

## Information about the International Society of Andrology (ISA), formerly (CIDA)

ISA was formed from the *Comite Internacional de Andrologia* (CIDA). CIDA was founded in 1970 as a study group by A. Puigvert (Barcelona) and R. Mancini (Buenos Aires). In 1981 it developed into the International Society of Andrology. New statutes were ratified in November 1981.

ISA is a nonprofit organization with the following principle objectives: to disseminate knowledge of andrology by coordinating and organizing international congresses, conferences and courses of andrology; to encourage the development of basic and clinical research in andrology; to facilitate collaboration and distribution of information among national andrological and other learned Societies and qualified persons interested in andrology; and to encourage and sponsor publications related to the field of andrology.

ISA organizes the International Congresses of Andrology (Barcelona, 1976; Tel-Aviv, 1981). The next congress will be held in Boston, Massachusetts in 1985, and will be organized in close cooperation with the American Society of Andrology.

ISA membership can be obtained by national andrological and related societies, and by individuals who have well documented work in andrology, have been recommended by two members, and have been accepted by the Executive Council. Application forms can be obtained from ISA offices. Membership is also open to sustaining members.

ISA comprises 11 national societies, namely those of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, F.R. Germany, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Spain, and USA. ISA has 129 individual members from 39 countries and four sustaining members.

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### The International Society of Andrology (formerly *Comite Internacional de Andrologia—CIDA*)

#### Statutes

#### 1. *Name, Definition and Objectives*

The name of the society is "International Society of Andrology—(ISA)".

The International Society of Andrology (ISA) has developed out of the *Comite Internacional de Andrologia* (CIDA), which was founded in 1970.

Andrology is defined as the branches of science and medicine dealing with the male reproductive organs in animals and in men and with diseases of these organs. Included in this definition are all related specialized branches of science.

ISA is a nonprofit organization. Its territorial scope is worldwide. The Society is registered as a

nonprofit organization in the Federal Republic of Germany. The seat of the organization is Münster, F.R. Germany.

The objectives of the Society shall be to disseminate knowledge of andrology by coordinating and organizing international congresses, conferences and courses of andrology, by encouraging the development of basic and clinical research in andrology, by facilitating collaboration, by distributing information among national andrological and other learned Societies and qualified persons interested in andrology, and by encouraging and sponsoring publications related to the field of andrology.

## 2. Membership

### 2.1. Members

Members of the Society shall consist of national or international scientific societies, of individual persons, and of supporting members. Membership shall be obtained by written application and approval by the Executive Council.

#### 2.1.1 National or International Societies of Andrology

National or international societies of andrology qualify for membership and may apply for membership. When there is more than one andrological society in a particular country, each may apply for membership.

In countries in which there is no andrological society, an alternate national scientific association may apply for membership. Such applications must be approved by the Executive Council of the Society before membership becomes official.

#### 2.1.2. Individual Persons

The purpose of individual membership will be to allow for representation from countries which have no member national society of andrology. In addition, other individuals may join to facilitate information exchange. Such individuals should have well-documented work in andrology and should be recommended by two other members of the Society. The Executive Council decides on the application and shall be guided exclusively by academic and scientific criteria.

#### 2.1.3 Supporting Members

Organizations such as pharmaceutical companies and foundations may become supporting members of the Society. The Executive Council decides on the application.

### 2.2. Termination of Membership

Membership shall be terminated by withdrawal

or expulsion; also by death for individual members and for juridical persons. Withdrawal of membership must be declared in writing. It becomes effective at the end of the respective calendar year.

### 2.3. Expulsion from Membership

Members working against the interest of the Society may be expelled from the Society by a two-third vote of the Executive Council. Before action is taken, the member must be permitted to present his case to the Executive Council.

## 3. General Assembly

### 3.1. Frequency and Summoning of Assembly Meetings

A General Assembly of the members shall take place when required by the interests of the Society. The assembly shall, as a rule, be held in connection with the International Congress of Andrology.

The assembly shall be summoned in writing at least three months in advance. The signature of one ISA-officer is sufficient for the invitation. On the request of one-tenth of the members, the officers shall summon a member assembly. The invitation shall contain the agenda.

The decisions will be documented in the minutes, which shall be signed by the chairman and the rapporteur of the assembly. The chairman of the assembly is the president or another person who has been elected by the assembly by simple majority. The rapporteur is the Secretary or another person who has been elected by the assembly by simple majority vote.

Members of the affiliated national societies may also attend the assembly, but will not have the right to vote.

### 3.2. Representatives of the Member-Societies

Each member-society shall be represented at the General Assembly by one representative. A member-society shall be entitled to one additional representative for every 100 members of their society's membership or portion thereof above 200. Each member-society shall supply annually a list of its current members to the Secretary. When there is more than one national society in a country, the representation at the General Assembly shall be determined by the combined membership of the member national societies in such country in accordance with the above principle, but so that

no member of a national society shall be counted more than once. Such representatives shall be elected or appointed by the member-society and their period of office is determined by the member-society. The member-society must keep the Secretary regularly informed, at least annually, as to the names and addresses of their representatives.

### *3.3. Representatives of Individual Members*

In the event of an absence of a member-society in a given country, an individual member may act as that country's single representative at the General Assembly. If the individual members from that country fail to elect a representative, one will be chosen by the Executive Council. Individual members from countries with member national societies will not have representatives separate from the national society.

### *3.4. Representatives of Supporting Members*

Each supporting member is entitled to delegate one representative for the General Assembly.

### *3.5. Votes*

Representatives as specified above, officers, and Executive Council members shall each have one vote at the General Assembly. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot only. Other issues can be decided upon by either open or secret ballot. The Assembly decides by simple majority how voting shall be carried out. Every Assembly properly summoned shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

### *3.6. Tasks*

The General Assembly is presided over by the President of the Society. Minutes are taken by the Secretary. The General Assembly shall at its meeting:

3.6.1. Receive a report from the President concerning the activities of the Society since the last General Assembly.

3.6.2. Receive a report from the Secretary.

3.6.3. Receive a statement of the Society's accounts from the Treasurer for adoption.

3.6.4. Consider the date and place for the next International Congress for Andrology.

3.6.5. Elect from the candidates the President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations from General Assembly representatives for the officers must have been received by the Secretary at least eight weeks before the commencement of the General Assembly. All members of ISA or of member-societies can be nominated. The President shall not be eligible for reelection. The Secretary and

the Treasurer shall be eligible for reelection one time at the discretion of the General Assembly. The elections are based on majority votes. If in the first counting no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving most votes in the second round shall be elected.

3.6.6. Elect from among the members of the General Assembly, by a majority vote of those present, 10 individuals as members of the Executive Council with due regard to geographical representation. Seven of these members will be elected from among the representatives of the member-societies. Three members will be elected from among the representatives of individual members as defined above. Nominations from General Assembly representatives shall be sent to the Secretary not later than eight weeks prior to the commencement of the General Assembly. Executive Council members will be eligible for election for a second term.

3.6.7. Consider other matters which may seem appropriate. Representatives and members should ensure that any matters they wish to place on the agenda should be sent to the Secretary at the earliest possible date and, in any event, not later than eight weeks prior to the commencement of the General Assembly.

## *4. Executive Council*

### *4.1. Formation*

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by an Executive Council between meetings of the General Assembly. The Executive Council shall exist of the three officers of the Society (President, Secretary, Treasurer), the immediate Past President, and the ten members elected at the General Assembly.

### *4.2. Duties*

4.2.1. To accept or reject membership applications. This task may be transferred to a membership subcommittee.

4.2.2. To determine the activities of the Society in accordance with the stated objectives.

4.2.3. To coordinate activities for the next International Congress of Andrology. It shall, in close consultation with the Local Organizing Committee, nominate a Program Organizing Committee and a Chairman thereof.

### *4.3. Voting*

Each member of the Executive Council shall have the right to one vote. Decisions of the Council shall be taken by a majority vote. Cases of equal

votes are solved by regarding the President's vote as the deciding vote.

#### 4.4. Meetings

4.4.1. The Executive Council shall be free to hold its meetings wherever and whenever it wishes. A meeting may be summoned at the request of the President or of four members of the Council.

4.4.2. The Secretary shall notify each of the members of the Executive Council of a meeting at least three months in advance. The agenda shall be circulated to the Council members in advance of the meeting.

4.4.3. A member of the Executive Council may represent another member absent from the meeting and may vote on his behalf as long as such delegation has been notified in writing to the Secretary.

4.4.4. Decisions made shall be noted by the Secretary in the minutes. The minutes approved by the President and the Secretary shall be sent to all the members of the society so that they may have a permanent record.

#### 4.5. Alternative Decision Making

If the Executive Council cannot meet, decisions may be taken in writing. Six weeks shall be allowed to pass between the sending out of ballots and the counting of the votes.

#### 4.6. Committees

The Executive Council may establish committees for special tasks.

### 5. Officers

5.1. President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the officers of ISA. Two officers jointly are entitled to represent ISA.

5.2. The terms of office shall last for four years or from Congress to Congress.

5.3. The officers are elected by the member assembly by simple majority. If a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the subsequent balloting shall be elected.

5.4. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall preside over Council and General Assembly meetings.

5.5. Should the President leave office before the end of the official term, the Secretary shall become temporary President until the Executive Council can appoint a successor to finish the current term.

This appointed President remains eligible to be elected for a full term.

5.6. Contracts, documents, or any written material requiring the signature of the Society shall be signed by the President and one other officer, and all contracts, documents, and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Society without further authorization.

### 6. Fees

6.1. Members shall pay an annual membership fee, fixed by the Executive Council. The fee for member societies shall consist of an affiliation fee and a capitation fee for each member of the national society registered on the annual list of members supplied to the Secretary.

6.2. In special circumstances, the Executive Council may waive the annual membership fee of an individual member.

6.3. The fees shall be payable on the 1st day of January of each year. In the event of failure to pay the fee by the 1st of May in any one year, voting rights will automatically be suspended in the General Assembly as well as in the Executive Council until the fee is received, unless specifically waived.

### 7. International Congresses of Andrology

As a rule, the congresses of the Society should take place every four years.

### 8. Modification of the Statutes and Winding-up

8.1. Modification of the statutes and dissolution of the society require a two-third majority and can only be decided upon if the Executive Council has proposed the modification or dissolution to the General Assembly with a two-third majority.

As described in article 1 of the statutes, ISA is a nonprofit organization as defined by § 50.2 of the Public Tax Law of the F.R. Germany. Any profits can only be used for purposes in agreement with the statutes. The members receive no shares of any profit, nor will they receive other remunerations. This also applies in the case of withdrawal from ISA or dissolution of ISA.

In case of dissolution of ISA, any funds shall be used for tax-privileged purposes. Decisions concerning the future use of the funds require approval of the Tax Office.