

# **European Endometriosis League Constitution**

## **§1**

### **Name, legal form, location**

1. The association has the name of european endometriosis liga
2. The location of the association is Frankfurt/Main. After entry into the registry of associations the term e.V. will be added to the name.

## **§2**

### **Aims of the association**

The aims of the association is support of science and research in the field of endometriosis. The aims of the constitution will be realized by establishment of the board of medical experts “EEIC European Endometriosis Information Center” as well as by conducting scientific meetings and research projects and by supporting research projects in connection with endometriosis in all of Europe. Therefore the association involves university institutions as well as persons with a university background that help realize the aims of the constitution by their special knowledge. In addition the association can involve other areas of medicine in its support. Research results will be brought to the attention of the public by publication in scientific journals.

## **§3**

### **Non-profit-making-character of the association**

1. The association is exclusively pursuing purposes in the interest of the public as expressed in the section “ tax privileged purposes” of the tax law (§§ 51 – 68 tax law). The association acts unselfish; in the first line it does not follow aims to its own benefit.
2. Resources of the association should only be used when in accordance with the aims of the constitution. Nobody should benefit by expenses foreign to the aims of the association or by inappropriate financial compensation.
3. By cancellation or termination of the association or by loosing its original aims the capital of the association will be given to an organisation of public interest that will immediately and exclusively utilize it for the encouragement of research and science.

## **§4**

### **Membership**

1. Every natural or legal person willing to support the aims of the association can become a member.
2. Membership start upon joining the association
3. The declaration of membership has to be in writing.
4. The executive board decides upon the entry of further members. An appeal can be lodged against a disapprobation (*rejection*) within a month after receiving the written refusal to be presented at the next formal general meeting. The general meeting can decide to accept the applicant as a new member with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all votes.

## **§5**

### **Resignation**

1. Membership ends by resignation, death or exclusion.
2. Every member can at any time declare its resignation. Declaration of resignation has to be in writing directed to the executive board.
3. A member can be excluded if it offends against the aims of the association, against the constitution of the association or against the resolutions of the organs of the associations based on the constitution or demolishes the reputation of the association.

## **§6**

### **Resources of the association**

1. The general meeting can conclude that members have to pay a fee. The amount will be decided upon by the general meeting.
2. An entry fee is not imposed.

## **§7**

### **Organs**

The organs of the association are the executive board and the general meeting.

## **§8**

### **Executive board**

1. The executive board consists of first and second chairman, first and second treasurer as well as the first and second secretary.
2. Executive board according to §26 BGB are first and second chairman. Each represents the association alone.
3. The executive board will be appointed by the general meeting for the duration of two years. Only people with a medical background and

experience in the field of endometriosis can be appointed as executive board in the sense of §26 BGB. The executive board remains in office until the statutory appointment of the following executive board. A re-election is possible. The position as executive board ends when leaving the association.

4. The executive board is responsible for the management of the association. Conclusions will be resolved by an absolute majority.

## **§9**

### **General meeting**

1. An ordinary general meeting will be called in writing by the executive board once a year with a deadline of at least four weeks announcing the agenda. An extraordinary general meeting will be called by the executive board by obeying the deadlines and forms for the ordinary general meeting. An extraordinary general meeting has to be called when at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of all members apply for it and declare the items for discussion in writing.
2. The general meeting is responsible for:
  - a. The passing of a resolution for the constitution and any changes thereof
  - b. The passing of a resolution for charging fees
  - c. The election or recall of members of the executive board
  - d. The election of an auditor and a deputy
  - e. The exoneration of the executive board
  - f. The consideration of appointment of members and the final decision about exclusion from the association
3. The general meeting constitutes a quorum in any case when called in order. Resolutions will be passed with an absolute majority of members that are present. Resolutions for any change of the constitution, charging fees, recall of members of the executive board and annulment of the association a majority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all delivered valid votes.
4. A record has to be kept of every general meeting including all resolutions formed in the meeting. The protocol has to be signed by the chairman of the meeting. It is the right of every member of the association to read through the protocol and to take copies of it.

## **§10**

### **Advisory board, E.E.I.C.**

1. Advisory boards can be established to advise and support the organs of the association. The advisory boards and its members will be established and appointed by the general meeting .

2. The scientific advisory board is an organ of the association. Its members will be elected by the general meeting with an absolute majority. Suggestions for membership in the scientific advisory board can be given by every member.
3. The board of medical experts “E.E.I.C. European Endometriosis Information Centre” can only consist of medical people with clinical experience in the field of endometriosis. The admission to the board of medical experts will be decided by the first and second chairman.

## **§11**

### **Authorization of the executive board**

In case the register court objects to parts of the constitution or that the revenue office demands changes of the constitution with respect to the non-profit-making-character the first as well as the second chairman are authorized to expand or change the constitution accordingly.

*The above constitution has been listed in the registry of associations on November 7<sup>th</sup> 2005, Amtsgericht Frankfurt, Section 73*