

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE EUROPEAN DIALYSIS AND TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION**

1. The name of the Society shall be the European Dialysis and Transplant Association.
2. The purpose of the Association will be to encourage and to report advances in the field of haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, transplantation and related subjects.
3. The association will meet annually for a one or two day meeting or as long as may be necessary, the venue to be decided at least one year in advance. A business meeting of all members will be held before the scientific meeting.
4. The President of the Association will be elected annually by the members at the business meeting from the resident members of the city in which the Association will hold its next meeting.
5. The functions of the President will be to organise the Annual Meeting, provide facilities for the meeting place, the annual banquet, the recording of the discussions at the annual meeting and the accommodation of visiting members and the social programme. To assist him the President may appoint a local secretary without reference to the Council of the Association.
6. The Association will appoint a Secretary/treasurer to be responsible for keeping up to date the list of the members, collecting subscriptions and preparing the accounts of the Association and the minutes of the business meeting.
7. The Secretary /treasurer will be elected annually at the business meeting and will be re-electable.
8. The Secretary/treasurer will give a report of his activities to the annual business meeting.
9. The Council of the Association will consist of five members in addition to the President and Secretary/treasurer. The members will be elected by the business meeting for a period of one year and can be re-elected for a period of up to three consecutive years. Normally the members of the Council should be elected from different countries; no country may have more than two members in the Council. The President, Secretary/treasurer and members of the Council elected at an annual business meeting will take office at the end of the scientific meeting that follows it.
10. The members of the Council will be responsible for selecting the papers and demonstrations for the Scientific Programme of the meetings. They will prepare a list of potential members for election by annual business meeting. They will also make decisions on all matters concerning the Association between the annual business meetings.

11. Full membership of the Association will be open to medically and non-medically qualified scientific workers in the field of interest of the Association working in Europe and adjacent countries. The conditions of membership and the financial contribution shall be decided from time to time by the business meeting. Proposals for membership should be made to the Council, care of the Secretary by two full members of the Association.

Associate membership will be open to interested workers in the field of interest of the Association who are not eligible for full membership. Such members are not eligible to attend the business meeting, hold office or vote.
12. Both forms of member will be required to pay an annual subscription for which they will receive a copy of the Proceedings. They will be notified of the meetings of the Association and will have the right to participate in the annual meeting and to introduce or present communications.
13. The Proceedings of the Association may be published annually and will be called the Proceedings of the European Dialysis and Transplant Association.
14. An Editor for the Proceedings will be nominated by the Council and will be appointed for three years. He will be re-electable for a further period of three years. The Editor has the right to co-opt a sub-editor whose name may appear on the Proceedings. The Editor will be responsible for publication of the Proceedings of the meeting at which he hands over office.
15. The form of the Proceedings will be the final responsibility of the Editor.
16. The Council will have the right to propose for honorary membership individuals not eligible for the ordinary classes of membership. Such individuals will be selected on the grounds of contributions to the field of interest of the Association. The annual business meeting will elect such members, who are not eligible to attend the business meeting, hold office or vote.