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European Society for Muscle Research

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§ 1

The European Society for Muscle Research (ESMR) is a society of researchers working in the field of muscle, cellular motility and related areas of science. It includes basic as well as clinically oriented scientists. The Society is based in Europe and was created 1971, with the first annual meeting in Liege 1972.

§ 2

The purpose of the ESMR is to promote and disseminate knowledge in the muscle and cell motility research fields in Europe.

This purpose is forwarded by initiating annual international scientific meetings, the European Muscle Conferences (EMC), in different European countries. These meetings shall serve as a platform for the free exchange of knowledge between scientists active in research on skeletal, cardiac and smooth muscle and in cell motility. The meetings shall stimulate interdisciplinary research collaborations within and outside Europe. The meetings shall encourage young scientists to become involved in this research and offering them the possibilities to present and to discuss their work in an informal environment.

The ESMR is a non-profit organization. The ESMR funds can be used to support the annual meetings and to cover costs associated with the ESMR homepage or membership list. To the extent that the financial resources of the ESMR allow, the Society can also support traveling costs, especially to younger members of the Society to attend the EMC. Distribution of profits cannot take place.

§ 3

The Society consists of ordinary members. By attending the annual EMC meeting the delegate becomes a member for one year. The fee to the ESMR is included in the congress fee. The annual fee is determined by the general assembly. Members of the ESMR, i.e. delegates to the EMC meetings, have voting rights at the general assembly and will receive email invitations to EMC meetings for the following three years. Members shall notify the steering group if they would like to withdraw from the invitation list or change their address information.

§ 4

The board of the Society, consisting of a maximum of 10 members, represents and leads the activities of the ESMR between the general assemblies. It shall contain members from different European Countries and is chaired by the ESMR chairman. The board will elect secretary and treasurer within members of the board. The board shall meet at the annual conferences and can invite future and past EMC organizers as well as other expertise to their meetings

The chairman and the board are elected by the general assembly. The mandate period is four years. They may be reelected. Any member of the ESMR may propose a new board member or chairman. The proposal shall be sent to the board not later than 1 month before the general assembly. The board presents a proposal for election/reelection at the assembly.

The chairman and the board are responsible for approaching future EMC organizers, to maintain the address list, the homepage and for the ESMR funds.

§ 5

The general assembly of the ESMR shall take place in association with the annual meeting. Only ordinary members that are present have the right to vote. Decisions are made by straightforward majority.

The following items shall be taken up at the general meeting:

- i) Reelection or election of chairman and of board members (4 years mandate periods)
- ii) The annual economical report of the board and the audit report
- iii) Discharge of liability for the board members
- iv) Election of one auditor and one deputy auditor, with mandate periods of one year
- v) Determination of the annual fee.
- vi) Decision on organizers and location of next years meeting and presentation of future meetings

§ 6

Proposals for amendments to these regulations shall be submitted to the board at the latest one month before the general assembly in which it is desired that the proposal be discussed. The board will present the amendment proposal. A majority of at least two thirds of the votes is required for the proposal to be adopted. Decisions regarding the dissolution of the Society shall be valid only if approved by at least two thirds majority. The decision on dissolution shall state to which organization the Society's assets shall be transferred, and that organization shall have the primary purpose of promoting science in an area close to the purpose of the ESMR.