Statutes
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR 3D TECHNOLOGIES IN HOSPITALS

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1. NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE

1.1 The society bears the name “Internationale Gesellschaft für 3D Technologien in Krankenhäusern” and is designated in English as “International Society for 3D Technologies in Hospitals” (abbreviated IS3DTH).

1.2 The society is registered in 1090 Vienna.

2. PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

The society is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the safe, effective, and ethical use of 3D technologies, including 3D printing, in healthcare. The society pursues in particular the following objectives:

2.1 Fostering clinical innovation and research

- Promoting and publishing scientific and clinical advances in 3D technologies for medicine and healthcare.
- Coordinating, developing and supporting interdisciplinary research on medical 3D technologies, in particular by promoting collaboration with relevant scientific and healthcare institutions worldwide.

2.2 Strengthening healthcare systems

- Supporting the implementation and integration of 3D technologies to improve clinical workflows, patient care, and cost-effectiveness.
- Acting as an advisory body to promote communication and knowledge transfer among healthcare stakeholders, including regulators, professionals, and institutions worldwide.

2.3 Promoting ethical, regulatory, and quality standards

- Raising awareness of ethical issues associated with 3D technologies in medicine.
- Fostering the development, standardization, and dissemination of good manufacturing practices for point-of-care 3D manufacturing.

3. MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

The society shall achieve its objectives through a combination of immaterial (ideational) and material means, as detailed below:

3.1 Ideational means

To promote the work of the society and achieve its objectives, the following means are envisaged in particular, but not exclusively:

- Organizing and promoting international and regional congresses, educational meetings, workshops, informal meetings, collaborative events, and interdisciplinary forums.
- Editing and publishing scientific content, such as scientific papers, lecture manuscripts, reports of conferences and seminars, and information on workshops and scientific meetings, in print and electronic formats.
- Supporting a scientific journal dedicated to research, clinical applications, and policy in the field.
- Promoting professional mobility through exchange programs for healthcare professionals, teachers, researchers, and students.
- Developing and maintaining an internet platform providing access to relevant information, publications, educational resources, and collaborative opportunities.
- Establishing working groups on specialized topics related to 3D technologies (e.g. clinical integration, regulatory issues, education, ethics, innovation).
- Developing, promoting, and disseminating standards, guidelines, and best practices for the safe, ethical, and effective implementation of 3D technologies in healthcare.

3.2 Material means

To support the ideational activities, the society raises financial and material resources through:

- Annual membership fees from individuals, institutions, or corporate members.
- Revenues from scientific events, workshops, and seminars.
- Voluntary contributions and sponsorship from public and private organizations.
- Donations and bequests from individuals or institutions supporting the society's objectives.
- National and international grants or subsidies for research, education, standardization, or public-health initiatives.
- Income from the society's publications, services, and collaborative projects.

4. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

The members of the society are divided into:

4.1 Individual members

4.2 Student members

4.3 Associate members

5. ACQUISITION OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Individual members

Any natural person actively engaged in research, applied research, clinical practice, education, development, or innovation in the field of 3D technologies for healthcare—including but not limited to surgical planning,

design and manufacturing of artificial organs/implants, support of healthcare processes, and training of healthcare professionals—may apply for admission as an individual member.

5.2 Student members

Any natural person who fulfils the requirements for individual membership, is demonstrably enrolled in a (Bachelor's/Master's/PhD) degree program and is not older than 33 years may be admitted as a student member (referred to as "y3D" members).

5.3 Associate members

Any institution, healthcare organization, university, company, or professional society active in areas consistent with the society's purpose may apply and be admitted as an associate member.

5.4 Application and admission

Applications for all membership categories are to be submitted to the Treasurer, the Secretary General, or the society office before a General Assembly is held.

The Board of Governors reviews the applications and decides on admission. The decision requires confirmation by the General Assembly by simple majority.

6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership ends by death (natural persons), by loss of legal personality (legal entities), by resignation, by cancellation, or by exclusion.

6.1 Resignation is possible at any time. It must be addressed in writing to the society office and does not release the member from obligations incurred up to the date of resignation.

6.2 The Board of Governors may decide to cancel a membership if membership fees are more than two years in arrears despite three reminders by the Treasurer. The obligation to pay fees due remains unaffected.

6.3 A member may be excluded for repeated violation of their duties as a member or of these statutes. The General Assembly decides on exclusion by simple majority.

7. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

7.1 General

Every member who has paid their fees has at least the following rights:

- To be informed about the activities of the society.
- To participate in the society's annual congress on reduced terms.

7.2 Rights of individual and student members

Individual members and student members are entitled to take part in the General Assembly and to exercise their voting rights. They may stand for election to the Board of Governors.

7.3 Rights of associate members

Associate members may send an authorized representative to the General Assembly, who has the right to vote. At most one representative of the associate members may be elected to the Board of Governors.

8. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8.1 The regular General Assembly is held annually, preferably at the society's annual congress. It may be held in person, entirely online, or in a hybrid format; the format is determined by the Board of Governors and stated in the invitation.

8.2 An extraordinary General Assembly must be convened if so decided by the Executive Committee or by the regular General Assembly, if at least 10% of the members request it in writing, or if the authorized auditors request it. In these cases, the extraordinary General Assembly must take place within one month after the request has been received by the Executive Committee.

8.3 All members are to be invited in writing or by e-mail at least two weeks before the General Assembly. The invitation contains the agenda. The invitation is issued by the Executive Committee.

8.4 Proposals for the agenda are to be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at least 48 hours before the start of the General Assembly. In urgent cases, the agenda may be amended by a simple majority of the members present.

8.5 The General Assembly constitutes a quorum if it has been convened in accordance with section 8.3. This applies regardless of the number of members entitled to vote who are present.

8.6 Resolutions may only be passed on items of the agenda, except for a motion to convene an extraordinary General Assembly.

8.7 Every member entitled to vote has one vote. Voting rights may be transferred to another member by written authorization, which must be communicated to the Board of Governors at the latest 48 hours before the start of the General Assembly. The delegate to whom the vote is transferred must be a member entitled to vote; no more than three votes may be combined in one person.

8.8 Unless otherwise provided, resolutions are passed by simple majority. Amendments to the statutes and resolutions on the dissolution of the society require a qualified majority of two thirds of the valid votes cast.

8.9 The General Assembly is chaired by the President; if the President is prevented, the President's deputy chairs. If the deputy is also prevented, the oldest member of the Executive Committee takes the chair.

8.10 Votes may be held online or on site during the General Assembly. Only one voting system may be used at any one time. The results are announced at the General Assembly.

9. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following matters are reserved to the General Assembly:

- Receiving and approving the annual financial statements and the annual accounts.
- Deciding on the budget.
- Appointing and removing members of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors and the auditors.
- Setting the membership fees.
- Deciding on exclusions of members (except cancellations imposed by the Executive Committee because of arrears in membership fees).

- Amendments to the statutes and voluntary dissolution of the society. Resolutions on these matters require a qualified majority pursuant to section 8.4, and at least half of all members entitled to vote must be present.
- Dealing with other items on the agenda.
- Admitting members to the society.

10. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

10.1 The Board of Governors consists of the Executive Committee, four to six further elected members ("Governors"), and two representatives of y3D (student members).

10.2 The Board of Governors should represent the various areas of interest and activity of the society.

10.3 The Governors are elected by the General Assembly.

10.4 The Board of Governors decides by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

10.5 The Governors are elected for two years. Immediate re-election is possible only once. A new candidacy is permitted at the earliest after two years.

10.6 The y3D Governors are elected for two years. Re-election is permitted only once; thereafter they may be elected as regular Governors.

10.7 The Board of Governors may propose that a former President or individual former members of the Board of Governors who have rendered outstanding services to the society be appointed Honorary President or Honorary Board Members, respectively. These honorary positions entitle the holders to attend Board meetings without voting rights.

10.8 The Board of Governors may nominate up to three qualified persons as co-opted members for up to three years. They attend Board meetings without voting rights. The nominations must be confirmed by the General Assembly.

10.9 Elected Governors and co-opted Board members may not miss more than two meetings in a row without appropriate justification communicated in good time. Otherwise, the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee may decide on their removal.

11. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Unless other tasks are assigned to individual members of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors is responsible in particular for:

- The general management of the society.
- Selecting the venue and organizing the society's congresses.
- Setting the scientific direction and ensuring its quality.
- Maintaining relationships with associated societies.
- Preparing recommendations for the General Assembly.

12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

12.1 The Executive Committee consists of the President, the preceding President (Past President), the designated President for the next term of office (President Elect), a Secretary General and a Treasurer. If required, deputies for the Secretary General and the Treasurer may be appointed.

12.2 The President's term of office is two years; re-election is not permitted. The General Assembly has to elect a President for the following term of office. Eligible are members with at least two years of continuous membership as an individual member of the society and with current or previous membership of at least two years on the Board of Governors. A nomination requires the candidate's consent.

12.3 The Executive Committee proposes candidates for election; their election requires an absolute majority in the Board of Governors. If this is not achieved in the first round of voting, run-off votes are held between the candidates with the most votes until an absolute majority is reached. In the event of a final tie, the Executive Committee decides in favor of one candidate.

12.4 The Secretary General is elected for three years, the Treasurer for four years. Both may be re-elected immediately only once. After the end of the second term of office, a new candidacy is possible only after one term of office has elapsed.

12.5 Should an elected member of the Executive Committee leave office early, the Executive Committee is entitled to co-opt another eligible member. Confirmation by the next General Assembly is required.

12.6 Meetings of the Executive Committee are convened by the President or the President's deputy, in writing or orally.

12.7 The Executive Committee constitutes a quorum if all members have been invited and at least half of them are present.

12.8 Resolutions of the Executive Committee are passed by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

12.9 The President chairs the meetings; if the President is prevented, the deputy takes the chair or, if the deputy is also prevented, the oldest member of the Executive Committee.

12.10 Apart from death or expiry of the term of office, the office of a member of the Executive Committee ends by removal or resignation.

12.11 The General Assembly may remove the entire Executive Committee or individual members at any time.

12.12 Resignations are possible at any time and must be addressed in writing to the Executive Committee; if the entire Executive Committee resigns, the resignation is to be addressed to the General Assembly.

13. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee manages the day-to-day business of the society and is responsible for all tasks not expressly assigned to other bodies.

These include in particular:

- Preparing the annual budget and the annual financial statements.
- Preparing and convening the regular and extraordinary General Assemblies.

- Administering the society's assets.
- Making recommendations on the admission, cancellation and exclusion of members (decisions are taken by the Executive Committee, subject to subsequent confirmation by the General Assembly).
- Concluding and terminating employment contracts with administrative staff.

14. SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

14.1 The President manages the general affairs of the society and represents it externally.

14.2 The following applies to internal affairs:

- The President chairs the General Assembly and the meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Governors. In case of imminent danger, the President is entitled to issue directives on their own responsibility, including in matters otherwise within the competence of the General Assembly or the Executive Committee. These measures, however, require subsequent approval by the body otherwise responsible.
- The Secretary General supports the President in directing the affairs of the society. The Secretary General draws up the agendas for meetings of the Board of Governors and for General Assemblies and keeps the minutes of these meetings. The Secretary General coordinates the society's activities in accordance with the resolutions of the Board of Governors and with the statutes, and submits corresponding activity reports.
- The Treasurer is responsible for the proper management of the society's financial affairs. The Treasurer keeps and regularly updates the membership lists, collects the annual membership fees, makes payments on behalf of the society, manages the society's account, draws up balance sheets and circulates them to the members annually. The Treasurer acts in accordance with the wishes and directives of the Board of Governors and the statutes of the society.
- The President or the President's deputy is obliged towards the society to issue written executions and announcements of the society, in particular deeds obligating the society, in collaboration with the recording clerk and, for documents concerning financial matters, in collaboration with the Treasurer.
- The deputies of the President, the Secretary General or the Treasurer may only act if the President, the Secretary General or the Treasurer is prevented from doing so. The effectiveness of their actions as deputies is not affected by this.

15. THE SOCIETY EDITOR

A Society Editor may be appointed to take care of publications in a journal affiliated with the society. The Society Editor works closely with the Board of Governors and the journal's publisher and is invited to the meetings of the Board of Governors, but has no voting right. The Society Editor is appointed by the Board of Governors for a period of three years and may be reappointed.

16. WORKING GROUPS

16.1 To promote particular activities of the society, the Board of Governors may set up working groups and elect coordinators of these groups. The setting up or dissolution of such groups requires subsequent confirmation by the General Assembly.

16.2 Coordinators are requested to report regularly to the Board of Governors. They may be invited to Board meetings but have no voting right. They manage a budget for their working groups, which is supervised by the Treasurer.

17. AUDITORS

17.1 Two auditors are elected by the General Assembly for two years each. Re-election is possible any number of times. Auditors may not belong to any body of the society (other than the General Assembly) whose activities are audited.

17.2 The auditors monitor current affairs and audit the annual financial statements. They report the results of the audit to the General Assembly.

18. BOARD OF ARBITRATION

18.1 The board of arbitration decides on all disputes arising from the association relationship.

18.2 It consists of five individual members. Each party to the dispute names two individual members to the Executive Committee within four weeks. The arbitrators so selected elect a fifth member by simple majority as chair of the board of arbitration. In the event of a tie, the decision is made by lot.

18.3 The board of arbitration decides with all members present, by simple majority and to the best of its knowledge and conscience. Its decisions are final within the society.

19. VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

19.1 The voluntary dissolution of the society can only be decided by an extraordinary General Assembly convened solely for this purpose. The qualified majority specified in section 8.8 applies to this resolution. The General Assembly also decides on the liquidation and appoints one or more liquidators. It determines to which institutions the society’s assets are to be transferred after all liabilities have been covered.

19.2 The last meeting of the Board of Governors must notify the competent register of associations of the voluntary dissolution.

19.3 In the event of voluntary dissolution, the society’s assets or remaining funds must on no account benefit any member. The General Assembly must name a non-profit, charitable or religious organization recognized as such under § 34 et seq. of the Austrian Federal Fiscal Code (Bundesabgabenordnung). The assets are to be handed over to this organization by the outgoing Executive Committee or by the liquidator appointed by the General Assembly.