CONSTITUTION OF THE EUROPEAN DIALYSIS AND TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the association will be the European Dialysis and Transplant Association.

   The association is registered in Amsterdam and is established for a period beginning October 14, 1965 and ending January 1, 1995.

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 by the members at the annual business meeting, from the resident members of the city in which the association will hold its scientific meeting. He will preside over this scientific meeting in his home town and will commence his duties as president at the end of the scientific meeting in the preceding year. Normally he will be elected one year before he takes office so that he may sit as president-elect on the council during that year.

5. The functions of the president will be to organise the annual meeting, to provide facilities for the meeting place, the annual banquet, the recording of the discussions at the annual meeting, the accommodation of the 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 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 and render an account of his financial conduct.

    The annual business meeting decides on approval of the secretary/treasurer's financial account.

    The approval of the financial account of the secretary/treasurer relieves him of all further responsibilities.

9. The members of the council, with exception of the president and the secretary/treasurer, will be elected by the business meeting for a period of one year and can be re-elected for a period of up to 3 consecutive years.

    The president-elect will be a member of the council during the year preceding the year in which he will take office. The president continues to be a member of the council during the year after handing over the office to his successor.

    The council will consist of 12 members including the president, the president-elect, the retired president and the secretary/treasurer. Normally the members of the council should be elected from different countries: no country may have more than two members in the council. The secretary/treasurer and the members of the council elected at the annual business meeting will take office at the end of the scientific meeting that follows it.

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10. The members of the council will be responsible for selecting the papers and demonstrations for the scientific programme of the meeting. They will prepare a list of candidates for the council membership for election at the annual business meeting.

They will also make decisions on all matters concerning the association between the annual business meetings, with exception of matters which, according to this constitution, should be decided by the annual business meeting.

11. a. 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.

b. Associate membership will be open to interested workers in the field of the association who are not eligible for full membership.

c. The council will have the right to propose for honorary membership individuals not eligible for full or associate membership. Such individuals will be selected on the ground of contributions to the field of the association.

The conditions of full and associate membership and the financial contribution shall be decided annually by the business meeting. Candidates for full and associate membership have to be proposed to the council, care of the secretary/treasurer, by two full members of the association.

Decisions concerning admission of new members are made by the council.

Associate and honorary members do not have the right to attend the business meetings, hold office or vote.

12. Full members and associate members will be required to pay an annual subscription. Honorary members are exempt from subscriptions.

All members will be notified of the meetings of the association and have the right to participate in the annual meetings and to present scientific papers and communications.

All members will receive a copy of the Proceedings.

13. The council may suspend a member and shall inform the annual business meeting of the suspension.

The annual business meeting makes a decision on termination of the membership of the suspended member.

14. The proceedings of the association will be published annually and will be called the Proceedings of the European Dialysis and Transplant Association.

15. An editor of the Proceedings will be appointed by the council for a period of 3 years. He will be re-electable for a further period of 3 years. The editor has the right to co-opt one or more subeditors whose names may appear on the Proceedings.

The editor will be responsible for publication of the Proceedings of the meeting at which he hands over office.

16. The form of the Proceedings will be the final responsibility of the editor.

17. The association will be represented against a third party or individual by two members of the council together.

18. The annual business meeting can amend the constitution and dissolve the association if at least half of the total number of full members is present. If the number of members present is less than half, decisions on amendment of the constitution or dissolution of the association can be made at the next business meeting irrespective of the number of full members present.