BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

European Society of Hypertension (ESH), Zug (CH)
The name of this organization shall be the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) and the abbreviation ESH is used in this document to refer to this organization. The ESH is a society according to art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. Its seat is in Zug, Switzerland.

ARTICLE II

Purpose
The objectives of the Society shall be to promote and encourage the advancement of scientific research and knowledge in hypertension and associated diseases. It shall also be to promote and encourage application of the knowledge to medical care in all aspects of hypertension and associated diseases. Specifically:

1. The ESH will encourage, promote, endorse or organize high quality international scientific activities and communications of the results. Such activities shall be carried out primarily by an annual European Meeting as well as through the organization, participation and co-organization of special scientific and educational meetings worldwide. They shall also be carried out by means of special publications. Research projects may be sponsored or conducted under the special circumstances appropriate to international scientific bodies.

2. The ESH will encourage, promote, endorse or organize activities involved with continuing medical education in the field of hypertension and associated diseases. This will be done also in conjunction with other scientific societies and members of health care professions.

3. The ESH will encourage, promote, endorse or organize, alone or in conjunction with other scientific societies and members of health delivery professions, postgraduate training and international exchange of investigators, teachers, fellows and students.

4. The ESH supports a Foundation (FESH) in order to achieve its purpose, especially but not limited to grant financial assistance for educational and research purposes. The ESH shall donate to FESH any surplus which are not necessary for achieving its purpose.

5. The duration of the ESH is undetermined.

ARTICLE III

Members

1. Membership in the ESH is open to physicians and any health care professionals worldwide who are dedicated to research in hypertension, or prevention and treatment (management) of hypertension and associated diseases.

2. Election of Members. Applicants are required to apply online at the website of the ESH and are requested to provide:
   a) a short curriculum vitae (CV) in English (listing academic degrees and professional positions);
b) bibliography of publications related to hypertension and associated diseases;  
c) letters of endorsement are not required. Approval of memberships are officially  
confirmed during the Annual Meeting of the ESH.

3. ESH members shall pay annual dues, in the amount determined by the ESH Scientific  
Council and approved by the General Assembly of the ESH. ESH members shall subscribe  
to the official Journal of the ESH.

4. **Emeritus ESH Members**  
A long-standing member of ESH over the age of 65 and who has retired from active work  
may seek Emeritus status by applying to the ESH president in writing. Applications for  
Emeritus Membership will be approved by the ESH Scientific Council. Emeritus members  
may be exempted from annual dues but not from subscription costs to the official Journal  
of the ESH.

5. **Honorary ESH Member**  
Individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to research in hypertension or who  
have given exceptionally important support to the activities of the ESH may be nominated  
as Honorary Members. Nominations will be considered by the Awards Committee which  
will bring recommendations to the Scientific Council.

This distinction will be limited to a very select group of individuals, and normally no more  
than one honorary member will be nominated at any one Scientific Meeting. Honorary  
members will be exempted from annual dues but not from subscription costs to the official  
Journal of the ESH.

6. **Rights and Privileges of ESH members**  
ESH members participate in the scientific and business sessions of the ESH and vote at the  
General Assembly during the Annual Meeting. ESH members shall be eligible for election  
to the ESH Scientific Council.

7. **Corporate membership**  
Institutions or companies interested in the support of hypertension research or management  
may become corporate members. Each corporate member has one vote at the General  
Assembly.

8. **Penalties**  
Membership shall cease automatically upon failure to pay the annual dues for two  
consecutive years.

**ARTICLE IV**

ESH Scientific Council, Officers, Committees and Governing bodies.

1. **ESH Scientific Council**  
The Scientific Council of the ESH is the executive organ of the ESH. The Scientific Council  
has the duty of supervising all affairs of the ESH. While membership in the ESH is open to  
applicants worldwide, only ESH members who are European residents are eligible to become  
a Scientific Council member.

2. **Composition of the ESH Scientific Council**
The ESH Scientific Council is formed by 11 elected members (including office bearers), by non-voting ex-officio members and by non-voting Executive officers nominated by the Council for specific matters.

3. **Election of the ESH Scientific Council**
   ESH Scientific Council members shall be elected as follows: at the time of the General Assembly during the Annual Meeting of the ESH, the Society shall vote on membership of the ESH Scientific Council for the succeeding four years, giving due consideration to the recommendations of the existing Scientific Council. Any six members of the Society may nominate a candidate by writing to the Secretary of the ESH Scientific Council not less than ninety days before the scheduled Annual Meeting of the ESH. Members of the Scientific Council may serve not more than two consecutive four-year terms.

4. **Ex-Officio Members**
   Ex-Officio non-voting members of the Scientific ESH Council are:
   a) one ESH member designated by the International Society of Hypertension;
   b) one ESH member representing FESH;
   c) one ESH member representing National Hypertension Societies;
   The ex-officio member shall serve for a two-year term with the option to renew the appointment for two more years.

5. **Office bearers**
   Office bearers of the Society are: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Officer at Large. They are elected by the Society from the elected members of the ESH Scientific Council whose term is continuing for at least two further years. Office bearers are elected at the time of the General Assembly during the Annual Meeting, giving due consideration to the recommendations of the ESH Scientific Council. The President shall serve for a two-year term and shall subsequently remain in the ESH Scientific Council for two more years as immediate Past-President. The Vice-President shall normally serve for two years.

6. **Non-voting Executive Officers**
   The ESH Scientific Council may appoint executive officers with specific responsibilities in areas that are regarded by the ESH Scientific Council to require expert attention and decisions on a continuous basis. They can be selected from among ESH Scientific Council members, regular ESH members or non-members on account of experience and competence. Executive officers selected from regular ESH members or non-members will normally be invited by the ESH president to attend the ESH Scientific Council meeting or a portion of the meeting but may not vote or be elected to position of office bearers. Areas to be considered for executive officer appointments are:
   a) Clinical Hypertension Specialist activities
   b) ESH excellence centres
   c) Coordination of Working Group activities
   d) ESH Summer Schools
   e) Educational/Research activities of the Society
   f) Liaison with other national hypertension societies and World Hypertension League

7. **Awards Committee**
   This Committee will be chaired by the President of the Society (or a delegate nominated by him from among the Scientific Council members), the Secretary of the Society and at least 3 other members nominated by the Council. This Committee will review the availability and financial support of ESH awards for each year. The Committee will provide
recommendations to the Scientific Council with regard to the selection of the individuals to be given the Awards and to the selection of honorary and emeritus members of the Society. The Award Committee will normally operate for a two-year term.

8. **Duties of the ESH Scientific Council**

   a) Of the elected members of the ESH Scientific Council six shall constitute a quorum.

   b) The ESH Scientific Council should normally meet at least twice a year. Meetings should be convened by the ESH President. Additional individuals may be invited by the President to participate at an ESH Scientific Council meeting. Any group of six Scientific Council members may request by letter the President to convene an extraordinary additional meeting of the ESH Scientific Council provided requests are motivated by valid reasons;

   c) The Secretary of the Society shall inform all ESH Council members of the Agenda of the ESH Scientific Council meeting at least 14 days before the meeting is held. Council members may request the President by letter to include additional items in the Agenda at least 30 days before the ESH Scientific Council meeting.

9. **Governing bodies**

   The ESH shall encompass the following bodies: the General Assembly, the ESH Scientific Council, and one or more auditors. The General Assembly shall be held at the time of the Annual scientific meeting of the Society. Only topics listed in the Agenda may be brought up for discussion or vote. Any individual member’s request to include items in the Agenda must be addressed to the President at least six weeks before the General Assembly is to meet.

**ARTICLE V**

**Meetings**

The Society will usually convene one General Scientific Meeting every year. At each General Scientific Meeting, a General Assembly shall take place.

**Finances**

The fiscal year of the Society shall be the calendar year.

**Audit**

On the recommendation of the ESH Scientific Council and with the approval of the General Assembly, the Society shall employ an accounting firm to prepare and distribute an annual review of the finances of the Society and to provide such other services as deemed necessary by the ESH Scientific Council, the President and the Treasurer.
ARTICLE VI

Cooperation
The Society shall seek to coordinate its activity with other similar societies in other parts of the world.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments to by-laws
Amendments to the by-laws of the ESH must be proposed in writing to the ESH Scientific Council by six or more members not less than ninety days before a General Assembly, the Agenda of which shall contain an announcement of the proposed amendment. Such amendments require for their adoption an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present at the General Assembly. A postal vote may be held at the discretion of the ESH Scientific Council. The amendment shall become an active part of the by-laws immediately after the end of the General Scientific Meeting or after completion of the postal vote.

Council resolutions
Separately from the by-laws the ESH Scientific Council should maintain a schedule of formal Council resolutions that will help guide its processes. These will include resolutions in the following areas:

1. Guidelines for Conduct of Satellites
2. Arrangements for Annual Scientific Meeting
3. Arrangements for Visiting Faculty
4. Procedures for according official ESH endorsement of Scientific Meeting in the field of Hypertension
5. Agreements with the Publishers of Scientific Journals
6. Arrangements for elaboration of Guidelines on Hypertension by the Society alone or in cooperation with other Societies and bodies.

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