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NAME

A society named “Swiss Society of Pharmacology and Toxicology (SSPT)” is created according to Art. 60ff. of Swiss Civil laws as a non-profit, non-governmental entity. It is a federation of various Swiss societies that include scientists involved in pharmacological and toxicological sciences.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the SSPT is to encourage and support the development and the integration of pharmacological and toxicological sciences in Switzerland, by:

1. ensuring communication and coordination between the member societies,
2. ensuring a common representation of member societies in selected national and international organisations,
3. organising scientific events,
4. organising other collaborative actions.

MEMBER SOCIETIES

Membership is open to societies of experimental or clinical scientists interested in pharmacology and/or toxicology. Only the member societies are composed of individual members.

The current members societies are:

1. Swiss Society for Experimental Pharmacology (SSEP)
2. Swiss Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology (SSCPT)
3. Swiss Society for Toxicology (SST)
4. Swiss Society of Pharmaceutical Medicine (SSPM)

These societies are grouped together in the SSPT. The SSPT is open to other societies, provided they serve also its purposes. Societies that want to join the SSPT have to apply to the council, which will consider the application. Acceptance requires unanimity of the council members.

As well, an associated society can leave the Swiss Society of Pharmacology & Toxicology per end of calendar year, if it decides to do so, by simple written message to the SSPT President. The SSPT council can exclude a member society. Exclusion requires unanimity of the council members except of the member to be excluded. Reasons for exclusion are missing payment of the membership fee during a three years period, or falling short to support the SSPT purpose. The leaving or expelled society has no right to claim parts of the financial assets of the SSPT.

FEES

Membership fees are collected from the member societies, to cover the national and international commitments of the SSPT. The contribution of each society to the SSPT is determined yearly by the council.

FINANCES

The liability of the SSPT is only guaranteed by its own fortune; every personal liability is excluded. The financial year is the respective calendar year. A financial report is presented every year by the treasurer to the council. The council audits and approves the financial report.

COUNCIL

The council is composed of 2 delegates from each member society:

- President of the SSEP
- Council member of the SSEP
- President of the SSCPT
- Council member of the SSCPT
- President of the SST
- Council member of the SST
- President of the SSPM
- Council member of the SSPM

A president of a member society may designate a delegate to represent him in a council meeting that he cannot attend. The office of the president rotates amongst the associated societies. One term is 2 years. The secretary and the treasurer are elected by the council amongst the council members.

The council assumes the following responsibilities:

- Formal election of the President, the secretary and the treasurer
- Election of new member societies
- Approval of the accounts and balance
- Approval of the budget and membership fees
- Changes of the bye-laws
- Exclusion of a member society
- Dissolution of the society

The decisions of the council are taken at the majority, except for new member society acceptance, bye-laws modification and dissolution, which require unanimity. The treasurer has single signature authority for financial matters, and the president for any other matters.

SSPT council décharge is granted by the individual member societies.

REPRESENTATION

The council of the SSPT decides upon membership in national or international scientific organisations, such as the Life Sciences Switzerland (LS2) and the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT). The council is responsible of sending delegates into the organs of those federations. The delegates are preferentially chosen among council members, but have to belong at least to a member society.

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

The SSPT organizes scientific meetings of general interest to all associated societies.

BYE-LAWS MODIFICATION

Any member of the council may propose a change in the Bye-laws; the council is entitled to accept it, provided the decision meets unanimity in the council members.

DISSOLUTION

The dissolution of the Swiss Society of Pharmacology & Toxicology must be decided by the council at the unanimity. A motion to do so can be made by a president of an associated society, if he is legitimated by his society. In the case of dissolution of the Swiss Society for Pharmacology & Toxicology, the fortune of the society goes to an institution or institutions (including SSPT member societies) that advance Pharmacology and Toxicology in Switzerland, determined by the council.

ADDRESS

The address of the SSPT is the address of the acting secretary.