

International Association of Dental Research
Implantology Research Group
Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution Revised in 2008

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the IMPLANTOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP (IRG) of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DENTAL RESEARCH (IADR). Herein, this organization shall be referred to as the IRG or the Group.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be

- 1) to provide a forum for the exchange of interdisciplinary scientific information pertaining to dental implantology,
- 2) to provide an organization for all scientists whose interests are related to dental implant science,
- 3) to facilitate the presentation, discussion, and publication of scientific papers in implant dentistry,
- 4) to gain positive recognition for implant dentistry,
- 5) to assist the IADR/AADR organizations in developing their scientific programs,
- 6) to promote the advancement of research in the fundamental biology, chemistry, and physics of dental implants and host tissues.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership is open to any person or institution interested in implant research, provided such person or institution meets the eligibility requirements of the IRG Constitution and By-Laws and conforms to the recognized standards of professional ethics.

Section 2. Activation of Membership

Any eligible person or institution shall become a member of the Group upon payment of dues.

Section 3. Discontinuance

A. Membership shall be automatically terminated by a member upon written request to the Secretary Treasurer or by non-payment of dues for a period of two consecutive years.

B. Membership may be discontinued for any member for reasons of noncompliance with the group's constitution and by-laws or proven unethical professional behavior by a vote at a regular meeting of two-thirds of the members present and voting. This is followed by a notice by the Secretary-Treasurer to the member that membership has been terminated. The person whose membership is threatened with termination is entitled to be notified 120 days in advance of the regular meeting and to appear before the group in person, by representation, or by written submission to defend his/her right to membership.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. Officers, Terms, and Selection

The officers of the IRG shall be elected from the active membership. Their terms of office and selection shall be as follows:

President. The term shall be one year, ascending automatically from the office of President-Elect at the conclusion of the IADR-IRG Business Meeting.

President-Elect. The term shall be one year, ascending automatically from the office of Vice-President.

Vice-President. The term shall be one year, ascending automatically from the office of Director-at-Large 1.

Secretary-Treasurer. The term shall be three years elected by the active membership.

Councilor. The term shall be one year, ascending automatically from "the office of President".

Director-at-Large I.) The term shall be one year, ascending automatically from the office of Director-at-Large II

Director-at-Large II.) The term shall be one year ascending automatically one year from the office of Director-at-Large III.

Director-at-Large III.) The term shall be one year, ascending automatically from the office of Director-at-Large IV.

Director-at-Large IV.) The term shall be one year, ascending automatically from the office of Director-at-Large V.

Director-at-Large V.) The term shall be one year, ascending automatically from the office of Director-at-Large VI

Director-at-Large VI.) The term shall be one year, elected by the active membership.

ARTICLE V.) NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations by the executive committee

The nominating committee shall nominate active members for the elective offices of the group for the ensuing year and furnish the executive committee with the names of the candidates before the election proceedings of the regular meeting. The president shall announce the executive committees nominations during the election proceedings at the regular meeting.

Section 2. Nominations by Petition.

Nominations may also be made by any active member of the Group provided such nominations are made in writing, endorsed by 10 other active members and delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer at least six hours in advance of the election proceedings. The President shall announce the nominations by petition after announcing the Executive Committee's nominations during the election

Section 3. Election of Officers.

Election of officers shall be accomplished during the regular meeting at the annual IADR meeting. Election of officers may be by acclamation or by written ballot, voted either separately or by inclusion of the entire slate of officers. However, any office involving a contest shall be

voted upon separately. The candidate receiving a plurality of votes cast shall be declared elected. Newly elected officers shall be installed at the end of the regular meeting of the group.

Section 4. Vacancies

An *ad interim* vacancy in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

Section 1. Dues

At each regular meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer, in concurrence with the Executive Committee, shall determine and announce the amount of annual dues for the succeeding year.

Section 2. Expenditures

Funds of the Group, up to \$200, may be expended by the Secretary-Treasurer on the general authorization of the Executive Committee. Funds of the Group, over \$200, may be expended by the Secretary-Treasurer on the general authorization of the Executive Committee and the specific authorization of the President.

Section 3. Accounts

All accounts of assets of the Group shall be submitted to the IADR annually for auditing by its Certified Public Accountant.

Section 4. Reports

The secretary treasurer shall report annually to the executive committee and the Group in written form

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1.) Regular Meetings

The IRG shall hold a regular meeting annually coincident with that of the IADR general meeting and shall provide its own program as a part of that meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the IRG may be held at a time and place decided upon by the membership.

ARTICLE VIII: QUORUM

The quorum for the Executive Committee and the Group shall be as stated in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Proposal

A proposed amendment to the Constitution, formally endorsed by the Executive Committee or 10 active members, and accompanied by a statement of reasons for adoption, may be presented in writing at the regular meeting of the Group and, thereupon, becomes a special order of business for a vote of the membership.

Section 2. Voting Procedure

The President shall read ARTICLE IX of this constitution and state the names of the sponsors of the amendment. A designated spokesperson for the sponsors shall read the amendment and present the reasons for adoption. A vote shall be taken by acclamation or by written ballot. The

amendment may be voted upon in total or in parts as deemed appropriate by the Group. The results shall be announced by the end of the regular meeting.

Section 3. Adoption

A proposed amendment shall be adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members voting on the question, and shall become a part of the Constitution at the close of the regular meeting at which it is adopted.

ARTICLE X: BY-LAWS

By-Laws and amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Group and may be adopted at the same meeting by a plurality of the members present and voting, the By-Laws and amendments taking effect at the close of the meeting.

BYLAWS of the IADR Implantology Research Group (revised 1993)

Section A: Membership

1.) Application

Any member of the IADR may submit an application for membership to the Group. A non-member of the IADR may submit an application sponsored by two members of the IADR.

2.) Eligibility

The words "to any person or institution interested in implant research" in Article III., Section 1 of the Constitution shall be interpreted as follows:

A) ACTIVE MEMBER: A person who is conducting, has conducted, or is administering research in any field related to Dental Implantology.

B) AFFILIATE MEMBER: Science-oriented person who has a genuine interest in dental implant research although not an active research worker or member of the IADR. The Affiliated Member shall have all rights and privileges of active membership but shall have no vote.

C) STUDENT MEMBER: A person who is a full-time student currently enrolled in a recognized academic institution who does not hold an academic appointment and who is interested in dental implant research. Student members must become active or affiliate members when eligible or be dropped from membership. The Student Member shall have all rights and privileges of active membership but shall have no vote.

D) INSTITUTIONAL .MEMBER:: Any institution, public or private, which has a genuine interest in dental implant research or in supporting the activities of the Group. The Institutional Member shall have all rights and privilege's of active membership but shall have no vote.

E) LIFE MEMBER: A person who has attained the age of 65, has been a member of the Group in good standing for at least 25 years and who no longer works on a full-time basis for remuneration. In the event that ill health forces early retirement, any person who has been a member of the Group for 25 years or more will be eligible for life membership. The Life Member shall have all the rights and privileges of active membership but shall have no vote.

Section B: Dues Assessment

Meeting expenses and other operating expenses of the IRG shall be determined by the Secretary-Treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee and after being pro-rated among the active membership, be assessed as dues.

The Executive Committee may decide that additional monies are necessary for the orderly operation of the Group and may assess these as dues.

Section C: Exceptions to the Payment of Dues

1. Life Membership – Life Members shall pay no dues
2. Discontinued Membership- Annual dues for the year in which membership is terminated by a member or by the Group shall not be refunded and, if unpaid, shall not be demanded.
3. Suspension of Dues - The Executive Committee may, in any year suspend the dues of a member upon request from the member in the event unwieldy foreign exchange situations, currency depreciation, or other significant reasons exist.
4. Rights - Rights of membership shall not be affected if a member is excused from paying dues.

Section D: Official Duties of the Officers of the Group

President: The President shall be responsible for all IRG activities, shall chair the Executive Committee, and shall serve as Alternate Councilor to the IADR/AADR as necessary. The President will act as a reviewer for the Young Investigator Awards Program and the IRG Student Research Fellowship program.

President Elect: The President-elect shall be the Group Program Chairperson, shall be an abstract reviewer and a reviewer for the Young Investigator Awards Program.

Vice President: The Vice-President shall be the Symposium Coordinator and shall prepare for the Group Program to be chaired upon ascension to the office of President-elect. In addition, the Vice-President shall be an abstract reviewer and reviewer for the Young Investigator Awards Program.

Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for all IRG financial affairs, membership dues and records, and annual reports to the IADR/AADR.

Councilor: The Councilor shall be the IRG representative at IADR/AADR Council meetings.

Director-at-Large I: The Director-at-large I shall be the Chairperson of the Awards Committee and shall prepare for the Symposium to be coordinated upon ascension to the office of Vice-President. The Director-at-large I shall be an abstract reviewer.

Director-at-Large II: The Director-at-large II shall be the Lunch and Learning Coordinator and shall prepare for the symposia to be coordinated upon ascension to the office of Vice-President. The Director shall also plan for the Awards Committee activities.

Director-at-Large III: The Director-at-large III shall be the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and shall coordinate with Director-at-Large II for the Lunch and Learning program.

Director-at-Large IV: The Director-at-Large IV shall be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

Director-at-Large V

Director-at-Large VI

Section E: Committees

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the five officers (President, President-elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Councilor) and the six Director-at-Large positions. Any meeting of the executive Committee must consist of at least three of the five officers. The Executive Committee shall meet during the annual IADR/AADR meeting.

They shall authorize all expenditures and shall take all reasonable steps to avoid indebtedness. A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall govern, except where otherwise provided. The Committee shall have the power to overrule or modify the action of any officer of the IRG. It shall receive committee reports and recommendations, and shall submit to the IRG in regular meetings such recommendations which it has approved affecting the administrative policies or activities of the Group.

Program Committee. The President-Elect (Group Program Chairperson) and two other IRG members of the chair's choice (preferably the Vice-President and the Director-at-large I) shall arrange for and coordinate a program with the General Program Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer of the IADR/AADR as part of its annual general session.

Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall be chaired by the Director-at-large IV and consist of the four Directors-at-large.

Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Councilor, and be chaired by the Director-at-Large III. The names of the nominees must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Awards Committee. The Awards Committee shall be chaired by the Director-at-Large I and consist of the Director-at-large I, Councilor, President, and President-Elect. This committee shall select the recipient(s) of any IRG award(s). These selections will be by nomination from members of the IRG but will exclude any individual who has served as a member of the Awards Committee within two years of being nominated for an award.

Additional committees may be appointed by the President at his/her discretion.

Section F: Quorum

At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum shall comprise at least one-half of the committee with at least three of the five officers in attendance.

At any regular meeting of the Group, a quorum shall comprise one-third of the active membership.

Section G: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the IRG in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or special rules of order of the Group.

Section H: Authorized Banks and Expenditures

Funds of the Group shall be deposited in a bank or banks or invested securities approved for the purpose by the Executive Committee.

Authorized expenditures from the general funds of the group shall be made by check. Each of which must be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer.