



CONSTITUTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF
GNATHOLOGY
EUROPEAN SECTION

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BIOLOGY



FUNCTION

ANATOMY

INTEGRATION OF BIOLOGY AND FUNCTION

Preface

Gnathology is the science that treats of the biologics of the masticatory mechanism; that is the morphology, anatomy, histology, physiology, pathology and the therapeutics of the oral organ, especially the jaws and the teeth and the vital relations of this organ to the rest of the body

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Article 1

NAME:

The name of this Academy shall be

'The International Academy of Gnathology - European Section. (IAG Europe)

Article 2

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

The IAG Europe is a non-profit organization. The objects and purposes of this Academy shall be:

- To establish and maintain an organization of dentists and dental professionals, who are committed to comprehensive dentistry and highest standard of quality of care of the stomatognathic system based on the principles of Gnathology as defined in the preface of this constitution.
- To promote and encourage interest in Gnathology at both the under-graduate and post-graduate levels.
- To provide continuing education and impart current knowledge in restorative dentistry based on gnathological principles by means of scientific meetings, courses and publications.

Article 3

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

There shall be Fellow Members, Members, Honorary Members, Associate Members and Senior Members of the IAG Europe.

Section 2

Fellow Members and Members must be licensed dentists, dental technicians or other medical and dental professionals in accordance to the laws of their respective countries.

Section 3

Fellow Members of the IAG Europe are active members, who are in good standing with all prerequisites of the constitution, i.e. who have attended at least one out of three consecutive annual meetings of the IAG Europe and have paid their annual dues in time. Fellow Members shall benefit from special conditions at registration to Annual Meetings of the IAG Europe.

Section 4

Members of the IAG Europe are those members, who did not attend one out of three consecutive Annual Meetings of the IAG Europe and have paid their annual dues in time. Members can get back to the status of Fellow Member of the IAG Europe at any time by fulfilling the prerequisites of Art. 3 section 2,3 and 7 of this constitution.

Section 5

All applications for membership must be supported by two Fellow Members of the IAG Europe and sent with the official application form to the Secretary General. All applicants' names will be mentioned in the agenda of the Annual General Assembly Meeting at which their election for membership is provided.

Section 6

Members and applicants, who are not in accordance with Section 2,3,4 and 5 of this Article and have not paid their annual dues in time (see Art. 6,2) shall have their names deleted from the list of members and applicants.

Section 7

Fellow Members shall attend at least one out of three consecutive Annual Meetings of the IAG Europe to maintain Fellow Membership.

HONORARY MEMBERS**Section 8**

Honorary Members shall be persons, who have made noteworthy contributions to the development of Restorative Dentistry and Gnathology by means of publications or other activities. They shall pay no annual dues and shall enjoy all privileges of membership except the right to vote and to hold office.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**Section 9**

Associate Members shall be persons or organizations who have contributed to the achievement of the aims of the Academy. They shall pay no annual dues and shall enjoy all privileges of membership, except the right to vote and to hold office.

SENIOR MEMBERS**Section 10**

Senior Members shall be upon application former active members, who are retired from practice or at least sixty-five years old. They shall pay reduced annual dues determined by the Executive Committee and shall enjoy all the privileges of membership, except the right to vote and to hold office.

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP**Section 11**

Three fourth of all votes cast at an Annual General Assembly Meeting shall be necessary for an election to membership.

Section 12

Active members shall be so declared when elected and upon payment of the initiation fee and the annual dues for the first year of membership.

Section 13

Upon report and after full investigation by the Executive Committee, an active member may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the Academy by a three-fourths vote of those votes cast at an Annual General Assembly Meeting.

Article 4**OFFICERS****Section 1**

The officers of the Academy shall be a Secretary General and a Treasurer, who may hold office for five years, and a President and a Vice President, each of who shall hold office for one year. The Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be duly elected at an Annual General Assembly Meeting. President and Vice President shall be designated by the Executive Committee and preferentially be selected from active members in that country in which the next Annual Meeting is to be held.

Section 2

All officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the constitution, the by-laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Academy.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**Section 3**

The Secretary General shall represent the Academy, keep record of the proceedings of the Academy, attend to its correspondence and be the custodian of its records and papers. He shall issue, as soon as practicable after each Annual General Assembly Meeting a list of all members, including their addresses and telephone numbers. He may sign all checks drawn on the Academy's account.

He shall preside at all meetings of the Academy, shall decide upon all questions in accordance with the parliamentary rules adopted by the Academy, in case of doubt in accordance with general parliamentary usage. He shall upon application from the Treasurer appoint an auditor of accounts. He shall be chairman of the Executive Committee.

There shall be a Secretary General Elect during the last two years of the Secretary General's term of office to be nominated by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**Section 4**

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Academy, which must be kept in an account in the name of 'International Academy of Gnathology – European Section' at a reputable bank. The Treasurer or the Secretary General must sign all checks drawn upon this account. The Treasurer shall keep record of all expenditures. He shall present an audited report of the financial condition of the Academy and shall include in such report the names of all dilatory members, who are in default of payment of their annual dues.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**Section 5**

The President shall be responsible for all local arrangements of the Annual Scientific Meeting to be held during his office, these arrangements being subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**Section 6**

The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties. On request of the President or in case of his absence or disability he shall act in his place.

Article 5**STANDING COMMITTEES****Section 1**

There shall be an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and a SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE of the IAG Europe.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Academy, ex officio, and if available, one member of each European country represented in the Academy, or a designed deputy, who shall be elected at an Annual General Assembly Meeting. Country representatives shall serve for a term of three years or until a successor is duly elected. The Secretary General shall be the chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall keep records of the proceedings.

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 3

The Executive Committee shall have general control over the affairs of the Academy. It shall report at each Annual General Assembly Meeting. It shall have the power to fill any vacancy, which may occur during the year among its own members or the members of the Scientific Committee until the next annual elections. The Executive Committee shall propose candidates to fill vacancies at the consecutive Annual General Assembly Meeting.

Section 4

The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the Academy and none of its acts shall conflict with any action taken by the Academy and its representatives.

Section 5

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every year prior to the General Assembly Meeting or whenever it is called to meet by the Secretary General or on request of at least three of its members.

Section 6

The Executive Committee shall appoint three of its members to serve upon the Scientific Committee for a period of three years.

Section 7

The Executive Committee shall receive all complaints of violations of the constitution, by-laws and code of ethics of the Academy and report its decisions and recommendations to the General Assembly for approval.

Section 8

The Executive Committee shall evaluate membership of applicants for membership and report its decision to the Annual General Assembly for approval.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Section 8

The Scientific Committee shall consist of three members of the Executive Committee who shall be in office for a period of three years.

Section 9

The Scientific Committee shall be responsible for all papers and records intended for publication by the Academy and shall in collaboration with the Executive Committee decide upon subjects for lectures, annual meetings and courses. It shall keep the Academy and its members informed about any scientific information, which might be of interest to them. A report of lectures, courses and the Annual Scientific Meeting shall be presented at the Annual Executive Committee Meeting.

Article 6**INITIATION FEE AND ANNUAL DUES*****Section 1***

All members of the IAG Europe shall pay an initiation fee and annual dues of such an amount in EURO, or its equivalent, as may be voted upon and decided by the General Assembly of the Academy. All assessments are payable on demand.

Section 2

Members, whose dues or assessments are unpaid after April 15 of the year, shall be automatically dropped from the membership list of the IAG Europe.

Article 7**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Nominations of Officers and Members of Committees must be presented in writing together with the names of the proposing and a seconding person to the Secretary General at least twenty-four hours prior to the Annual General Meeting at which an election may take place. Elections shall be by ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election.

Article 8**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business shall be subject to the discretion of the Secretary General of the Academy, but shall be substantially as follows:

1. Roll call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly Meeting
3. Announcements
4. Report of the Treasurer and Auditor
5. Report of the Committees (Executive, Scientific)
6. Report of interim meetings and any special actions
7. Nomination and election of candidates for office and committees
8. Presentation of applicants and election for membership
9. Selection of the cities of the next Annual General Meetings
10. Other business
11. Adjournment

Article 9**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern at all general business and special meetings of the Academy on points not otherwise covered in this constitution and by-laws.

Article 10**AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

This constitution can be amended at an Annual General Assembly Meeting of the IAG Europe by a majority of all cast votes, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the Executive Committee and circulated to all members twenty-one days prior to the meeting.

Article 11**PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS**

The members of the International Academy of Gnathology – European Section accept and adopt as their standard the principles of Ethics of the American Dental Association as published and in present use, and which are in compliance with ethics in Europe.

Article 12**DISSOLUTION OF THE ACADEMY*****Section 1***

The dissolution of the Academy shall be decided by a three-fourths majority of all votes cast at an Annual General Assembly Meeting.

Section 2

The nomination of one or more liquidators shall be decided by a three-fourths majority of all votes cast at an Annual General Assembly Meeting.

Article 13**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official language of the IAG Europe shall be English

BY-LAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF GNATHOLOGY EUROPEAN SECTION

1. The financial year shall close on December 31 of each year
2. Full-time University professors shall pay no initiation fee.
3. The use of proxies in voting shall be allowed upon written presentation to the Secretary General prior to an Annual General Assembly Meeting, duly signed by the member assigning the proxy
4. All members and applicants of this Academy may give a table clinic or any kind of presentation upon request of the Executive Committee at an Annual Scientific Meeting.
5. An award, to be called 'The Gysi Award' may be awarded by the Academy to persons, whom the Academy estimates meritorious.
6. An award, to be called 'The Feinmann Award' may be awarded by the Academy to members of the Academy, whom the Academy estimates meritorious.

This draft includes all amendments of the constitution and by-laws of the IAG Europe
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