the Society. The financial controller who reports to the board of directors approves the accounts annually.

#### Article 6 – Amendments

1. Amendments of the statutes have to be acted upon at the business meeting of the Society provided that each proposal is placed into the hands of the president not less than three months before the business meeting.
2. The proposed amendments have to be circulated to the members of the Society at least one month before the meeting.
3. A majority of two thirds of the voting members shall be required for adopting an amendment to the statutes.
4. The vote may be done in writing.

President:

Secretary:

Treasurer: