

ISCBH Articles of Association

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The Association bears the name 'Internationale Gesellschaft für die Knochengesundheit von Kindern'. ENGLISH: International Society for Children's Bone Health. The seat of the Association is Innsbruck.

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The association exclusively and directly aims at scientific research and education in the field of bone health in children. This purpose is achieved through the following activities:

- (1) Holding congresses, conferences, seminars, webinars, workshops, and courses in the field of bone health in children;
- (2) Promoting scientific knowledge by disseminating research results through publications in specialized journals, on association-owned media, and on the association's website;
- (3) Promoting collaboration and information exchange among various scientific disciplines through cooperation with non-profit and for-profit institutions with the aim of gaining new insights.

To the extent that this serves the purpose of the association, the association is also authorized to:

- Participate in non-profit or for-profit corporations or establish them;
- Use agents as defined in § 40(1) of the Federal Tax Code (BAO) and to act as an agent itself;
- Transfer funds or other assets according to § 40a(1) BAO to charitable organizations with a corresponding dedication, provided that there is at least a matching purpose;
- Make deliveries or other services according to § 40a(2) BAO on a fee basis and at most at cost to other non-profit or charitable organizations, provided that there is at least a matching purpose;
- Provide funds according to § 40b BAO for awards and scholarships.

The financial resources to achieve the association's purpose are raised through:

- (1) Membership fees
- (2) Donations
- (3) Other contributions
- (4) Subsidies

- (5) Admission fees to scientific events
- (6) Sales proceeds from association-owned publications
- (7) Bequests.

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The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of §§ 34 - 47 Federal Fiscal Code (BAO). It is not profit-oriented. Any incidental profits may only be used for the purposes specified in this statute.

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Membership in the Association is open to the following individuals:

- (1) Clinicians and researchers working in the field of children's bone health;
- (2) Medical or research trainees, such as undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students;
- (3) Professionals involved in children's bone health, such as nurses, physical therapists, technologists, nutritionists, and dieticians;
- (4) Other persons interested in furthering the aims of the Association.

All members must apply for membership and agree to become a member.

Legal entities can only join the Association as supporting members. The board of directors makes the final decision on the admission of members. Admission can be refused without giving reasons.

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All members, with the exception of supporting members, are entitled to use the Association's facilities. All members have the right to vote (legal entities exercise the right to vote through authorized representatives) as well as the active and passive right to vote. Supporting members or their representatives are excluded from passive voting rights. All members are obliged to pay the annual membership fee, the amount of which is determined by the general assembly on the proposal of the board, and to promote the purpose of the Association to the best of their ability.

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Membership expires upon death in the case of physical persons, cessation of legal personality in the case of legal persons, resignation or expulsion. The resignation from the Association must be declared in writing to the board and can only take place at the end of the financial year (the financial year is the calendar year). An expulsion requires a decision by the General Assembly.

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The organs of the Association are:

- (1) The Board of Directors
- (2) The General Assembly
- (3) The Auditors
- (4) The Arbitral Tribunal.

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The Board of Directors consists of eight to twelve members. Board members are elected by the general assembly for three years. Each board member can be re-elected up to three times. The work of board members is voluntary. They will only be reimbursed for proven expenses. The Board of Directors is responsible for conducting the administrative business, preparing the Annual General Assembly and maintaining links with other international and national societies. The Board of Directors has quorum if three of its members are present and decides with a simple majority of votes.

The Board of Directors elects the President, a Treasurer and a Secretary from among its members, for three years each. The president represents the Association externally, chairs board meetings and signs the business of the Association. The Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the Association. The Secretary is in charge of membership administration and replaces the president in his/her absence.

The President, Treasurer and Secretary are members of the Executive Committee. Other members of the Executive Committee are the previous President and the Treasurer-Elect. The Executive Committee manages the affairs of the Association between board meetings.

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The General Assembly has to take place once a year. Extraordinary General Assemblies can be convened if the interest of the Association requires it or if at least one tenth of the members demand the convocation in writing, stating the purpose and the reasons. The invitation to General Assemblies is made in writing, stating the agenda. Every member has the right to express wishes regarding the agenda.

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Each member has a seat and vote in the General Assembly. General Assemblies can be held as face-to-face meetings or virtually. The General Assembly has quorum if at least 5% of the members are present. If the General Assembly does not have quorum at the specified hour, a General Assembly with the same agenda takes place half an hour later, which has quorum regardless of the number of members present. The General Assembly decides - unless the Articles of Association provide otherwise - with a simple majority of votes. Decisions on changing the Articles of Association or dissolving the Association require a

majority of two-thirds of the members present. Minutes are to be taken of the resolutions of the General Assembly, which are to be signed by the President of the Board of Directors.

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The General Assembly is responsible for the following tasks:

- (1) Election of the Board of Directors.
- (2) Receipt of the activity report of the Board of Directors.
- (3) Resolution on changes to the Articles of Association and the dissolution of the Association.
- (4) Determination of the annual membership fee.
- (5) Election of Auditors.

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- (1) Two Auditors are elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years. Re-election is possible.
- (2) The Auditors are responsible for the verification of ongoing business and the review of the accounts. They have to report to the General Assembly on the result of the review.
- (3) The provisions regarding appointment, deselection and resignation of the organs of the Association apply to Auditors.
- (4) If the Association is obligated by legal provisions to appoint an Auditor, the Auditor shall assume the duties of the Auditors. This also applies in the case of a voluntary audit.

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The Arbitral Tribunal decides in all disputes arising within the Association. This is formed in such a way that each party to the dispute nominates a member of the Association as an Arbitrator.

They appoint a chairperson of the Arbitral Tribunal (if no agreement is reached, the lot decides among those proposed). The Arbitral Tribunal has quorum if all of its members are present and makes final decisions with a simple majority of votes.

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In the event of the dissolution of the Association, or in the event of the cessation of the charitable purpose, the Association's assets are to be used for the charitable purposes within the meaning of §§34ff BAO, which the dissolving General Assembly has to determine.

President

Secretary

Treasurer