

# CONSTITUTION

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## **Balkan Stomatological Society**

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### **Article 1: TITLE**

The name of the organization is the "Balkan Stomatological Society"

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### **Article 2: LEGAL STATUS**

The Society was founded in Thessaloniki, Greece, where it is registered. The Society shall be a scientific, professional, non-political and non-governmental organization for public benefit.

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### **Article 3: THE AIMS OF THE SOCIETY**

The aims of the Society shall be:

1. to organize regular congresses in order to give opportunity to Balkan dentists to exchange knowledge and experience in their scientific and professional fields
2. to promote Dentistry between Balkan dentists in theory and practice
3. to promote friendship and collaboration between dentists in this region
4. to attempt to establish uniform training requirements for this science and to coordinate students exchange
5. to publish scientific and professional information to its members in a suitable journal.
6. To establish a continuous professional development (CPD) program recognizable by the National Dental Associations in all Balkan countries and dentists

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#### **Article 4: MEMBERSHIP**

**4.1.Active Members** may only be dentists with a dental degree residing and practicing in the Balkan countries.

**4.2.Associate Members** could be physicians or dentists independently of their residence, who wish to support the constitution of BaSS and participate in the scientific and professional meetings of the Society.

**4.3.Supporting Members** could be National, Local Professional Associations and Scientific Societies, who wish to encourage and support BaSS.

**4.4.Registration** to a BaSS Congress constitutes simultaneously an application for Membership in BaSS for those wishing to become BaSS members. These applications must be approved by a two third majority of the BaSS Council in its second session and submitted for voting before the item AOB of the Agenda at the General Assembly

**4.5.** Only Active Members shall have the right to vote in General Assemblies.

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#### **Article 5: FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY**

Persons or Organizations who support the objectives of BaSS with contributions may be registered by the Council as Friends of the Society. The minimum contribution shall be determined by the Council. These persons, or representatives from organisations, may attend congresses of the Society. The name of such persons and organisations shall be published in the Journal.

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## **Article 6: ORGANIZATION**

**Headquarters Office.** This shall be in Thessaloniki and shall be directed by a Secretary-General under the responsibility of the President.

**Language.** The official language of the Society is English. Documents will be circulated in English.

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## **Article 7: THE OFFICERS**

**7.1.** The **Council** shall consist of the following officers:

- The President
- The President Elect
- The Vice President
- The Past President
- The Secretary-General
- The Honorary Treasurer
- and the Councilors, who will be elected as follows:
  - Two councilors for Albania with two deputy councilors
  - Two councilors for Bosnia and Herzegovina with two deputy councilors
  - Two councilors for Bulgaria with two deputy councilors
  - Two councilors for Cyprus with two deputy councilors
  - Two councilors for Greece with two deputy councilors
  - Two councilors for Montenegro with two deputy councilors
  - Two councilors for Rumania with two deputy councilors
  - Two councilors for Serbia with two deputy councilors
  - Two councilors for The F.Y.R. of Macedonia with two deputy councilors
  
- Two councilors for Turkey with two deputy councilors

One council or and one deputy councilor from each country is proposed by the Academic Community and one councilor and one deputy councilor is proposed by the National Dental Association where one exists. These proposals are provided by the national delegations

Upon membership application approval of dentists from other Balkan countries wishing to participate to the Society, they will have representative councilors in the Council.

The councilors represent their countries as they are recognized by the United Nations.

Councilors shall be responsible for transmitting to the Council any request, comments or proposals from members of their country through the Secretary-General.

Two elected by the GA auditors from the active members with a 2-year term, will have the duty to examine the Society's financial balance and inform accordingly the General Assembly each financial year.

All appointments on the Council will be in an honorary (unpaid) capacity.

**7.2.** The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, the President Elect, the Vice President, the Past President, the Secretary General, and the Honorary Treasurer.

**7.3.** Nominations: A nomination for a Vice President is done for every election. The Vice President automatically becomes President-Elect, the President-Elect becomes President and the President becomes Immediate Past President.

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## **Article 8: GOVERNING OF THE SOCIETY**

**8.1. Legislative and governing authority** shall reside in the General Assembly, which will consist of all the active members under the presidency of the Officers of the Society.

**8.2. Administrative authority** shall reside in the Council. The administrative work, as required, shall be carried out by the Secretary General.

**8.3. The General Assembly** shall be the supreme legislative and governing body of the Society and is responsible, in particular, for the following duties:

- a) Election of Officers of the Society
- b) Amendment of the Articles of the Constitution and the Regulations
- c) Approval of the acceptance and termination of membership as recommended by the Council
- d) Approval of application of dentists from Balkan countries - not represented in the Council - and simultaneously establishment of their representative councilor and deputy councilor
- e) Approval of the Reports of the President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, Editor-in-Chief, Auditors and other Officers
- f) Approval of the Accounts
- g) Determination of the annual membership fee upon the proposal of the Council;
- h) Approval of the location of future Congresses upon the proposal of the Council.
- i) Any other Business relative to BaSS

**8.4. Mail Ballot.** The Council and the Executive Committee can decree a mail or e-mail ballot on matters of their choice. Members must receive the ballot papers at least thirty days prior to the voting date.

## **8.5. Council and Executive Committee**

- a. The Society will be governed by the Council gathered at least twice a year and the decisions are taken by consensus.
- b. The General Assembly will elect the members of the Council among the applicant active members, after proposals by Scientific Societies, National Dental Associations, and the BaSS Council.
- c. The Council shall be responsible towards the General Assembly. The President of BaSS will submit a Council Activity Report to the General Assembly.
- d. The Executive Committee submits proposals on various subjects and recommendations to the Council.

## **Special Responsibilities**

**8.6.** The President shall preside over the General Assembly, the meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee.

**8.7.** The President Elect shall preside in the absence of the President.

**8.8.** The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and the President Elect.

**8.9.** The Past President shall preside in the absence of the President, President Elect and Vice President.

**8.10.** The Secretary General shall be responsible for the administrative office and the direction of all administrative duties.

**8.11.** The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial business of the Society and shall submit a report to the General Assembly at each Congress, together with the report of the auditors. The income of the Society will be deposited in a Bank in Thessaloniki. It will be kept in accounts in Euro.

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### **Article 9: TENURE OF THE COUNCIL**

The tenure of the Council shall be two (2) years

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### **Article 10: CONGRESS**

The Society will hold a congress every year under the auspices of Scientific Societies National or Local Dental Association where this is possible. The President of the

Congress is approved by the Council. The time and place of the Congress are approved, after a proposal of the Council by the General Assembly.

A Congress shall consist of a Scientific and Professional Meetings, two sessions of the Council Meeting and a General Assembly. The General Assembly is legal, if more than fifty per cent of Active Members participating the Congress are present. Decisions are taken by simple majority. Extraordinary General Assemblies may be convened, either at the discretion of the Council or upon receipt by the Secretary General of a written request signed by not less than one third of Active Members or two thirds of the Councilors.

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## **Article 11: PUBLICATIONS**

**11.1.** The Society shall publish its own Journal in English.

### **11.2. Direction and Editorship.**

The Editor-in-Chief is appointed by the Council and will be responsible to the Council for the overall policy of the Journal. An Editorial Board shall be formed to assist the Editor with at least one member from each country.

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## **Article 12: REGULATIONS**

Any other matter that is not included in the articles of the present Constitution can be clarified by regulations of the Society, after a decision of the General Assembly.

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## **Article 13: AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES**

The present articles of the Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all the Active members of the Society provided that the Council has been informed to the motion at least three months prior to the meeting. An amendment may be made to the Articles and voted by mail or e-mail ballot if voted by a two thirds majority vote of the Active members, provided that the Active members are informed at least three months prior to the voting deadline of the motion.

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## **Article 14: DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY**

The Society may be dissolved either by a mail ballot with a three quarters majority, or in accordance with the provisions detailed in Article 13. In such a case the fortune of the Society will be transferred to the UNICEF.

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These articles were conducted and agreed during meetings in Thessaloniki (March 1996) and Ankara (June 1996) and signed the 23rd of November 1996 by the following members of the Provisional Council:

- Prof.Dr. D. Karakasis, president
- Prof. Dr. D. Beloica, vice president Assoc.
- Prof. Dr. P. N. Atanassov, vice president
- Prof. Dr. D. Iakovidis, secretary general
- Dr. K. Hatzipanagiotou, specific secretary
- Prof. Dr. H. Baylas, honorary treasurer
- Prof. Dr. R. Qafmolla, councillor for Albania
- Prof. Dr. P. Kongo, deputy councillor for Albania
- Dr. V. Guzhuna, deputy councillor for Albania
- Assist. Prof. Dr. N. Sharkov, councillor for Bulgaria
- Prof. Dr. D. Veleski, councillor for FYROM
- Doc. Dr. L. Gugucevski, deputy councillor for FYROM
- Dr. G. Tsiogas, councillor for Greece
- Assist. Prof. Dr. S. Chrysafis, deputy councillor for Greece
- Assist. Prof. Dr. K. Louloudiades, deputy councillor for Greece
- Dr. A. Creanga, councillor for Rumania
- Dr. A. Bechir, deputy councillor for Rumania
- Prof. Dr. A. N. Yazicioglou, councillor for Turkey
- Dr. D. Temucin, deputy councillor for Turkey
- Prof. M. Vulovic, councillor for Yugoslavia
- Prof. L. Todorovic, deputy councillor for Yugoslavia
- Dr J. Vojinovic, deputy councillor for Yugoslavia
- Dr G. Pantelas, councillor for Cyprus

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The Articles were amended and approved by the BaSS Council in its Autumn Meeting held in Thessaloniki on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 and approved in the General Assembly in Iasi Rumania on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2018

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