

## **Statutes of SASRO<sup>1)</sup>**

### **NAME, PURPOSE AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

#### **ART. 1**

Registered Name: The "Scientific Association of Swiss Radiation Oncology" (abbreviated SASRO) is an association within the meaning of Article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.

#### **ART. 2**

Purpose and objectives: This scientific society's activities are primarily oriented towards research, the dissemination of scientific results, and advanced training events, with the aim of promoting the quality of the subject throughout Switzerland. The aim of the society is to help facilitate and promote scientific and practical exchanges between Swiss radio-oncological centres, other clinical disciplines and the associated basic sciences.

The institution shall not pursue any commercial purposes and shall not seek to make profit.

#### **ART. 3**

Registered office: The registered office of the company is Zurich.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **ART. 4**

Members: SASRO members include:

1. Ordinary members
2. Honorary members
3. Emeritus members

#### **ART. 5**

Membership Admission: SASRO members include people whose professional activity is related to radio-oncology.

Ordinary members are admitted by the General Assembly at their own request.

Honorary members are appointed by the General Assembly.

Members who have been full members for at least three years and who retire from professional life are eligible to become Emeritus members.

1) In order to make these Articles of association easier to read, the masculine form only has been used for personal designations. However, this always refers to both genders.

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## **ART. 6**

Treasury, contributions: SASRO has its own Treasury. This is financed by the membership's contributions, surpluses from annual meetings and sponsorship contributions. The funds are contributions to be used for activities pursuant to Article 2.

The ordinary membership fee is determined by the General Assembly for the following financial year. Honorary members and Emeritus members are exempt from paying the membership fee.

## **ART. 7**

End of Membership: Membership ends upon written notification of resignation, death, where the membership requirements are no longer met (Article 5), by not having paid the annual fee despite two reminders having been sent or by exclusion due to serious damage to the association or its reputation. The expulsion of a member can only be made by the Board after hearing the parties. The General Assembly decides on expulsion through a secret ballot. Expulsion requires a majority of two thirds of the votes cast.

## **BODIES**

### **ART. 8**

Bodies: SASRO is constituted by the following bodies:

1. The General Assembly,
2. The Board
3. The Auditors

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **ART. 9**

General Assembly: The ordinary General Assembly takes place annually, usually in the context of the scientific meeting.

An extraordinary General Assembly may be called by the Board if required, or may be requested by at least one fifth of the voting members.

Any Invitation to the General Assembly must be delivered at least four weeks in advance and it shall include the agenda established by the Board and the minutes of the last General Assembly. Members may submit motions up to one week before the Assembly. If the agenda needs to be extended due to motions from members, it will be published online ([www.sasro.ch](http://www.sasro.ch)).



## **ART. 10**

Items for the General Assembly: The General Assembly shall deal with the following items:

1. Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly
2. Approval of the President's annual report
3. Approval of the annual accounts and discharge of Treasurer and Board
4. Establishing the annual fee and approval of the budget for the following financial year
5. Election of Board, President and Auditors
6. Determination of the local organisers of upcoming scientific meetings (cf. Article 18) as well as the date of the next General Assembly.
7. Amendments to the Articles of Association
8. Motions by individual members
9. Approval and expulsion of members
10. Various

Unless otherwise established by the articles of association, resolutions are adopted by a simple majority. Ordinary members, Honorary members, Emeritus members and the designated representatives of Collective members are entitled to vote. Items which are not explicitly included in the agenda may not be put to a vote.

## **THE BOARD**

### **ART. 11**

Composition: The board consists of: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and a maximum of nine further people. Amongst the Board, all the various professional groups should be appropriately represented.

### **ART. 12**

Election: The President is elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. A one-time re-election (as President) is possible.

The members of the Board are elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. The election is secret. Those who receive the most votes are elected.

A person may serve on the Board for a maximum of three terms without interruption. This restriction shall not apply to re-election of the President.

Upon request, the number of members of the Board may be reduced by the General Assembly with respect to the maximum number established in Article 11.



## **ART. 13**

Constitution: With the exception of the election of the President, the Board constitutes itself.

## **ART. 14**

Board-Assemblies Decisions: The Board shall meet as needed, at the invitation of the President. The Board shall be quorate if more than half of the Board members are present. Decisions are made by simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes, the President has the casting vote.

The Board may also take decisions via alternative communication channels. In order to allow this, a response period of at least 10 days is required. A decision becomes legally valid when the majority of the Board has expressed their opinion unanimously or 2/3 of Board members have provided their opinion within the response period.

## **ART. 15**

Duties: The Board is responsible for all the business activities of the association. It takes care of all the matters which concern the tasks and goals of the association. They may appoint working groups and they prepare the General Assembly.

The members of the Board are volunteers and are only entitled to compensation for their actual expenses and cash payments incurred. Appropriate compensation may be arranged for special services carried out by individual members of the Board.

## **AUDITORS**

### **ART. 16**

Accounts Auditors: The two Auditors verify the annual accounts of SASRO and the management of the funds and report on it to the General Assembly. They are elected by the General Assembly for a period of 2 years.

Re-election is possible.

## **ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

### **ART. 17**

Objective: The annual scientific Assembly is the main activity of the association. It promotes the exchange of opinions between members and enables the communication of the scientific results developed by the various radio-oncological centres. It stimulates the development of new collaborative projects among the Swiss centres and ensures a high-quality scientific program through lectures by Swiss and foreign speakers.



## **ART. 18**

Organisation: The organization of the scientific meeting takes place through the close collaboration of:

1. a local Organising Committee
2. a Scientific Committee.

The Board decides on the composition of the Scientific Committee. The various disciplines should be adequately represented.

## **ART. 19**

Language: English is the language of the annual Scientific meeting.

The General Assembly is conducted in English. Discussions in other languages should be the exception.

## **OTHER PROVISIONS**

### **ART. 20**

Financial year: The financial year of SASRO corresponds to the calendar year.

### **ART. 21**

Language of Articles of Association: These Articles of association were originally written in German. In the event of any discrepancies between the different language versions, the German text shall apply.

### **ART. 22**

Amendments to the Articles of Association: Complete or partial revision of the Articles may only be decided by the General Assembly. The wording of any changes suggested must be sent to the members at least four weeks before the Assembly. The acceptance of a revision requires two thirds of the votes cast.

### **ART. 23**

Dissolution of SASRO: The dissolution of the association may only be decided through a a General Assembly called for such purpose and after consultation of the Board. The funds remaining after the dissolution of the association shall be donated to a tax-exempt institution based in Switzerland having the same or a similar purpose. A distribution among the members is excluded.

These Articles of association were adopted at the annual General Assembly on 01 September 2023 in Bern. They replace the Articles of association of 30 August 2019.

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