



Constitution of the Asia and Oceania Society for Comparative Endocrinology

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Article I - Name and object

1. The organisation is named, for all intents and purposes: "Asia and Oceania Society for Comparative Endocrinology". The abbreviated name of the organisation is "AOSCE".
2. The object of the Society is to promote interdisciplinary knowledge in comparative endocrinology and related fields. For this purpose meetings and courses may be organised and publications issued.

Article II - Membership

1. The Society shall consist of Full Members, Student Members and Honorary Members.
2. Qualified investigators in Comparative Endocrinology and related fields from Asia and Oceania shall be eligible for Full Membership in the Society.
3. Postgraduate students in Comparative Endocrinology and related fields from Asia and Oceania shall be eligible for Student Membership in the Society.
4. Distinguished scientists who have contributed to the advancement of Comparative Endocrinology shall be eligible to be appointed by the Council of the Society as Honorary Members.

Article III - Officers and Council Members

1. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Secretary-General, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor.
2. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Council consisting of the Officers and a number of other Council Members. The President of the Society or in his absence the Secretary-General, shall be chairman of the Council, at which five members shall constitute a quorum.

3. The President, Secretary-General, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor of the Society shall be elected by the Council. The election process will be: Secretary-General receives nominations, makes list and sends list to President. President asks the nominated council members to confirm that they accept the nominations. President receives the confirmations, announces the list of confirmed nominations and appoints a council member to run the election at the Council meeting. All council members vote at the Council meeting.
4. The President, Secretary-General, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor shall be elected for four years. The Officers of the AOSCE shall not be eligible to be nominated for the same position for more than two terms.
5. The composition of the Council will broadly reflect the relative numbers of Full Members from each country, and emphasis will be given to have council members from all countries in which there are Full Members. The number of Council members should be less than 30. The maximum number of Council members for each country will be determined from time to time at business meetings of the Council.
6. New Council member(s) are elected in each country by the arrangement of Council members of each country and confirmed by Council meeting of the AOSCE.
7. Council members are expected to attend Scientific Meetings of the Society and to contribute to the business of the Society. They should identify enthusiastic active scientists in comparative endocrinology within their country and encourage these scientists to become Full Members of the Society. Council members should also encourage national comparative endocrinology societies to become affiliated with the AOSCE. Council members do not have fixed terms. However, if a Council member does not attend a Scientific Meeting of the Society within an eight year period then the Council member will be deemed to have resigned from the Council.
8. Former Presidents of the Society shall be Honorary Council members.
9. The Council will hold a business meeting at each Scientific Meeting of the Society.
10. The Council shall be authorised to arrange programmes for Scientific Meetings of the Society.

11. The President, after consultation with the Council, shall be authorised to nominate committees for special purposes, within the general programme of the Society.
12. Proposals for venues for Congresses and Intercongress Symposia will be considered by Council members at the business meetings of the Council. Decisions on venues will be made by Council members at least two years before the date of each Congress and Intercongress Symposium. If unforeseen circumstances require reconsideration of the venue of a Congress or Intercongress Symposium then the Secretary-General will contact all Council members to seek their opinions. These opinions will be forwarded to the President who will discuss the opinions with Officers of the Society before officially announcing the final decision on any change of venue.

Article IV - Business meetings

1. A Business Meeting of the Society will be held at the occasion of the Scientific Meeting. Only Members of the Society will have voting rights at Business Meetings.

Article V - Financial

1. Full and Student Members will pay membership fees determined from time to time by a majority vote at a Meeting of the Council of the Society.
2. Membership fees have been set in 2012 as follows. Full Members of the society pay a subscription fee of US\$100 for a 10 year period. Student Members pay US\$30 for a 5 year period, and can then join as Full Members on payment of the full subscription fee.
3. The funds of the Society shall be under control of the Council who shall have power to expend such funds for the promotion of the objects of the Society as they think fit.
4. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report to each meeting of the Council. The financial report will be checked by the Auditor before it is submitted.

Article VI - Official address

The address of the Secretary-General is the official address of the Society.
