

**STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION
ROMANIAN SOCIETY OF VERTEBRO-SPINAL PATHOLOGY THERAPY AND
RECOVERY**

(acronyms in Romanian SoRoVM and i.e. in English RoSCoS)

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Preamble:

The ROMANIAN SOCIETY OF VERTEBRO-SPINAL PATHOLOGY, THERAPY AND RECOVERY (Romanian acronyms SoRoPTR-VM and i.e. in English RoSCoS) is hereby established because in Romania - now a member of the European Union (EU) there is the objective need for a nationally homologous society that can be affiliated to the International profile society: International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS).

The vertebro-spinal pathology may have as consequences some of the most severe and complex disabling conditions, many times for life: tetraplegia and paraplegia. Plegia (paralysis) means the temporary or definitive abolition of nervous control over a somatic and vegetative territory of the body. Paralysis is the most incapacitating human condition possible, that is why the symbol of the wheelchair was internationally adopted as the "hallmark" of the disability / handicap.

According to the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) definition, the notion of tetraplegia refers to the loss of voluntary and / or sensory motor functions in limbs and trunk as a result of damage to the myeloradicular elements contained in the cervical spinal canal (excluding the cervical-brachial plexus lesions or those of the peripheral nerves), and paraplegia refers to the loss of voluntary and / or sensory motor functions secondary to the myeloradicular nerve structures of the thoracic, lumbar or sacral segments (excluding lesions of nerve structures not contained in spinal canal, i.e. lumbosacral plexuses or peripheral nerves). Depending on the anatomical level of the lesion, somatic and thoraco-abdominal-pelvic visceral segments as well as the inferior and / or superior limbs are functionally compromised. Basically, the higher the caudal vertebro-spinal lesion is, the better recovery prognosis the patient gets.

Full spinal lesion is characterized by the overall absence of voluntary and sensitive motricity, including sacral segments, and the abolition of voluntary control over efferent and activity of excretory organs. The persistence of the complete lesion appearance with a fixed neurological level after the initial medullar shock phase gives a grim prognosis compared to the incomplete lesion.

Concretely and more comprehensively, the clinical picture of "complete" medullar lesion, functionally, means the impossibility (for a long time or permanently) of the affected person to move the lower and / or upper limbs, to sit in upright position or to walk. At the sublesional level he/she has no sensitivity (does not feel) and can not control and / or eliminate urine, faeces; men also have erectile and / or ejaculatory dysfunction and fertility disorders. As a result, disturbances of the tissue trophicity (bedsores), of the blood circulation (deep thrombophlebitis), urinary tract infections may occur - all particularly dangerous, constituting an additional source of overinfection, disability, and sometimes life threatening factors.

Most of the tetra and paraplegics are young people at the beginning of their family, professional and social, productive life. The average age of traumatized vertebro-medullar patients at the time of such trauma is 33.4 years (median age: 26 years).

Most lesions of the vertebro-myelo-radicular spindle have traumatic etiology (road, work, sports accidents, including shallow water plunges, heterosexual or self-aggression acts). In the countryside, accidental drops from the wagon and drops from a height (from trees, stairs) are quite common.

In addition to trauma, tetraplegies or paraplegies may occur in morbid entities such as: ortho-prosthetic vertebral compression, cervical or thoracic disc hernias, myelitis of various etiologies, leuconeurosis (multiple sclerosis), amyotrophic lateral amyotrophic sclerosis (SLA),

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polyradiculoneuritis srd. Guillain-Barré), primary tumors / medullary and / or vertebral metastases; these occur (except for osteoporosis) predominantly also in young or middle-aged individuals. Pre-existing maladies such as rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, cervical spondylosis can complicate and / or predispose to TVM, including by accidents or minor aggressions.

The knowledge of the aetiology allows for effective measures of primary prophylaxis: in many cases, the accident may not have happened. On the other hand, once a tetra or paraplegia appears, the wheelchair users should be attracted to health education / prevention activities within the community. For example, a young tetraplegic who has gone through the drama of a cervical lesion by plunging into the water will bring the most convincing argument in the prophylaxis of this exuberant youthful gesture. Our clinic is already involved in a comprehensive educational road accident prevention program, in partnership with TVR and Traffic Police.

That is why the sequelae after medullary lesions - except for cases completely recovered - should be monitored for the rest of their lives in ambulatory, maybe even through periodic hospitalizations.

The psychological trauma, in a spinal cord injury is profound, prolonged, personal and also collective of the family; the patient will suffer from the feeling of frustration, from depression and has the tendency towards social withdrawal.

The handicap can bring devastating changes on all levels (bio-psycho-socio-familial, professional and economic) in the life and future of these patients, so the solidarity, the community support for these peers must be continuous and effective.

Physical dependence should not be associated with psychological or emotional dependence, and patients should be encouraged to take responsibility gradually for their own life and well-being. Paraplegia with a lower medullary lesion level (T9-L2) are now fully compatible with survival and socio-professional reintegration (for people with intellectual professions) and can achieve a remarkable degree of independence. Adaptations within the house, the workplace and in a wider plan of the entire environment at the level of the localities are necessary: slopes / ramps for wheelchair access in public buildings, public transportation, on the sidewalks; appropriate elevators to allow unlimited access to such persons with special needs in both public and residential premises and at home.

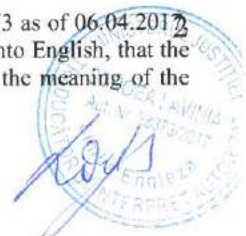
The beginning of the third millennium of the existence of civilized humanity is marked by the achievement of important advances in the care of patients with medullary lesions, along with the multidisciplinary approach of these sufferings in special units, with interdisciplinary teams who are applying individualized sequential recovery programs adapted to the neurological and dysfunctional status, leading at least on a functional level, to the healing and the return of our affected peers to a normal lifestyle or as close as possible to that ideal.

The scientific developments in all fields (especially in molecular biology, genetics, immuno-histo-chemistry, bio / nanotechnology - and their corollary: Regenerative Medicine and Tissue Engineering - in computer science and robotics, and then the advanced medical assistive and rehabilitation technologies are currently creating real premises for tetra - and paraplegic patients to regain in a medium time horizon- we hope, the life "lost" because of the paralysis.

A considerable number of state services and non-governmental charity organizations are involved in providing services for people with special needs; an important issue is the addressability to these services. People with disabilities and their families must have access to all information and should be encouraged and helped to make the best choices for their own needs.

That is why we believe that the establishment of the THE ROMANIAN SOCIETY OF VERTEBRO-SPINAL PATHOLOGY THERAPY AND RECOVERY (acronyms in Romanian SoRoPTR-VM and i.e. in English in RoSCoS) is now more necessary than ever, allowing us, including through this scientific, academic and professional structure and of interface with state bodies and civil society, to contribute significantly to the quality of life of people with special needs

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in accordance with the provisions of the Law on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (published in December 2006 in the Official Gazette of Romania) and with the European strategies in the field.

In addition, we aim and hope that through the activity of this society, within the limits of our possibilities - including by capitalizing the experience of the Recovery, Physical Medicine and Balneoclimatology (RMFB) of the Bagdasar- Arseni "(SCUBA), Bucharest, as National Reference Center for Neurological Recovery - to contribute to the aligning and harmonizing the results of the Romanian bio-medical research with the international ones in the field.

CHAPTER I: MAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSOCIATION

Art.1 ASSOCIATION DENOMINATION AND CHARACTER

The denomination of the present association, incorporated according to the provisions of the Government Ordinance (GO) no.26/2000 is: **Romanian Society of Vertebro-Spinal Pathology Therapy and Recovery** (acronyms in Romanian SoRoVM and i.e. in English RoSCoS), hereinafter referred to as the Association.

The Association represents a professional association, it is independent, non-governmental, apolitical, non-profit, with legal personality, governed by the national and international laws in force.

The Association undertakes not to discriminate based on opinions, nationality, age, sex, race or religious beliefs, when receiving and choosing its' members, at any level.

Art.2 HEAD OFFICE

The head office of the **Romanian Society of Vertebro-Spinal Pathology Therapy and Recovery** will be in Bucharest, the RNM Clinic of the Emergency Clinical Hospital "Bagdasar - Arseni", 12 Berceni Road, district 4, postal code 041915.

Art.3 DURATION

The ASSOCIATION'S duration is unlimited, starting with its' incorporation date.

Art. 4. The FUNDING MEMBERS are:

- 1. Professor GELU ONOSE PhD**, resided in Bucharest, 43 Titus Street, ap. 1, district 4, identified with CI series RT no. 623997, CNP1561220400350, issued by SPCEP S4 office no. 1, on 23.12.2008;
- 2. Dr. AURELIAN ANGHELESCU**, resided in Bucharest, 29 Mihail Sebastian Street, building. S7, 2nd floor, ap. 46, district 5, identified with CI series RT no. 787306, CNP 1580228400809, issued by S.P.C.E.P. district 5 on 13.03.2012;
- 3. Dr. CARMEN - ELENA CHIPĂRUȘ**, resided in Bucharest, 78 Basarabia Boulevard, building 36, entrance A, 10th floor, ap.44, district 2, identified with CI, RT series no. 758576, CNP 2560510073523, issued by S.P.C.E.P. S2, office no. 4 on 26.05.2010
- 4. Dr CRISTINA OCTAVIANA DAIA** (formerly CHENDREANU), resided in Bucharest, 13 Lainici Street, district 1, identified with CI series RD no. 754021, CNP 2741222414519, issued by Bucharest Municipality on 04.05.2011
- 5. Dr. MAGDALENA VASILICA LAPADAT**, resided in Bucharest, 18 Banu Manta Bld, building 28, entrance A, 9th floor, ap. 33, district 1, identified with CI series RR no. 709221, CNP 2540724400047, issued by S.P.C.E.P. S 1 office no. 4, on 02.08.2010
- 6. Sociologist FLORICA GEORGESCU**, resided in Bucharest, 1 Suraia Alley, building 30, entrance 1, ap. 10, district 3, identified with CI series RT no. 063489, issued by Police station no.11

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on 07.01.2000, CNP 2510420400067

7. Prof. CFM / kin. ANCA - SANDA MIHĂESCU, resided in Bucharest, 10 Voila Street, building 21, entrance 4, 3rd floor, ap.55, district 4, identified with CI series RR no. 874698, CNP 2550113400184, issued by S.P.C.E.P. district 4 on 06.01.2012

8. Prof. CFM / kin. DINU - CONSTANTIN MARDARE, resided in Bucharest, 6 Ion Nistor Street entrance 1, 5th floor, ap. 72, district 3, identified with CI series no. 394977, issued by S.P.C.E.P. office no. 1 on 03.02.2006, CNP 1511023400158

Art. 5 POWERS

The Association is empowered to execute all actions and documents necessary or appropriate for the achievement of its' objectives and purposes set in the present Statute, to execute and conclude contacts and/or contracts, as the case may be, with any individual or legal person, corporation or another association, to execute any documents necessary or appropriate for the fulfillment of all its' objectives and purposes, according to the national and international laws in force and with the present Statute.

CHAPTER II: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, PATRIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 6 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Through its goals and objectives, the Association aims to promote the interests of doctors, medical and paramedical staff and those of the patients in Romania, members of the Association, in order to support the improvement of the quality of the medical and medical-social act provided, assimilating within the limits of the legislation in force, the scientific progress in the field of pathology, treatment and vertebro-medullary recovery as well as to ensure the permanent scientific information of its members in relation to progress in the pathology, complex therapy and vertebral-medullary recovery on European and global level.

In this respect the Association wishes to:

- a) to promote and defend the professional and social interests of its' members;
- b) to raise the professional and scientific level of its' members;
- c) to promote communication, exchange of ideas and professional experience among its' members;
- d) to organize and participate in professional scientific events at local, national and international level;
- e) to spread recent information amongst its members on research in the field of pathology, therapy and vertebro-medullary recovery around the world/on an international level;
- f) to promote the results and contributions of the Romanian School of Recovery in vertebro-medullary pathology;
- g) to encourage its members with meritorious and exceptional professional results;
- h) to support the sanitary education of the population in respect of the prevention and treatment of the vertebral-medullary traumas,

The Association will achieve its' goals and objectives by:

- a) integrating and debating problems that interest physicians in the field of Recuperation, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Urology, Plastic and / or General Surgery, Orthopedics as well as kinetotherapists, physical kinetotherapists, psychologists, sociologists working in this field, as well as patients with such suffering and members of their families;
- b) expressing the position of the Association's members and initiating actions related to their matters of concern;
- c) representing the Association's members in front of authorities, institutions, national and international organizations, in order to defend and promote their professional, social and material

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interests;

- d) keeping a permanent connection with scientific and academic forums within the country and from abroad;
- e) initiating, supporting and organizing meetings or scientific and professional manifestations for its' members to participate to, on local, national and international level;
- f) elaborating, in collaboration with the relevant institutions, of all training, theoretical and practical programs in the field of therapy and vertebral-medullary recovery;
- g) promotion of scientific research activity in the field of pathology, therapy and vertebral-medullary recovery;
- h) conducting the Association's editorial activities;
- i) setting the criteria for the periodical accreditation of the units and the further training programs in the field of pathology, therapy and vertebral-medullary recovery;
- j) participating in drafting and applying professional, ethical and legal norms concerning the pathology, therapy and vertebral-medullary recovery;
- k) providing support in case the rights of one or more of its members are threatened;
- l) promoting the cooperation with organizations and institutions within the country and from abroad that contribute to the achievement of its' purposes.

Art. 7 INITIAL PATRIMONY

The *Romanian Society of Vertebro-Spinal Pathology Therapy and Recovery* has an initial patrimony of 440 lei, constituted by the contribution of its founding members in cash.

CHAPTER III ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS

Art. 8 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS, ACQUIRING THE MEMBER CAPACITY, WITHDRAWAL AND EXCLUSION

8. 1 Members

A member of the Association can be any health professional, including auxiliary personnel, patients with vertebro-medullary pathology or such patient caregivers, if they accept the principles of this Statute and submit an application for membership in the Association.

The Association's members fall within three categories, respectively: founders, full powers members and honorific members, according to the description and definition provided in the present Statute of the Association.

8. 2 Founding members

The founding members are those who, grouped in the Initiative Committee for the establishment of the *Romanian Society of Vertebro-Spinal Pathology Therapy and Recovery* (RoSCoS), participate in the constitution of the Association's initial social patrimony and, respectively, in the actual establishment of the Association.

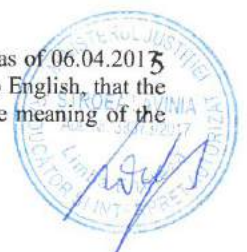
They are rightfully members of the Association's Board of Directors, in which they are permanent members, except for their voluntary withdrawals, including those arising from objective situations (such as retirement, emigration, death, etc.)

8. 3. Full Members

The titleholder can be any person any person who accepts the principles of the present statute and registers an application request with the Association and is included in the categories below:

- medical professional or auxiliary personnel;
- patients with vertebro-medullary pathology or such patient caregivers

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8. 4. Honorific/honorary Presidents/Members

A person who brought important services to the Association, or in recovery, neurology, neurosurgery, orthopedics, urology, plastic and / or general surgery, at national or international level can become honorific/honorary President/Member, for a period of 1 year – with the extension possibility, by decision of the Board of Directors, at the proposal of a member of the Association's Board of Directors, or of a former's President of the Association. The proposal shall pass with the vote of the simple majority of the Board of Directors. A variable number of scientific personalities from Romania and abroad may be elected as honorary members / presidents.

The honorific/honorary Members/Presidents are exempted from paying the subscription contribution and may participate to the Association's meetings with no voting rights.

8. 5. Membership application in the Association

Any membership application will be filled in and signed on a form approved by the Association and will be sent for approval to the Association's President. These formalities do not apply to the founding members and to honorific/honorary members/presidents – who only have to accept, in writing, a nominal proposal addressed to them also in writing, in this respect, signed by the President of the Association.

8. 6. Receiving membership

When the application for admission, endorsed by the President, has been validated by the Board of Directors, the candidate becomes a member of the Association.

The new member will benefit from all the rights and obligation from the members' category he is included in.

The President has the right to reject the request for inclusion in a certain members' category (with appeal right resolved by the Board of Directors). In this case, the application and the subscription fee will be reimbursed to the candidate, who can file a new application for admission in a different members' category.

8. 7. Membership Applications

All the members of the Association, regardless of their category, are registered under an individual name.

Membership is renewed annually after the payment of the contribution in the first quarter of each calendar year.

8. 8. The membership is **lost in case of:**

- a) death;
- b) resignation;
- c) exclusion;

8.9 Resignation

Any member can withdraw from the Association based on a resignation request registered with the Board of Directors. The withdrawal does not exempt the member from paying the levy and any other outstanding debts.

8. 10. Exclusion

The Association's members can be excluded by the Board of Directors with the majority votes of its members. Exclusion grounds include, but are not limited to: breaching the provisions of the present Statute, serious breach of medical deontology and ethics, actions that are incompatible with the capacity of doctor or any other actions that are incompatible with general ethic and/or legal requirements.

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Exclusion occurs only after the complainant has become aware of the claim and has been given a reasonable opportunity to defend himself.

The excluded member can appeal the decision of the Association's Board of Directors in front of the General Assembly, if the respective appeal is submitted to the President with at least 10 days prior to the General Assembly meeting.

The appeal is admitted/rejected with the simple majority of the members present to the General Assembly.

The exclusion decision is communicated to the former member by registered letter.

8. 11. Membership renewal / modification

Any candidate who does not receive membership in the Association can make a new membership application immediately after the first request was rejected, only if the new application is drafted according to the model requested by the Association and for the appropriate members' category. In case the rejection ground is an incomplete application, the candidate can make a new application, on the spot.

Art 9. ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS OBLIGATIONS

The Association's members undertake:

- to respect the present Statute and not to perform actions, behaviors or manifestations contrary to the Association's interests;
- to maintain and promote medical ethical and deontological standards, respectively good practices, education and research in the fields of pathology, therapy and vertebro-spinal recovery;
- to respect the professional secret/confidentiality principle;
- to pay the annual levy and any other taxes approved by the General Assembly (except for honorific/honorary members/Presidents who don't pay the annual levy);
- to take actions for the achievement of the Association's purpose and objectives;
- to fulfill the obligations that will be set by decisions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors;
- to participate to the annual General Assembly, where it shall be convoked and organized;
- to be aware of the community needs and to use their knowledge and professional experience to contribute at the achievement of the Association's objectives
- to prioritize the granting of the services, rather than the material gain and to militate against professional conflict of interests;
- to maintain the cooperation spirit with legal and social professional entities and the public.

Art. 10. ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS RIGHTS

The Association's members are entitled:

- to participate in the Association's General Assemblies, to evaluate and comment the activity performed by the Association's permanent bodies;
- to make proposals regarding the Association's activity and to validate it, by vote;
- to appoint and to be appointed in the Association's management bodies, at any level (except for honorific/honorary members/President);
- to participate in the internal reunions of the Association and in any other actions organized or supported by the Association, on a national and international level;
- to perform specialty expertise, projects, papers and documentations for the companies, associations and organizations activating in this field, through the Association;
- to access the information and data stocking system of the Association and any other advantages provided for the Association's purpose, according to the law
- to propose and support the access of new members in the Association.

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The rights of a member who did not pay the contribution will be suspended until his financial obligations towards the Association are settled.

Art. 11 CONTRIBUTIONS

The value of the contributions and other possible taxes for the Association's members are set by the Board of Directors.

The honorific/honorary members/Presidents are exempted from annual levy payment.

Patients with debilitating vertebro-medullary lesions and their caregivers who are members of the association are exempted from paying the annual membership levy.

The contributions are paid annually, during the first trimester of the current year.

The members will be considered non-paying members, according to the present Statute if they exceed the payment term with more than 90 days from the due date. The rights and benefits of a debtor member will be suspended until his financial obligations towards the Association are settled.

The normalization of the financial relations of the suspended member with the Association can only be achieved by paying the annual fee, including retrospectively, for the year / years when he/she failed paying.

CHAPTER IV MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONTROL BODIES

Art. 12 ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

The supreme management body of the Association is the General Assembly.

The current management of the Association between general assemblies is the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

Art. 13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

All members of the Association participate in the General Assembly.

Other persons or organisms interested in the purpose of the Association can be invited by the Board of Directors to participate in the general assembly meetings, without voting rights.

The Association's General Assembly is composed of all its' members and it is convoked once a year at the date and place set by the Board of Directors, or anytime necessary, at the initiative of the Board of Directors or at least 2/3 of the total number of members.

Any member who wishes to present a problem that requires a decision in the General Assembly must present it in writing to the President with at least 2 weeks before the Assembly: the request will be examined by the Board of Directors – or by a resort committee – before the Association's members take a decision in the General Assembly.

The General Assembly may be convoked at the proposal of at least two-thirds of the members of the Association or at the proposal of the Board of Directors.

Ordinary General Meetings are announced at least 30 days before the scheduled date, and the extraordinary ones, with at least 10 days prior to the scheduled date.

With at least 30 days, respectively 10 days before the General Assembly, the Association's secretary will publish the announcement mentioning the agenda, place, date and time of the convocation, on the website of the Association or in a large circulation newspaper.

13.1 GENERAL MEETING ATTRIBUTIONS

It appoints the President of the Board of Directors, which is also the President of the Association, based on the proposal/proposals of the Board of Directors.

Appoints or, as the case may be, revokes the members of the Board of Directors (except for the founding members): - including honorific/honorary Presidents, senior vice president, vice presidents, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Society.

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Sets the general objectives and strategy of the Association.

Debates and approves the annual activity reports of the Board of Directors and the Censor/Censors Committee.

Approves the Association's articles of association and statute or/and any modification of these documents.

Approves the amount of the members' levy and other possible taxes, at the proposal of the Board of Directors.

Validates/invalidates the proposals of the Board of Directors regarding the rejections of applications for the admission of new members in the Association, respectively the individual appeals, if any.

At the proposal of the Board of Directors, decides regarding the exclusion of those members who did not respect the present statute or have committed actions incompatible with the capacity of member of the Association.

Approves the income and expenses budget and the accounting balance.

Approves the establishment of subsidiaries.

Approves the election and revocation of the censor or, as the case may be, the members of the censors committee.

Approves the dissolution and liquidation of the Association, and also establishes the destination of the assets left after liquidation, based on the proposals of the Board of Directors.

Any other attributions provided by the Law or the present Statute

13.2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELIBERATIONS

The decisions in the General Assembly are taken by open vote.

The General Assembly decisions are taken with the simple majority of the present members with voting rights, including by correspondence.

The General Assembly is legally convened (the quorum condition is met) and adopts valid decisions if 50% + 1 of the total members with voting rights are present.

In case the quorum was not met at the first meeting, the General Assembly will be reconvened within minimum 24 hours and maximum 30 days by publishing the announcement on the Association's website and, respectively by the conclusion, of the members who are present, of a protocol mentioning the date, time and location of the new meeting.

At the reconvened General Assembly the decisions are validly taken with the simple majority of the present members with voting rights without the need for the quorum to be met.

People who participate at the meetings based on invitation and are not members of the Association do not have the right to vote.

The members who, at the date of the General Assembly are arrears of payment of the levy are also not entitled to vote.

Art. 14. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

14.1. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The management body of the Association, between the General Assemblies, is the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors applies and adapts the Association's strategy, ensures the achievement of its objectives, use of funds and performs the executive, operational management of the Association. The term of office of the Board of Directors is 4 years, so that with this cadence, the General Assembly of the last year of each mandate is also dedicated to the elections.

14.2. STRUCTURE - MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The founding members are rightful members of the Board of Directors of the Association, where they hold the position of permanent members.

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The Board of Directors is composed of 10 executive members plus a variable number of Honoric/Honorary Members/Presidents (without voting rights, who can be invited to Board meetings), appointed – incl by name - by vote, by a simple majority The Board of Directors. An executive management team/board operates within the Board of Directors, with the following structure: President - who is also the President of the Association, a senior vice president, four vice presidents, a general secretary and a treasurer.

14. 3. PRESIDENT

The President is elected among the most distinguished representatives of the interdisciplinary field represented by the pathology, therapy and vertebro-medullary recovery.

The President is elected for a period of four years by the General Assembly, at the proposal of the Board of Directors. He/she begins his/hers attributions immediately after election.

The President is the person who represents the Association in relations with third parties: medical, research, social and political officials, governmental and non-governmental officials from the country and abroad.

He/she controls, supervises and approves, within the limits of the Law and the present Statute, all the activities of the Association, including ensuring the coordination of the publishing activities.

He/she mandatorily authorizes all economic-financial operations of the Association.

14. 4. HONORIFIC/HONORARY PRESIDENTS – a variable number, from Romania and abroad.

Are initially elected by the General Assembly at the proposal of the Board of Directors, for a period of one year – with the extension possibility by decision of the Board of Directors.

They represent personalities of outstanding professional and scientific value, on a national and/or international level, tangent to the interdisciplinary field of pathology, therapy and vertebral-medullary recovery.

They begin their attributions immediately after their election and are also advisors of the Board of Directors.

The honorific/honorary presidents may participate, without voting rights, to the meetings of the Board of Directors.

14.5. The Senior Vice President is elected for a period of four years by the General Assembly and coordinates the work of the Vice Presidents, participating along with the General Secretary, to the technical organization of the Board of Directors. He/she begins his/hers attributions right after election.

14.6. Vice Presidents

They are elected for a period of four years, by the General Assembly. They begin their attributions immediately after their election.

There are four Vice Presidents:

- one of the Vice Presidents coordinates the Association's work on scientific research.
- another manages the continuous medical education of the members of the Association and the relations with the structures of the civil society with concerns in the field;
- another is responsible for the international relations of the Association
- a fourth Vice President deals with the national relations with other professional-scientific societies with activities tangent to those of the Association.

They may also perform other tasks entrusted to them by the Board of Directors.

14. 7. The General Secretary

He/she is elected for a period of four years, by the General Assembly, at the proposal of the Board of Directors. He/she begins his/her attributions immediately after the election.

Coordinates the activity of the Technical Secretariat of the Association.

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Supervises and will be responsible, together with the first Vice-President, of drafting the minutes from the proceedings of the Association meetings (General Assembly, Board of Directors).

He/she is responsible for conducting correspondence - under the coordination of the President - internally and internationally (convening the meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and, respectively, carrying out the work prior to the scientific events). It is responsible for keeping records of the Association's documents.

He/she prepares, together with the senior vice president, the decisions of the Board of Directors to appoint or dismiss any potential administrative staff member (accountant, secretary, jurist).

14.8. TREASURER

He/she is elected for a period of four years, by the General Assembly, at the proposal of the Board of Directors. He/she begins his/her attributions immediately after the election.

He/she is responsible for the levy collection and the judicious utilization of the Association's funds.

He carries out, at the decision of the Board of Directors and with the approval of the President, the current financial activities of the Association.

Drafts reports regarding the short, medium and long term financial projects of the Association, as well as the annual balance, reports that are presented to the Board of Directors for approval and later on, for validation by the General Assembly.

Periodically informs the Board of Directors – annually or anytime necessary – and respectively, annually, the General Assembly, on the state and financial needs of the Association.

14.9. MEMBERS

The Board of Directors is composed of the founding members of the Association – rightfull members - and other members of the Association: the latter are elected for four years by the General Assembly and begin their attributions immediately after their election;

- represent the interests of the Association in the territory;
- establish the connection between the central management of the Association and its members from the territory;
- inform members of the Association from the territory about the decisions of the governing bodies of the Association;
- can promote and organize local events of the Association, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors has the following composition:

1. President - Prof. Univ. Dr. Gelu Onose
2. Senior Vice President - Head of works Univ. Dr. Aurelian Anghelescu
3. Vice President - Dr. Carmen Elena Chipăruș
4. Vice President - Prof. CFM / Physiotherapist Anca Sanda Mihaescu
5. Vice President - Prof. Univ. Dr. Valentin Titus Grigorean
6. Vice President - Dr. Magdalena Lapadat
7. General Secretary – Head of works Univ. Dr. Andrada Mirea
8. Treasurer: Physiotherapist Alexandru Cristian Pandrea
9. Member of the Steering Committee - Head of works Dr. Cristina Octaviana Daia
10. Member of the Steering Committee - Assist. DCDi. Dr. Ioana Andone.

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14.10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECISIONS

The Board of Directors can adopt decisions in the presence of minimum 6(six) members, including the President or his/her substituent appointed by him/her, with a simple majority of the votes of the members present. In case all the members of the Board of Directors are present or in case of an even number of present members, or in case of ballottage, the President has the decisive vote.

The Board of Directors convenes every quarter and may be convoked by the President whenever necessary.

14.11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors must hold, on a regular basis, minimum 4 meetings per year. The date, hour and place of the Board of Directors meetings are decided by the President and brought to the attention of the members through the General Secretary.

For every meeting, each member of the Board of Directors will receive a notice, with at least one day before the meeting, by e-mail or other mean of communication.

For well justified reasons, any decision of the Board of Directors can be adopted without a meeting, with the previous written approval of all the Board of Directors' members.

14.12. ATTRIBUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is an executive structure, being the body that coordinates and controls the activity of the Association, ensuring the operative management of the latter, between the General Assemblies.

The Board of Directors has the following attributions:

Runs and supervises the activity of the Association, sets and modifies, as the case may be, the professional, scientific-academic and/or administrative strategy in order to achieve the Association's objectives.

Analyzes the membership applications for the acceptance of new members in the Association and validates them.

Coordinates the entire activity necessary for the proper administration and operation of the Association.

Sets the annual budget and the financial objectives of the Association and subjects them for approval to the General Assembly; carries out and supervises the Association's financial operations.

Is entitled to control, manage, invest and spend the Association's funds; is entitled, at any moment, within the limits of the Law and the present Statute, to verify the Association's registers and accounts.

Presents before the General Assembly projects regarding the Association's short, medium and long term objectives, for validation.

Presents an annual activity report in front of the General Assembly.

Verifies the unprofessional behavior and or/lack of ethics accusations brought to any member or can bring such an accusation, on its' own initiative and report the investigation results to the General Assembly who will pronounce a decision in the case.

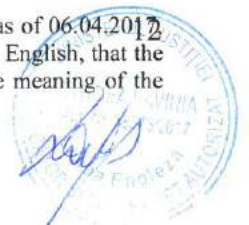
Accepts grants, contributions, donations, inheritances, etc., that lead to the achievement of the Association's objectives, under the Law and the present Statute.

Concludes legal documents in the name and on behalf of the Association, though its' legal representative: the President or the person appointed by the President.

Decides on the Association's number of administrative personnel and hires the Association's personnel, according to the Law.

Fulfills any other attributions provided in the Statute and set by General Assembly, according to the legislation in force.

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Art.15. CENSOR/ CENSORS' COMMITTEE

The Association's internal financial control is ensured by a censor or a Censors' Committee, which does not carry out management position within the Association, appointed by the General Assembly at the proposal of the Board of Directors.

15.1. ATRIBUTIONS OF THE CENSORS' COMMITTEE/CENSOR

In performing his/her competence the Censor:

- verifies the way the Association's patrimony is administrated and how the financial and/or economic activities are carried out;
- prepares, for the purpose mentioned above, reports and presents them to the General Assembly for validation;
- may participate at the Board of Directors' meetings, with no voting rights;
- fulfils any other attributions provided by the Statute or set by the General Assembly, in compliance with the legislation in force.

Art.16. FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Association relies on the following resources when carrying out its' activity:

- the members' contributions, personal and collective;
- incomes from reunions and scientific or/and didactic events
- funding allocation: contributions, donations, sponsorship deals, legal grants from the state budget and/or the local budgets or donations from individual or legal persons from Romania or abroad;
- incomes from the Association's publications;
- incomes from studies or works performed by the members, in the name of the Association;
- donations in kind if they are related and/or serve the purposes of the Association provided in the Statute, according to the Law.

CHAPTER V ASSOCIATION'S RELATIONS

The Association is represented in relations with third parties by the Board of Directors, through the President or the persons appointed by the President, within the limits provided by the Law and the present Statute.

The Association can affiliate with other national or international organisms whose purposes are related to the purposes for which the Association was initially established.

For the achievement of its purposes the Association can associate with other organizations, associations or company's activating in a common interest domain.

CHAPTER VI ASSOCIATION DISSOLUTION/DISSOLVING AND LIQUIDATION

Art. 20. ASSOCIATION DISSOLUTION/DISSOLVING

The ASSOCIATION loses its' legal personality in the following cases:

- **by decision of the Association,** when the General Assembly has decided the dissolution, according to the Law.

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- de jure:

- when the term for its constitution has expired or when the social purpose has been fully achieved/finalized
- when the Association's purpose cannot be achieved
- when, due to insolvency, the Association cannot continue its activity and must liquidate
- when the management bodies cannot be constituted according to the Statute;

The dissolution is determined by decision of the jurisdiction court where the Association is located, at the request of any interested person.

- by court decision:

- when the purpose, means and/or activity of the Association have become illicit, contrary to moral or public order;
- when the Association is pursuing a different purpose than the one for which it was incorporated or that it declared;
- when the Association has become insolvable;
- in case the Association has performed activities without authorization, when such authorization was necessary.

In case of dissolution the Association's patrimony will be transferred to the Romanian Academy.

Art. 21. ASSOCIATION LIQUIDATION

In the dissolution cases provided by law or by court decision, the liquidators will be appointed by the respective court decision.

In case of dissolution by decision of the General Assembly the liquidators will be appointed by the General Assembly, otherwise the dissolution decision becomes null.

In all cases the mandate of the Board of Directors shall cease upon the liquidators appointment.

The legal liquidation procedure is made according to the provisions of art. 61-72 from GO no. 26/2000.

CHAPTER VII SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Art. 22 The Association will accumulate capital only in the conditions provided in art. 4, 11, 13 and 15 and according to the Law.

No part of the Association's net incomes, current or accumulated, will be transferred to a private person and the Association will not be driven into carrying out, as a matter of priority, business or commercial activities for profit.

Art.23 The private properties of the Board of Directors' members and those of the employees cannot be used for paying the Association's debts.

Art.24 Upon dissolution, dissolving or liquidation of the Association, all assets that remain after payments or guarantees will be distributed by the Board of Directors only to the Romanian Academy and only in the conditions provided in art. 4. The assets can never be distributed to the Association's members.

Art.25 The provisions of the present Statute can be modified by the vote of the Association's members with voting rights, including by correspondence, at any General Assembly.

Art.25.1 Any modification proposed, signed by minimum 5 members, is presented to the Board of Directors with at least 60 days before the General Assembly, for examination and approval.

The announcement regarding such a modification proposal, together with the recommendation of the Board of Directors, will be published on the Association's website, with at

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least 10 days before the General Assembly.

The present statute was updated according to the General Assembly decision from January 16, 2018, in 6 copies, out of which 5 were handed over to the parties.

Signature

Univ. Prof. Dr. GELU ONOSE

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