ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1
NAME AND DOMICILE

Article 1.1
The name of the association shall be

Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe (CIRSE)

(hereinafter referred to as the "Society").

Article 1.2
The Society shall have its registered office in Vienna, Austria, and may extend its activities throughout Europe and beyond as it deems appropriate. However, the purpose of the Society shall be pursued predominantly within the territory of Europe.

ARTICLE 2
PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

Article 2.1
The Society shall be a non-profit making, educational and scientific association aiming to improve patient care through the support of teaching, science, research and clinical practice in the field of cardiovascular and interventional radiology.

Article 2.2
The Society shall aim to provide continuing education and training for its members and other physicians and scientists with an active personal involvement and interest in interventional radiology and/or cardiovascular imaging techniques.

Article 2.3
The Society shall provide an examination for its members to demonstrate competence in Interventional Radiology.

Article 2.4
The Society shall aim to promote the exchange of ideas and information for the further definition of the role, direction and goals of cardiovascular and interventional radiology as a subspecialty of radiology.

Article 2.5
The Society shall aim to improve ethical, technical and material conditions in cardiovascular and interventional radiology to enhance patient care.
ARTICLE 3
ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

Article 3.1
The purpose of the Society shall be achieved by the following activities:

Article 3.1.1
Organisation of congresses, meetings and other educational, scientific and research activities;

Article 3.1.2
Production and publication of scientific, educational and professional information and material;

Article 3.1.3
Establishment of links, collaboration with and support of other scientific, educational, governmental, professional, national or international organisations considered useful to the aims of the Society; and

Article 3.1.4
Organisation of public awareness campaigns and general promotion of interventional radiology procedures that enhance patient care.

ARTICLE 4
METHODS OF RAISING FUNDS

Article 4.1
The Society shall raise funds through collection of admission fees, membership fees, and proceeds from activities, enterprises owned by the association, donations, collections, bequests, company shareholdings and other contributions.

Article 4.2
The Society shall be entitled to acquire or dispose of property of any kind in accordance with its non-profit status including but not limited to the acquisition and disposal of real estate as well as the acquisition and disposal of participation in companies and enterprises.

Article 4.3
The Society shall set aside funds for special purposes or as reserve for future expenditures.
ARTICLE 5
MEMBERSHIP

The Society shall have those kinds of members as determined in Articles 5.1 to 5.11 as follows (together the "Members"; each also a "Member"):  

Article 5.1 Full Members
Full Members are physicians and scientists with an active interest and competence in cardiovascular and/or interventional radiology, residing within the boundaries of Europe as determined by the Executive Board. They shall have the right to vote and to hold office. They are subject to the membership fees as determined in accordance with Article 20.2.

Article 5.2 Junior Members
Junior Members are doctors in training with an active interest and/or competence in cardiovascular and/or interventional radiology residing in Europe. They shall have the right to vote but shall not have the right to hold office. They shall be subject to reduced membership fees as determined in accordance with Article 20.2. Junior Members will automatically become Full Members after the earlier of (a) completion of the training, or (b) the expiry of 3 years of Junior Membership. Junior Members may apply for extension of Junior Membership status beyond three years; such extension requires the approval of the Membership Committee which shall decide in its sole discretion.

Article 5.3 Full Group Members
Full Group Members are the European National Interventional Radiology Societies. Full Group Members shall submit the list of their individual members willing to join the Society upon request by the CIRSE membership committee. The list shall include all required contact information of the individual members as well as its status regarding junior or full membership. The individual members of the Full Group Member Societies shall have equal rights and duties such as individual Full Members or Junior Members. Each Full Group Member shall collectively pay the member fees for their individual members. The amount shall be determined by the Executive Board and approved by the Executive Committee. Each year the Full Group Member shall be informed about the amount payable per capita. Payment shall be done at once and upon receipt of the respective membership fee invoice.

Article 5.4 Corresponding Members

Article 5.4.1. Physicians and scientists with an active interest and competence in cardiovascular and/or interventional radiology residing outside of Europe.

Article 5.4.2. Radiographers and nurses with an active interest and competence in cardiovascular and/or interventional radiology.
Corresponding Members shall neither have the right to participate in the General Assembly, nor shall they have the right to vote or to hold office. They are subject to the membership fees as determined in accordance with Article 20.2.

**Article 5.5  Corresponding Junior Members**
Corresponding Junior Members are doctors in training with an active interest and/or competence in cardiovascular and/or interventional radiology residing outside of Europe. They shall neither have the right to vote nor to hold office. They are subject to the membership fees as determined in accordance with Article 20.2. Corresponding Junior Members will automatically become Corresponding Members after the earlier of (a) completion of the training, or (b) the expiry of 3 years of Corresponding Junior Membership. Corresponding Junior Members may apply for extension of Corresponding Junior Membership status beyond three years; such extension requires the approval of the Membership Committee which shall decide in its sole discretion.

**Article 5.6  Corresponding Group Members**
Corresponding Group Members are National or International Interventional Radiology Societies not eligible for Full Group Membership. Corresponding Group Members shall submit the list of their individual members willing to join the Society upon request by the CIRSE membership committee. The list shall include all required contact information of the individual members as well as its status regarding junior and full membership. The individual members of the Corresponding Group Member Societies shall have equal rights and duties such as individual Corresponding Members or Corresponding Junior Members. They shall not have the right to vote or hold office. Each Corresponding Group Member shall collectively pay the member fees for their individual members. The amount shall be determined by the Executive Board and approved by the Executive Committee. Each year the Full Group Member shall be informed about the amount payable per capita. Payment shall be done at once and upon receipt of the respective membership fee invoice.

**Article 5.7  Corporate Members**
Corporate Members are corporations or other organisations, including commercial enterprises, irrespective of their place of incorporation or headquarters, interested in the activities and objectives of the Society. Corporate Members shall nominate one representative who will act as contact person for all membership related correspondence and who may participate in the General Assembly. Corporate Members shall neither have the right to vote nor to hold office. They are subject to the membership fees as determined in accordance with Article 20.2.

**Article 5.8  Fellows**
Fellows are physicians and scientists residing in Europe who have made a significant contribution to interventional radiology and/or cardiovascular imaging techniques. Full Members may apply for Fellow status five years after completion of the relevant medical specialty training, provided that they have been a member of CIRSE for at least three years upon application. Fellows have the right to vote and hold office. They are subject to the membership fees as determined in accordance with Article 20.2.
Article 5.9  **Corresponding Fellows**
Corresponding Fellows shall be physicians and scientists residing outside Europe who otherwise fulfil all required criteria for Fellowship pursuant to Article 5.8. They shall neither have the right to participate in the General Assembly nor to vote or to hold office. They shall be subject to the membership fees as determined in accordance with Article 20.2.

Article 5.10  **Gold Medallists and Distinguished Fellows**
The Gold Medal and Distinguished Fellowship are the highest honour bestowed by CIRSE. The Honours Committee shall nominate to the Executive Committee potential recipients of Distinguished Fellowship and the CIRSE Gold Medal. The recommendations shall be ratified by the Executive Committee. Gold Medallists and Distinguished Fellows residing in Europe shall have the right to vote and hold office. Gold Medallists and Distinguished Fellows residing outside of Europe shall neither have the right to participate in the General Assembly nor to vote or to hold office. Gold Medallists and Distinguished Fellows are exempt from all fees, dues and assessments including membership fees, meeting and course fees.

Article 5.11  **Retired Members & Retired Fellows**
All Members and Fellows, after complete retirement from all clinical and professional activities, may apply for Retired Member or Retired Fellow status. Retired Members and Retired Fellows are exempt from membership fees. Retired Members and Retired Fellows shall not receive the Society Journal and shall neither have the right to vote nor to hold office. Application for Retired Member or Fellowship status requires the approval of the Membership Committee which shall decide in its sole discretion.

**ARTICLE 6
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Article 6.1
The application for Full, Junior, Corresponding or Junior Corresponding Membership or Fellow shall be made in writing and shall include such information confirming that the requirements for the respective kind of membership as set forth in Article 5 are met. Two Members shall endorse an application for Full, Junior, Corresponding or Junior Corresponding Membership, and two Fellows shall endorse an application for Fellow status. In case an applicant for Membership does not receive respective endorsement he/she shall submit his/her curriculum vitae, which shall be reviewed by the Membership Committee.

Article 6.2
The Membership Committee will assess applications. The names of those applicants who were given preliminary approval by the Membership Committee will be published on the societies’ webpage. Members may comment on the applicants’ suitability within a period of six weeks from the date of publication. After this period, the Membership Committee will finally decide in its sole discretion on the application for membership within four weeks, subject to ratification by the Executive Committee. After approval by the Membership Committee, ratification by the Executive Committee and after payment of the membership
fees, the membership shall become effective, and the new member shall have the right to vote and to hold office with effect, upon publication on the Society’s website.

Article 6.3
In case of rejection of the application by the Membership Committee, the applicant may request consideration of the application from the Executive Committee, which in its sole discretion may overrule the decision of the Membership Committee; the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

Article 6.4
The Executive Committee shall issue by-laws concerning the organisation and procedures of the Membership Committee (including guidelines for the admission of new members and fellows).

Article 6.5
Upon request by the Membership Committee, Full, Junior, Corresponding or Junior Corresponding Members and Fellows shall produce their curriculum vitae including all such further information as may be required to verify their continued involvement in cardiovascular or interventional radiology and to verify that they fulfil all respective requirements for their respective membership status.

Article 6.6
Application for Full and Corresponding Group Membership shall be made in writing and assessed by the Executive Board. Acceptance of membership shall be decided by the Executive Board and approved by the Executive Committee. It is a requirement that the purpose and regulations of each Society should be compatible with those of CIRSE.

Article 6.7
Applications for Corporate Membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Committee. Once assessed by the Committee a recommendation shall be made to the Executive Committee who shall make the final decision.

ARTICLE 7
TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be terminated in the event of

Article 7.1
Loss of Legal Capacity of a Member, which shall be deemed to have occurred: (a) with respect to natural persons, in the event of death, incapacitation or other reasons having similar effect; and (b) with respect to legal persons, in the event of insolvency, opening of bankruptcy proceedings, winding-up or deregistration from the respective companies’ register.
Article 7.2
Resignation, which shall become effective on the following 31 December after, and provided that, the Executive Board has been notified in writing at least six months in advance. In case of late notification resignation shall become effective only as of the next following 31 December.

Article 7.3
Expulsion upon decision by the Executive Committee if a Member did not pay membership fees despite one reminder within six months from the end of the fiscal year. Such expulsion does not affect the obligation to pay the membership fees due.

Article 7.4
Expulsion upon decision by the Executive Committee in case of gross breach of the duties of a member, dishonourable behaviour or activities incompatible with the standing of, or detrimental to, the Society. Appeal to the General Assembly against expulsion shall be permitted within 30 (thirty) days after notification of the decision of the Executive Committee and shall be dealt with at the next Ordinary General Assembly. The membership rights shall be suspended until the decision of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 8
ORGANS OF THE SOCIETY

The Society shall have the following organs:
- the General Assembly;
- the Executive Board
- the Executive Committee
- the Standing Committees
- the Subcommittees
- the Task Forces
- the Honours Committee
- the Controllers; and
- the Conciliation Board.

ARTICLE 9
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 9.1
The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Society; it consists of those Members holding voting rights (the "Elective Members"). The Ordinary General Assembly of the Society shall be held annually, preferably during the Annual Scientific Congress of the Society.

Article 9.2
An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the Executive Committee in its discretion. An extraordinary General Assembly must be convened by the Executive
Committee upon request in writing by not less than one tenth of the total number of Elective Members, as soon as practicable. Such a request must state the business to be transacted during the Extraordinary General Assembly to be convened and include a motion to be voted on.

**Article 9.3**
The following matters lie within the authority of the General Assembly:

**Article 9.3.1**
Resolutions on amendments of the Articles of Association and the voluntary liquidation of the Society;

**Article 9.3.2**
Election and removal of
- the elected Members of the Executive Board and Executive Committee; and
- the Members of the Standing Committees.

**Article 9.3.3**
Approval of the annual accounts and records of the financial year;

**Article 9.3.4**
Ratification of the individual membership fees;

**Article 9.3.5**
Advising and resolving on other items on the Agenda.

**Article 9.4**
A notice inviting Elective Members to a General Assembly, containing the full agenda shall be sent to all Elective Members pursuant to Article 22.2 no later than twenty days before the date of the General Assembly. Any Elective Member may request the inclusion of items in the Agenda by notifying the President at least thirty days before the date of the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall be considered to have formed a quorum if at least 80 Elective Members are present. If fewer Elective Members are present at the appointed time, the General Assembly shall take place thirty minutes later, with the same agenda; at that time it shall be considered to have formed a quorum irrespective of the number of Elective Members present. The delayed General Assembly does not require a separate notice or invitation.

**Article 9.5**
The President shall preside over the General Assembly. If he/she is unavailable or incapacitated, this function shall be fulfilled by the Vice President or, if the latter is also unavailable or incapacitated, by the Treasurer. If none of the above is available another member of the Executive Committee shall preside over the General Assembly.
Article 9.6
Unless herein stated otherwise, resolutions put before the General Assembly shall be carried if they attain a relative majority. In the event of a tie in a ballot that is to be decided by relative majority the Chairperson of the meeting shall have, subject to available options, the casting vote.

Article 9.7
A resolution for the amendment of these Articles of Association shall require a majority of two thirds of the votes present.

Article 9.8
In these Articles of Association
- “votes present” shall mean the number of Elective Members present in the General Assembly;
- “absolute majority” shall mean the next whole number exceeding fifty per cent of the votes present;
- “relative majority” shall mean the attainment of a greater number of votes than the number cast in favour of any alternative option or candidate for office.

Voting shall be effected by a show of hands, by the use of ballot forms or electronically, as decided by the Executive Committee or the Chairperson of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 10
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 10.1
The Executive Board is formed by the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Past President, the President acting as Chairman.

Article 10.2
The Executive Board shall conduct the business of the Society and shall be responsible for deciding on all matters that are not expressly assigned by these Articles of Association or by law to the General Assembly or to any other organ of the Society.

Article 10.3
The Executive Board shall represent the Society in its dealings with third parties; the Society shall be bound by the joint signatures of two members of the Executive Board.

Article 10.4
Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President or if he/she is unavailable or incapacitated, by another member of the Executive Board. The invitation shall state the venue and the agenda and shall be posted at least 20 days before the date of the meeting. The Executive Director shall attend the meetings of the Executive Board but shall have no voting rights.
Article 10.5
The term of office of each function shall be two years. Re-election or nomination for the same function is not permitted.

ARTICLE 11
ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 11.1
The Executive Committee shall nominate candidates for the office of Vice President and Treasurer. Members may propose candidates for consideration for nomination by the Executive Committee until ninety days prior to the scheduled date of such General Assembly.

Article 11.2
The Executive Committee shall nominate a maximum of two candidates for each function. Only current or former members of the Executive Committee are eligible for the function of Treasurer and Vice President. The rules of procedure set by the Executive Committee shall apply.

Article 11.3
Nominees shall reside in Europe, be professionally active and recognised internationally within Europe as leaders in the promotion of education, science, research and clinical practice in the field of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology.

Article 11.4
The candidate attaining a relative majority at the ballot shall be elected. If for the positions of the Treasurer or the Vice President there is only one candidate, the election of such candidate shall require an absolute majority.

Article 11.5
In order to ensure continuity, the Vice President shall automatically assume the Presidency at the end of his/her term. Upon expiry of his/her term the President shall become the Past President. Consequently, there shall be no election to the positions of the President and the Past President.

ARTICLE 12
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 12.1
The Executive Committee shall have at least three members and shall be composed of the Past President, the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Scientific Programme Chairperson, the Scientific Programme Deputy Chairperson, and the Chairperson of each Standing Committee. These committee members are elected by the General Assembly (except the Past President, the President and the Scientific Programme Chair) and shall have
voting rights. The Scientific Programme Deputy Chair shall automatically assume the Scientific Programme Chairmanship at the end of his/her term.

**Article 12.2**
The Editor in Chief of the official journal of the Society, the Editor in Chief of ESIR online, the Chairperson of EBIR (European Board of Interventional Radiology), the Scientific Programme Chairperson of ECIO (European Conference on Interventional Oncology), the Chairperson of the Local Host Committee of the Annual CIRSE Congress are members of the Executive Committee through function. They shall attend the meetings of the Executive Committee but shall have no voting rights.

**Article 12.3**
The Executive Director is appointed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall attend the meetings of the Executive Committee but shall have no voting rights.

**Article 12.4**
The total number of members of the Executive Committee shall vary with the number of Standing Committees established by the Society.

**Article 12.5**
The term of office of the elected Executive Committee members shall be two years. Re-election or nomination to the same function is not permitted.

**Article 12.6**
If any of the above functions should remain unfilled or become vacant for any reason the Executive Committee shall appoint a person to assume the relevant duties in addition to the appointee’s regular function. The appointee should be a current member of the Executive Committee. The appointee shall complete the term of office of his/her predecessor. In the event that voting rights were vested in the vacant position, the appointee shall not exercise such voting rights vested in the vacant position if voting rights are vested also in the regular function of the appointee. The vacant function and the voting rights vested therein shall not be taken into account when determining the quorum and majority pursuant to Article 14.5.

**ARTICLE 13**
**DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall:

**Article 13.1**
prepare and facilitate the work of, and provide guidance and direction to the Executive Board and perform such tasks and duties as are assigned to it by the Executive Board.
Article 13.2
have the power to establish Standing Committees and to issue regulations governing their duties, responsibilities and procedures. The Standing Committees will actively support specific Society agendas as nominated by the Executive Committee.

Article 13.3
have the power to establish Subcommittees and to nominate their members and chairpersons, as well as to issue regulations governing their duties, responsibilities and procedures. The Subcommittees will provide expertise in specific medical topics as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Article 13.4
have the power to establish Task Forces and to nominate their members and chairpersons, as well as to issue regulations governing their duties, responsibilities and procedures. Task Forces shall be time limited and shall have a dedicated task.

ARTICLE 14
MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 14.1
Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President or if he/she is unavailable or incapacitated, by another member of the Executive Board. The invitation shall state the venue and the agenda and shall be posted at least 20 days before the date of the meeting.

Article 14.2
A meeting may be called at the request of at least four members of the Executive Committee. Such request must state the business to be transacted and, where appropriate, include one or several motions to be voted on.

Article 14.3
Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be presided over by the President. If he/she is unavailable or incapacitated, his/ her duties shall be assumed (in descending order) by the Vice President or the Treasurer or by another member of the Executive Committee.

Article 14.4
Minutes summarising the debates and listing the resolutions taken or rejected shall be kept by the Vice President and be delivered to all members of the Executive Committee as soon as possible. The minutes are subject to approval of the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

Article 14.5
The Quorum required for the transaction of business of the Executive Committee and the Executive Board shall be the presence of at least half of the total number of its members holding voting rights. The Executive Committee and the Executive Board shall pass
resolutions by a relative majority of the members holding voting rights present. In the case of a tie the Chairperson of the meeting shall have, subject to available options, the casting vote. Items may be added to the Agenda of the Executive Committee and the Executive Board by any of its members by notifying the President at least ten days before the meeting. Items can be added at shorter notice at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE 15
ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 15.1
Because of the large membership with voting rights and the fact that all are not able to attend the General Assembly, election of Members of the Executive Committee and Standing Committees shall take place by electronic voting and not by the General Assembly.

Article 15.2
The Executive Committee shall at least 120 days prior to the beginning of the voting period announce the beginning and the duration of the voting period and shall publish the Rules of Procedure, which shall determine the details of such electronic voting via the internet.

Article 15.3
All Members entitled to hold office are free to apply for their election to any position on the Executive Committee or the Standing Committees, subject to the requirements laid down in these Articles and the Rules of Procedure set by the Executive Committee. Candidates can apply only for one position at the same time.

Article 15.4
The Executive Committee shall publish a list of eligible candidates who have expressed an interest in taking office as well as of candidates nominated by the Executive Committee. The rules of procedure set by the Executive Committee shall apply.

Article 15.5
Unless herein stated otherwise the election of a person to any of the Executive Committee positions shall require a relative majority. If for any of the Executive Committee positions only one candidate, the election of such candidate shall require an absolute majority.

Article 15.6
The dismissal of a member of the Executive Committee during his/her term shall require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the votes present. The dismissal or resignation of members of the Executive Committee shall take effect upon the election or appointment of a successor of the dismissed member of the Executive Committee.

Article 15.7
The President shall announce the results of the election at the next General Assembly following the election and shall publish the results on the Society's homepage. The election
of the elected Members of the Executive Committee and of the Standing Committees shall become effective at the end of the General Assembly in which the results have been announced.

**ARTICLE 16**
**THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Standing Committees shall support their Chairpersons. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall report regularly to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall issue by-laws concerning the organisation and procedures of the Standing Committees.

**ARTICLE 17**
**THE HONOURS COMMITTEE**

The Honours Committee shall make nominations to the Executive Committee regarding potential recipients of Distinguished Fellowship and the CIRSE Gold Medal. The recommendations shall be ratified by the Executive Committee. The Executive Board shall issue by-laws concerning the organisation and procedures of the Honours Committee.

**ARTICLE 18**
**AUDITING**

The Association shall have one Auditor (Abschlussprüfer) elected by the General Assembly for a period of one year. Re-election is permissible. The Auditor must be qualified as public accountant or tax consultant. The Auditor has to be independent and must be unbiased. The Auditor shall audit the financial management of the Association with regard to the regularity of the accounting and the use of the Association's assets and means in compliance with its statutes and establish an audit report within four months after the Executive Committee having established the annual financial statement (§ 21 Austrian Associations Act 2002). The Auditor shall report to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall remedy all deficiencies with regard to the financial management of the Association found by the Auditor and take all measures to avoid any danger from the Association notified of by the Auditor. The Executive Committee shall inform the members of the Association about the audit in writing.

**ARTICLE 19**
**THE CONCILIATION BOARD**

**Article 19.1**
All disputes internal to the Association shall be settled by the Conciliation Board.

**Article 19.2**
The conciliation board shall be composed of three Full Members. In a case of a dispute the claimant shall notify the Executive Committee accordingly and shall nominate a conciliator in writing. The Executive Committee shall notify the respondent about the initiation of the
conciliation proceeding within fourteen days and request the appointment of a further conciliator within fourteen days. In case of more than one claimant requesting the initiation of conciliation proceedings, such claimants may nevertheless appoint only one (joint) conciliator. The Executive Committee shall request the two conciliators nominated by the contesting parties to jointly nominate a chairman of the conciliation board within fourteen days. If the two conciliators nominated by the contesting parties should not be able to jointly nominate a chairman within this fourteen days period, the chairman shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Article 19.3
It is the purpose of the conciliation board to achieve a quick and fair settlement of the dispute under observation of the principles of a fair trial in particular the principle of the opportunity of being heard. Unless the prior termination of the conciliation proceeding the parties can resort legal disputes to the courts of law six months after instigation of the conciliation proceeding. The conciliation proceeding is either terminated by settlement or a decision of the conciliation board. The conciliation board shall render its decision in the presence of all its members by a simple majority of votes. In the case of disputes internal to the Association the decisions of the Conciliation Board shall be final.

ARTICLE 20
FINANCES, RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS, LIABILITY

Article 20.1
The Executive Committee shall determine the fiscal year for the association.

Article 20.2
The annual membership fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee and ratified by the General Assembly. Such membership fees shall become due and payable on the first day of the fiscal year. Resignation, revocation of membership, or expulsion of a Member pursuant to Articles 6 and 7 does not entitle the Member in question to any refund.

Article 20.3
The assets of the Society are exclusively liable for the obligations of the Society, to the exclusion of any personal liability of the Members, provided that there are no legal deviations.

ARTICLE 21
DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 21.1
The voluntary dissolution of the Association can only be decided by a General Assembly convened for that purpose with the majority of votes laid down in Article 13 of the Statutes. This General Assembly also has to pass a resolution on the liquidation, provided assets of the Association exist. The General Assembly is to appoint a liquidator and to pass a resolution to
whom it is to transfer the assets of the Association remaining after the payment of the debts.

Article 21.2
In the case of liquidation of the Society or in case the favoured purpose of the association ceases to exist, these assets shall, after payment of the debts, be transferred to a non-profit organisation in accordance with Section 34 ff of the Austrian Fiscal Code (Bundesabgabenordnung) with the condition to use these assets exclusively for scientific purposes. The last Executive Committee is to inform the competent authorities on the voluntary dissolution of the Association in writing.

ARTICLE 22
COMMUNICATION, NOTICES

Article 22.1
All communication and notices to the Society or its organs, such as in particular all notices, recommendations, applications or other communication as set forth in these Articles of Association, shall be made in writing by post, fax or e-mail and shall be addressed to the CIRSE Central Office, Neutorgasse 9, 1010 Vienna, Austria, or info@cirse.org.

Article 22.2
All communication and notices from the Society to its Members will either be made by publication of the Society's website, by e-mail or by post and will be addressed to such Members' address as notified to the CIRSE Central Office. The Members shall be responsible to notify to the CIRSE Central Office their respective valid postal and e-mail address.

ARTICLE 23
GOVERNING LAW

These Articles of Association shall be governed by, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Austria.