



## **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORTS MEDICINE (FIMS)**

**Council of Delegates  
Ljubljana (SLO) – 30 September 2016, h 15.00**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – F. Pigozzi**

On behalf of FIMS, Prof. Pigozzi welcomed all participating Delegates and expressed his immense gratitude for the invitation to Ljubljana. The president thanked the Turkish Federation of Sports Medicine, especially Prof. Dr. Emin Ergen and his team and commended them for being able to respond swiftly and effectively to the unforeseen requirement to change the venue for the XXXIV World Congress of Sports Medicine from Istanbul to Ljubljana in order for this premier FIMS event to take place on the days planned. Prof. Pigozzi subsequently proceeded to thank Prof. Petra Zupet and the Slovenian Federation of Sport Medicine for their great support in the organization of the Congress in Ljubljana and also commended them for their decisive and effective intervention. Both, Prof. Emin Ergen and Prof. Petra Zupet responded by thanking each other while emphasizing that they had done their very best under challenging conditions and proceeded to thank the FIMS Executive for their understanding and support throughout.

#### **2. ROLL CALL – N. Bachl**

The following countries (making up a total of 48) were officially represented at the meeting (listed in alphabetical order): Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Uruguay (proxy Guatemala).

#### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – F. Pigozzi**

Prof. Fabio Pigozzi presented the agenda which was unanimously approved by all Delegates.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF THE PAST MEETING MINUTES in Quebec, Canada – N. Bachl**

Prof. Bachl presented the minutes from the last meeting of the Council of Delegates held in Quebec City, Canada on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 which was approved unanimously.

#### **5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – F. Pigozzi**

Prof. Pigozzi gave his welcoming address in which he reported on his recent activities on behalf of FIMS. In particular, the President reported on the enforced changes to the location of the 34<sup>th</sup>

FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine, originally planned to take place in Istanbul, Turkey. Due to unforeseeable circumstances, the Organizing Committee had to adopt a change in location from Istanbul to Ljubljana, Slovenia. The President, on behalf of FIMS, once again warmly thanked the Turkish Sports Medicine Association for their extraordinary work and accomplishments during the preparations of the Congress and stressed the strength of the scientific programme that had been put together with great support by the Slovenian Sports Medicine Association. Prof. Pigozzi proceeded to report on the many important activities of the FIMS Headquarters at the Maison du Sport Internationale in Lausanne while stressing that this historic legacy for FIMS has not only provided FIMS with a “home” but the strategic location provides the perfect opportunity to strengthen existing relationships and develop new partnerships with sport, scientific and medical communities and the leading international bodies that are co-localized in the same vicinity. The president also expressed his immense delight that with the employment by FIMS of a part-time administrator, as requested by the Canton of Vaud, Ms. Clarence Perez Diaz. The President proceeded to discuss the encouraging developments relating to the network of Collaborating Centres of Excellence, which had reached the impressive number of 24, and confirmed that the CCSM Directors/Representatives would have their annual meeting during the Congress. Prof. Pigozzi also reported on the activities of the working group dealing with the 90th FIMS Anniversary book and the group instructed to resolve the well known difficulties with the FIMS journal in order to provide more tangible benefits to the members of FIMS, brought about by a successful partnership with the FIMS journal and in accordance with the contract signed; the latter was stressed as an important consideration prior to a possible renewal of the BJSM contract. In terms of the cooperation with International Organizations, the president reported on his attendance at the Olympic Games in Rio and the SportAccord Convention held in Lausanne. With respect to WADA, the President reported on his participation to the Health, Medical & Research Committee meeting held Montreal on 30-31 August 2016. Prof. Pigozzi subsequently reported on his participation at ICSEMIS 2016 in Santos, São Paulo, Brazil on 31 August - 4 September 2016, attended also by Prof. Pitsiladis and Prof. Roberts. Prof. Pigozzi also informed the Council of Delegates to consider the request to approve the application of Maldives to become a FIMS National Sports Medicine Association since all necessary documents had been submitted and accepted by the FIMS Executive Committee. With respect to the important issue of FIMS sponsors, Prof. Pigozzi announced the renewal of sponsorship by NBS for 2016 thereby bringing the number of FIMS sponsors to two: Pharmanutra and NBS. The president reported that advanced discussions were ongoing with new possible sponsors. In particular Prof. Pigozzi reported on the realization of the Strategic plan 2014-2018.

## **6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – J.K. Lazzoli**

Dr. José Kawazoe Lazzoli presented the treasurer’s report highlighting the different funds and balance of FIMS. The Council voted unanimously to accept the treasurer’s report.

## **7. PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – N. Bachl**

Prof. Bachl presented the case for the application of Maldives to become a FIMS National Sports Medicine Association. Prof. Bachl stated that all required documents had been submitted. The Council proceeded to vote unanimously to accept the application for Maldives to become a new member of FIMS. He also reported that during the Executive Committee meeting held in Ljubljana on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, the members of the Executive Meeting had unanimously ratified some additional amendments – approved by the legal advisor – to the FIMS statutes, which were unanimously approved during the Executive Committee Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan,

on 8 April, 2016, and invited the Council of Delegates in Ljubljana to consider approving the amendments.

### **8. CHANGES OF STATUTES – N. Bachl**

Prof. Pigozzi reported that the Executive Committee of FIMS had ratified during the Executive Meeting in Ljubljana (29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016) some amendments of the FIMS statutes, which were unanimously approved during the Executive Meeting in Taipei, on 8 April 2016. The President highlighted the document with the marked changes provided in a binder to each Delegate for consideration. In order to better inform the Delegates and also for transparency of the process, the President asked Prof. Michael Geistlinger, the Legal Advisor of FIMS, to present and explain the specific changes of in the FIMS statutes article by article (leaving out only spelling errors). Prof. Geistlinger then took the floor and explained in much detail all the relevant changes to the FIMS statutes (see attachment). Following this extensive presentation, the FIMS statutes changes were approved unanimously. This was followed by a presentation by Michael Kenihan, the Representative of Oceania, where he outlined his thoughts on the future of the FIMS statutes. Mr Kenihan began by thanking Dr Angela Smith, member of the FIMS Executive for the considerable amount of time she had spent on revising the statutes. Mr Kenihan also thanked Prof. Michael Geistlinger for the way he had conducted the process with particular reference to his attention to detail and care in the process. Mr. Kenihan explained how his comments were in no way intended to disrupt the process of change but rather to share his view on the FIMS statutes and thoughts for the future hence he had requested to make his presentation after the revised statutes had been ratified. Mr. Kenihan focused on two main issues, “terminans” (duration) on the Executive Committee of FIMS and the level of experience deemed essential to be appointed. Mr. Kenihan’s proposal was that both issues needed to be incorporated into the statutes. Mr. Kenihan presented the viewpoint that an Executive Committee member should not have more than 2 terms to allow new appointees to the Executive Committee. Specifically, that only about half of the positions become vacant on the Executive Committee every 4 years on a rotational basis and to individuals who are well prepared for office with extensive essential and documented experience.

### **9. FIMS 2020 WORLD CONGRESS – N. Bachl**

Norbert Bachl reported that FIMS had received three bids to host the FIMS World Congress 2020, namely (in alphabetic order) from Czech Republic, Greece and Malaysia. The representatives of the three bidding countries presented their bids to host the World Congress 2020, including all relevant information about the country, the city, the convention center, the hotels, the registration fees and the social program. All heads of the bids confirmed that they were ready to sign the contract after the decision of the Council of Delegates. After a brief discussion, the FIMS President, Prof. Pigozzi and the FIMS Secretary General, Prof. Bachl invited three auditors to aid in the counting of the votes chosen by raising of hands, namely the representatives of Hungary, India and Serbia.

Final results to host the 2020 World Congress:

- 47 countries present.
- Votes:
  - 1 not valid
  - Prague: 9
  - Kuala Lumpur: 13
  - Athens: 25

On the announcement of the result, the President congratulated the National Sports Medicine Federation of Greece and its representative, Prof. Dr. Kostas Natsis. Prof. Natsis and the representative of the travel agency linked to the successful bid. After signing the contract, the FIMS President awarded the FIMS World Congress 2020 to Athens, Greece.

**10. NEXT MEETING – N. Bachl**

September 13<sup>th</sup> 2018, Rio

**11. AJOURNMENT – F. Pigozzi**

Prof. Pigozzi once again thanked the hosts for the World Congress in Ljubljana, further all the participants the Council of Delegates and closed the General Assembly wishing all Delegates an enjoyable and productive stay in Ljubljana and wished all a safe journey home.

*Respectfully submitted by the Secretary General, Prof. Dr. Norbert Bachl*

## Enclosure

<b>Current Version of Statutes and Bylaws</b>	<b>Approved Amendments</b>
STATUTES OF THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE MEDECINE DU SPORT (FIMS) Chapter I: Designation and Purpose of FIMS Chapter II: Composition of FIMS Chapter III: Administrative Structure of FIMS Select an Article: 1: Non-Profit Organization 2: Legal Status 3: Official Address 4: Aims of FIMS 5: Membership 6: National Associations 7: Multinational Groups 8: Honorary Members 9: Individual Members 10: Associate Members 11: Loss of Status 12: Bodies of FIMS 13: Council of Delegates 14: Executive Committee 15: The Bureau 16: The General Meeting 17: The World Congress 18: The Standing Commissions 19: Financial Structure 20: Annual Dues 21: FIMS Awards 22: Liability 23: Official Language	STATUTES OF THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE MEDECINE DU SPORT (FIMS) Chapter I: Designation and Purpose of FIMS Chapter II: Composition of FIMS Chapter III: Administrative Structure of FIMS Select an Article: 1: Non-Profit Organization 2: Legal Status 3: <u>Headquarters</u> 4: <u>Representation</u> 5: <u>Composition</u> 6: <u>Purpose</u> 7: <u>Aims</u> 8: <u>Membership</u> 9: <u>National Associations</u> 10: <u>Honorary Members</u> 11: <u>Individual Members</u> 12: <u>Associate Members</u> 13: <u>Loss of Status</u> 14: <u>Continental Associations</u> 15: <u>Bodies of FIMS</u> 16: <u>Council of Delegates</u> 17: <u>Executive Committee</u> 18: <u>Bureau</u> 19: <u>World Congress</u> 20: <u>Standing Commissions</u> 21: <u>Financial Structure</u> 22: <u>Annual Dues</u> 23: <u>FIMS Awards</u> 24: <u>Liability</u> 25: <u>Official Language</u>
CHAPTER I. Designation and Purpose of FIMS Article 01: FIMS - Fédération Internationale de Médecine du Sport is a non-profit organization founded at St. Moritz (Switzerland) in 1928.	CHAPTER I. Designation and Purpose of FIMS Article 01: FIMS - Fédération Internationale de Médecine du Sport is a non-profit organization founded at St. Moritz (Switzerland) in 1928 <u>and recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) since 1952.</u>
Article 02: FIMS has a permanent legal status. It is governed by Swiss Law, in particular by articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. Membership is not contingent on an individual's sex or race, or any political or philosophical belief or practice	Article 02: FIMS has a permanent legal status. It is governed by Swiss Law, in particular by articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. Membership is not contingent on an individual's sex or race, or any political or philosophical belief or practice.
Article 03: The official address of FIMS shall be in Lausanne, Switzerland.	Article 03: The <u>headquarters and</u> official address of FIMS shall be in Lausanne, Switzerland.
	Article 04: <u>FIMS represents Sports Medicine world-wide.</u>
	<u>Article 05: FIMS is composed of no more than one national association per country representing Sports Medicine on the national level (Member National Associations) and of individual persons (Individual Members, Honorary Members, and Associate Members). Member National Associations are grouped into Continental Associations according to their geographical location.</u>
	<u>Article 06: The purpose of FIMS is to serve as the representative international body of Sports</u>

	<u>Medicine and related fields, to promote, develop and disseminate Sports Medicine research, evidence-based clinical Sports Medicine and education throughout the world.</u>
<p>Article 04: The aims of FIMS are:</p> <p>a) To promote the study and development of Sports Medicine throughout the world.</p> <p>b) To preserve and improve the health of mankind through physical fitness and sports participation.</p> <p>c) To study scientifically the natural and pathological implications of physical training and sports participation.</p> <p>d) To organize and/or sponsor scientific meetings, courses, congresses, and exhibits on an international basis in the field of Sports Medicine.</p> <p>e) To cooperate with national and international organizations in Sports Medicine and related fields.</p> <p>f) To publish scientific information in the Sports Medicine and related fields.</p> <p>g) To take all other such steps either alone or in cooperation with any appropriate individual or organization as shall from time to time be calculated to further the purposes above listed.</p>	<p><u>Article 07: To achieve this purpose, FIMS aims to:</u></p> <p><u>a) be represented in other organisations in the Olympic Movement as far as sport medical issues are discussed.</u></p> <p><u>b) Organize and/or sponsor scientific and educational meetings, courses, and congresses on an international basis in the field of Sports Medicine.</u></p> <p><u>c) Study scientifically the normal and pathological implications of physical activity, training and sports participation, including optimization of population health through sports and exercise.</u></p> <p><u>d) Promote research and education against Doping and Substance Abuse.</u></p> <p><u>f) Publish scientific information in Sports Medicine and related fields.</u></p> <p><u>g) Take other such steps either alone or in cooperation with appropriate individuals or organizations as shall from time to time be determined likely to further the purposes above.</u></p>
<p>CHAPTER II. Composition of FIMS</p> <p>Article 05: The membership of FIMS shall include associations and individuals:</p> <p>a) National Associations of Sports Medicine,</p> <p>b) Continental Associations of Sports Medicine,</p> <p>c) Honorary members,</p> <p>d) Individual members,</p> <p>e) Associate members.</p>	<p>CHAPTER II. Composition of FIMS</p> <p><u>Article 08: The membership of FIMS shall include National Associations of Sports Medicine and Honorary Members, Individual Members, and Associate Members. Deserving individual or Associate Members may be awarded to Fellowship of FIMS.</u></p>
<p>Article 06: National Associations.</p> <p>06.01. The Council of Delegates shall admit to membership the National Association (not more than one from each country), which is recognized as representing the interests of Sports Medicine in each country.</p>	<p><u>Article 09: National Associations of Sports Medicine.</u></p> <p><u>09.01. The Council of Delegates shall admit to membership the National Association (not more than one from each country), which is recognized as representing the interests of Sports Medicine in each country.</u></p>
<p>06.02. Where two or more organizations in any country claim recognition as the National Association of that country, it shall be in the absolute discretion of the Council of Delegates to determine, after due consideration, which, if any, shall be recognized.</p>	<p><u>09.02. Where two or more organizations in any country claim recognition as the National Association of that country, it shall be at the absolute discretion of the Council of Delegates to determine, after due consideration, based on the documentation and other information available, which, if any, shall be recognized.</u></p>
<p>06.03. Applicant National Association must submit for consideration by the Executive Committee the following documents before the petition can be</p>	<p><u>09.03. The Applicant National Association must submit for consideration by the Executive Committee the following documents before the</u></p>

<p>presented to the Council of Delegates:</p> <p>a) Application in writing signed by the President and the Secretary General of the National Association.</p> <p>b) Copy of the Statutes of the Association.</p> <p>c) List of Officers of the Association with their titles.</p> <p>d) Total number of members in each category of membership.</p> <p>e) Letter of recommendation attesting the fact that the applicant Association is the representative Sports Medicine organization in that country from one of the following bodies: National Medical Association, National Olympic Committee, or National Ministry of Health.</p> <p>f) Letter of recommendation from the respective FIMS Continental Association.</p>	<p>petition can be presented to the Council of Delegates:</p> <p>a) Application in writing signed by the President and, <u>if applicable</u>, the Secretary General <u>or another duly authorized representative</u> of the National Association.</p> <p>b) Copy of the Statutes of the Association.</p> <p>c) List of Officers of the Association with their titles.</p> <p>d) Total number of members in each category of membership.</p> <p>e) Letter of recommendation attesting the fact that the applicant Association is the representative Sports Medicine organization in that country from one of the following bodies: National Medical Association, National Olympic Committee, or National Ministry of Health.</p> <p>f) Letter of recommendation from the respective FIMS Continental Association.</p>
<p>06.04. National Associations shall forward to the Secretariat of FIMS, in the event of changes, a revised copy of their institutional document, a current list of their officers, and the total numbers of their members in each category of membership.</p>	<p>09.04. Member National Associations shall forward to the Secretariat of FIMS, in the event of changes, a revised copy of their institutional document, a current list of their officers, and the total numbers of their members in each category of membership.</p>
<p>06.05. National Associations shall forfeit their status as a member of FIMS:</p> <p>a) As a result of a formal resignation in writing by the association being duly received by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>b) As a result of non-payment of dues for four consecutive years. An application for reinstatement will be entertained by the Council of Delegates until the arrears are paid.</p> <p>c) As a result of revocation of membership by a recommendation of the Executive Committee for that action.</p>	<p>09.05. Member National Associations shall forfeit their status as a member of FIMS:</p> <p>a) As a result of a formal resignation in writing by the association being duly received by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>b) As a result of non-payment of dues for four consecutive years. An application for reinstatement will not be entertained by the <u>Executive Committee</u> until the arrears are paid.</p> <p>c) As a result of revocation of membership by a recommendation of the Executive Committee for that action.</p>
<p>Article 07: Continental Groups in Sports Medicine.</p> <p>a) Continental Associations of Sports Medicine shall represent continental Members National Associations affiliated to FIMS, organized on a geographical continental basis.</p> <p>b) The aims of Continental Association of Sports Medicine are to realize the purpose of FIMS as well as to organize specific activities in the field of Sports Medicine in the appropriate areas such as promotion of participation in FIMS, organization of regional conferences and courses, issuing of regional conferences and courses,</p>	

<p>issuing of regional journals, and ensuring a permanent exchange of information.</p> <p>c) The creation of a recognized Continental Association of Sports Medicine must be agreed to by the Council of Delegates upon request of the countries wishing to organize it and the approval of the FIMS Executive Committee.</p>	
<p>Article 08: Honorary members</p> <p>08.01. The Honorary President is elected among individuals who have served as FIMS President, exceptionally contributing to the development of Sports Medicine worldwide.</p> <p>Nomination when the position is vacant shall be made by a FIMS Continental Association to the Council of Delegates for election at the next regular meeting.</p> <p>The Honorary President will have, for life, the right:</p> <p>a) to participate to the FIMS Council of Delegates, General Meeting, Bureau, Executive Committee and World Congress of Sports Medicine.</p> <p>b) to pay no dues to FIMS.</p>	<p>Article <u>10</u>: Honorary <u>Members</u></p> <p><u>10.01.</u> The Honorary President is elected among individuals who have served as FIMS President, exceptionally contributing to the development of Sports Medicine worldwide.</p> <p><u>When the position is vacant, nomination may be made by a FIMS Continental Association to the Council of Delegates for election at the next regular meeting.</u></p> <p>The Honorary President will have, for life <u>or until personal inability or resignation</u>, the right:</p> <p>a) to participate <u>in the FIMS Executive Committee, Council of Delegates, and World Congress of Sports Medicine without the right to vote.</u></p> <p>b) to pay no dues to FIMS.</p> <p><u>c) to receive all electronic publications from FIMS, and receive FIMS member discounts on Congresses, courses and books.</u></p>
<p>08.02. Individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the development of Sports Medicine may be elected to Honorary Membership. Nomination shall be made by the Member National Associations or other interested bodies to the Executive Committee who may then recommend the nominees to the Council of Delegates for election at the next regular meeting. Nominations that are not recommended by the Executive Committee or, having been recommended to the Council of Delegates fail election, may be made again after an interval of four years from the time that the original nomination was received.</p> <p>The title will enable them:</p> <p>a) to earn a diploma indicating honorary status.</p> <p>b) to participate in the FIMS General Meeting.</p> <p>c) to pay no dues to FIMS.</p>	<p><u>10.02.</u> Individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the development of Sports Medicine may be elected to Honorary Membership. Nomination shall be made by the Member National Associations or other interested bodies to the Executive Committee who may then recommend the nominees to the Council of Delegates for election at the next regular meeting.</p> <p><u>A Nomination that is not recommended by the Executive Committee or, having been recommended to the Council of Delegates fails election, may be made again after an interval of four years from the time that the original nomination was received.</u></p> <p><u>The Honorary Member is entitled to:</u></p> <p>a) <u>earn a diploma indicating honorary status.</u></p> <p>b) <u>participate in the FIMS Council of Delegates and World Congress of Sports Medicine without the right to vote.</u></p> <p>c) to pay no dues to FIMS.</p>
<p>Article 09: Individual member</p> <p>Granted by the Executive Committee on request to a person who:</p> <p>a) is a full member of a FIMS Member National Association and where no Member National</p>	<p>Article 11: Individual <u>Members</u></p> <p>a) <u>Individual Membership is granted by the Executive Committee on request to a person who:</u></p> <p>1. <u>is a full member of a FIMS National Association where one exists, or</u></p>



<p>Association exists.</p> <p>b) has completed a FIMS Basic or Advanced Course in Sports Medicine recognized by the Education Commission or has worked in the field for at least 5 years:</p> <p>The title will enable the person:</p> <p>a) to receive a FIMS certificate confirming the status of FIMS Individual Member.</p> <p>b) to be elected for the Executive Committee, Standing or Special Commissions, and to represent his member National Association in the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>c) to participate in the FIMS General Meeting.</p> <p>d) to receive a reduction in the registration fee for</p>	<p>2. <u>is a physician with an unrestricted medical license, who has completed a FIMS Basic or Advanced Course in Sports Medicine recognized by the Education Commission, or has worked in the field as sport physician</u> for at least 5 years.</p> <p><u>b) An Individual Member is entitled to:</u></p> <p>1. <u>receive a FIMS certificate confirming the status of FIMS Individual Member.</u></p> <p>2. <u>be elected for the Executive Committee, Standing or Special Commissions, and to represent its Member National Association in the Council of Delegates if delegated by the respective member National Association.</u></p> <p>3. <u>receive a reduction in the registration fee for FIMS sponsored congresses and courses.</u></p> <p>5. <u>receive all electronic publications from FIMS, and receive FIMS member discounts on Congresses, courses and books.</u></p> <p><u>c) An Individual Member may be advanced to Fellow of FIMS (FFIMS) by the Executive Committee. Nomination for FFIMS may be made by the respective Member National Association, or by the Executive Committee.</u></p> <p><u>A Fellow of FIMS is entitled to all rights of Individual Members and will receive a FIMS certificate confirming the status of Fellow of FIMS.</u></p>
<p>Article 10: Associate member</p> <p>Granted by the Executive Committee on request to a non-medical professional who:</p> <p>a) is a member of the respective National Association where one exists;</p> <p>b) has completed a FIMS Basic or Advanced Course in Sports Medicine recognized by the Development Commission, or has worked in the field at least for 5 years.</p> <p>The title will enable the person:</p> <p>a) to receive a FIMS certificate confirming the status of FIMS Associate Member.</p> <p>b) to participate in the FIMS General Meeting.</p> <p>c) to receive a reduction in the registration fee for FIMS sponsored congresses.</p>	<p>Article 12: Associate Members</p> <p><u>Associate Membership may be granted by a vote of the Executive Committee on request to a non-physician sports medicine professional who:</u></p> <p>a) is a member of the respective <u>FIMS Member National Association</u> where one exists;</p> <p>b) or has completed a FIMS Basic or Advanced Course in Sports Medicine recognized by the <u>Education Commission</u>, or has worked in the field of <u>Sports Medicine</u> at least for 5 years.</p> <p><u>An Associate Member is entitled to:</u></p> <p>a) <u>receive a FIMS certificate confirming the status of FIMS Associate Member.</u></p> <p>b) <u>receive all electronic publications from FIMS, and receive FIMS member discounts on Congresses, courses and books.</u></p>
<p>Article 11: Individuals shall lose their status as a Member of FIMS in the following situations:</p> <p>a) As a result of a formal resignation in writing by the individual being duly received by the Executive Committee;</p> <p>b) As a result of failure to pay annual dues for more</p>	<p>Article 13: Individual <u>and Associate Members</u> shall lose their status as a Member of FIMS in the following situations:</p> <p>a) As a result of a formal resignation in writing by the individual being duly received by the Executive Committee;</p> <p>b) In case of personal inability</p>

<p>than 2 years in succession;  c) As a result of revocation of membership by a two-thirds majority of the Council of Delegates present and following a recommendation of the Executive Committee for that action.</p>	<p>c) As a result of failure to pay dues for two consecutive years;  d) As a result of revocation of membership by a two-thirds majority of the Council of Delegates present and following a recommendation of the Executive Committee for that action.</p>
	<p>Article <u>14</u>: Continental <u>Associations</u> in Sports Medicine.  a) The creation of a <u>new</u> Continental Association of Sports Medicine must be agreed to by the Council of Delegates upon request of the countries wishing to organize it and the approval of the FIMS Executive Committee.  b) <u>Each</u> Continental Association of Sports Medicine <u>automatically includes all FIMS Member National Associations of the respective continent.</u>  c) The aims of Continental Associations of Sports Medicine are to realize the purpose of FIMS <u>on the continental level</u> as well as to organize <u>on their continent</u> specific activities in the field of Sports Medicine in the appropriate areas such as promotion of participation in FIMS, organization of regional conferences and courses, issuing of regional journals, and ensuring a permanent exchange of information.</p>
<p>CHAPTER III. Administrative Structure of FIMS  Article 12: The following bodies make up FIMS:  a) The Council of Delegates,  b) The Executive Committee,  c) The Bureau,  d) The General Meeting.</p>	<p>CHAPTER III. Administrative Structure of FIMS  Article <u>15</u>: The following bodies make up FIMS:  a) The Council of Delegates,  b) The Executive Committee,  c) The Bureau.</p>
<p>Article 13: The Council of Delegates  13.01. The Council of Delegates shall be constituted of one delegate from each of the Member National Associations duly affiliate to FIMS. Each delegate has one vote.</p>	<p>Article <u>16</u>: The Council of Delegates  <u>16.01.</u> The Council of Delegates shall be constituted of one delegate from each of the Member National Associations <u>duly recognized by FIMS, and in good standing.</u> Each delegate has one vote.</p>
<p>13.02. Any Member National Association may appoint a delegate of another National Association to represent it in the Council of Delegates. The proxy must be provided with a written power of attorney previously addressed to the Secretary General of FIMS. A delegate present in the meeting may not have more than one proxy.</p>	<p><u>16.02.</u> Any Member National Association may appoint a delegate of another <u>Member</u> National Association to represent it in the Council of Delegates. The proxy must be provided with a written <u>power of the respective President/Secretary General</u> previously addressed to the Secretary General of FIMS. A delegate present in the meeting may not have more than one proxy.</p>
<p>13.03. The Members of the Executive Committee are entitled to debate in the Council of Delegates but may not vote, unless they represent a Member National Association.</p>	<p><u>16.03.</u> The Members of the Executive Committee are entitled to debate in the Council of Delegates but may not vote, unless they represent a Member National Association.</p>

<p>The President, or his alternate, shall appoint one member of the Executive Committee to serve as its spokesperson for the meeting of the Council.</p>	
<p>13.04. The Council shall meet every 2 years at a location to be determined by the Executive Committee. All affiliated Member National Associations must be notified of the time, place, and agenda of the meeting 3 months in advance. In the year of the World Congress, it will meet at the time and place of the Congress. The host Member National Association is responsible for the local cost of the meeting and of the full board of the Executive members as well as the Chairperson and Full Members of each Standing Commission.</p>	<p><u>16.04. The Council shall meet every 2 years at the time and place of the FIMS World Congress. All Member National Associations must be notified of the time, place, and agenda of the meeting 3 months in advance. The host Member National Association is responsible for the local cost of the meeting and of the full board of the Executive Committee members as well as the Chairpersons and Full Members of each Standing Commission.</u></p>
<p>13.05. Special meetings of the Council may be called at the initiative of the Executive Committee (by a vote of the majority of the members) or shall be called if there is a request by two-thirds of the Member National Associations to the General Secretary.</p>	<p><u>16.05. Special meetings of the Council may be called at the initiative of the Executive Committee (by a vote of the majority of the members) or shall be called if there is a request by two-thirds of the Member National Associations to the Secretary General. All Member National Associations must be notified of the time, place, and agenda of the meeting at the earliest convenience and at the latest four weeks before its start.</u></p>
<p>13.06. A quorum shall consist of one-third of the total number of Member National Associations in good standing. If there is no quorum, the National Associations must be notified within a month of the time of the meeting and the Bureau must decide on the place of the next meeting. The new meeting must be held within 6 months of the cancelled one.</p>	<p><u>16.06. A quorum shall consist of one-third of the total number of the Member National Associations in good standing. If there is no quorum, the meeting shall start half an hour later and no quorum will be needed.</u></p>
<p>13.07. The Council of Delegates shall rule by a simple majority of Delegates voting (including proxies), except when it is to amend the articles of the Statutes, or to dissolve the organization, or to expel one of its members, in which case a two-thirds majority is necessary of those voting.</p>	<p><u>16.07. The Council of Delegates shall rule by a simple majority of Delegates voting (including proxies), except when it is to amend the articles of the Statutes, or to dissolve the organization, or to expel one of its members, in which case a two-thirds majority of those voting is necessary.</u></p>
<p>13.08. The deliberations of the Council of Delegates shall be recorded in the form of minutes in a ledger kept for this purpose. These minutes shall be circulated to the Member National Associations and shall be published in "International Sports Medicine Journal."</p>	<p><u>16.08. The deliberations of the Council of Delegates shall be recorded in the form of minutes in a ledger kept for this purpose. These minutes shall be circulated to the Member National Associations.</u></p>
<p>13.09. All matters of business which are not assigned to the Council of Delegates by the Statutes of FIMS shall fall within the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee. The Council of Delegates shall be the only body competent to conduct the following business: a) Approve the biannual budget of FIMS. b) Decide the affiliation of an applicant National</p>	<p><u>16.09. All matters of business which are not assigned to the Council of Delegates by the Statutes of FIMS shall fall within the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee. The Council of Delegates shall be the only body competent to conduct the following business: a) Approve the biannual budget of FIMS. b) Approve the affiliation of an applicant National</u></p>

<p>Association as member based on a recommendation by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>c) Recognize a Continental Associations of Sports Medicine after approval by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>d) Elect the officers, auditors, and other members of the Executive Committee (including substitutes from nominations).</p> <p>e) Approve the awards of a FIMS Gold Medal and of a FIMS Citation of Honour based on recommendations of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>f) Suspend or expel Member National Associations, Member Continental Associations, Individual, or Associate Members.</p> <p>g) Approve, amend or alter the Statutes.</p> <p>h) Receive and approve reports of the officers and chairpersons of the Standing Commissions.</p> <p>i) Act on resolutions of the General Meeting.</p> <p>j) Determine what other organizations shall be recognized by FIMS as having an active interest and/or involvement in Sports Medicine for the purpose of affiliation or other official contact.</p> <p>k) Determine the site and date of the World Congress of Sports Medicine.</p> <p>l) All other business that the Council shall from time to time reserve to itself.</p>	<p>Association as <u>Member following approval</u> by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>c) Recognize a <u>new</u> Continental Association of Sports Medicine <u>following</u> approval by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>d) Elect the <u>Officers</u> and other members of the Executive Committee (including <u>substitute members as well as Scrutineers and Auditors</u>). The Council of Delegates elects the <u>Honorary President, if nominated by a FIMS Continental Association, and Honorary Members, if recommended by the Executive Committee.</u></p> <p>e) Approve the awards of a FIMS Gold Medal and of a FIMS Citation of Honor, when recommended by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>f) <u>Suspend or expel Member National Associations, Individual or Associate Members; or dissolve Continental Associations.</u></p> <p>g) Approve, amend or alter the Statutes.</p> <p>h) Receive and approve reports of the officers and chairpersons of the Standing Commissions.</p> <p>j) Determine what other organizations shall be recognized by FIMS as having an active interest and/or involvement in Sports Medicine for the purpose of affiliation or other official contact.</p> <p>k) Determine the site and date of the World Congress of Sports Medicine.</p> <p>l) All other business that the Council shall from time to time reserve to itself.</p>
<p>Article 14. The Executive Committee</p> <p>14.01. The Executive Committee constitutes the Board of Directors in the sense of article 69 of the Swiss Civil Code. It is composed of a President, the Honorary President, a Past President, a first, second, third, and forth Vice President, a Secretary General, a Treasurer and eight members who have been elected from among FIMS Individual or Associate members after nomination by the Member National Associations.</p>	<p>Article <u>17</u>. The Executive Committee</p> <p><u>17.01.</u> The Executive Committee constitutes the Board of Directors in the sense of article 69 of the Swiss Civil Code. <u>It is composed of a President, a first, second, third, and fourth Vice President, a Secretary General, a Treasurer and eight members</u> who have been elected from among FIMS Member National Association Members.</p> <p><u>The Executive Committee upon proposal of the President can coopt representatives of International Organizations and members with special tasks as members without the right to vote.</u></p>
<p>14.02. Elections of the Executive Committee</p> <p>a) All candidates to all positions of the Executive Committee will be elected by the Council of Delegates in the FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine every four years, except the Honorary President.</p> <p>b) The candidates shall be nominated only by their Member National Associations. No Association may nominate more than one candidate for officer or member of the Executive Committee. Nominations for</p>	<p><u>17.02.</u> Elections of the Executive Committee</p> <p>a) <u>The Council of Delegates in the FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine will hold elections every four years, for all positions of the Executive Committee, except the Honorary President.</u></p> <p>b) <u>Candidates</u> shall be nominated only by their Member National Associations. No <u>Member National Association</u> may nominate more than one candidate for member of the Executive Committee.</p>

President, Secretary General and Treasurer will be presented to the FIMS Secretary General and nominations for Vice-Presidents and Members of the Executive Committee will be presented to the FIMS Secretary General through the Secretary General of the respective Continental Group.

c) The candidates for President of FIMS should be an actual or past officer of FIMS (Vice-President, Secretary General, or Treasurer). The candidates for Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, or Treasurer should be an actual or past member of the FIMS Executive Committee.

d) Voting for each Officer shall take place by separate secret ballot. Those ballot slips that are not fully completed will be considered invalid.

e) Candidates for Officers who are not successful are entitled to be candidates for election as Members of the Executive Committee.

e1) If the result of any ballot for Officer results in a tie, additional ballots will take place until the tie is resolved.

e2) Following the ballot for the 8 elected Members of the Executive Committee, nominees with the highest number of votes shall be so named. If there is a tie among the final position(s), a new ballot will be held for these candidates only. The number of Members of the Executive Committee from each Continental Association, except for Oceania, will be proportional to the number of Member National Associations affiliated for FIMS from the respective Continental Group (Africa, America, Asia, and Europe).

f) The two candidates who have the highest number of votes after those who are elected will be appointed Auditors and named substitutes. These substitutes shall replace elected Members of the Executive Committee if vacancies arise. If a vacancy occurs among the Officers, the Executive Committee shall elect one of its Members to the office for the balance of the unexpired term and that Member shall be replaced by the first substitute.

g) Officers and Members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for immediate re-election in the same capacity only once.

h) To participate in a meeting of the Council of Delegates and have the right to vote, a Member National Association must have the membership dues for the current fiscal year and all previous years of membership paid in full on the occasion of the FIMS General Meeting which is held prior to the FIMS Council of Delegates meeting at which an election will

Nominations will be presented to the FIMS Secretary General, with a copy sent to the Secretary General of the respective Continental Association. Nominations must be received by the FIMS Secretary General at least one month before the meeting of the Council of Delegates.

c) A candidate for President, Vice-President, Secretary General, or Treasurer of FIMS (Officers of FIMS) shall be a physician supported by the respective Continental Association. ~~an actual or past member of the FIMS Executive Committee.~~

d) A candidate for Officer who is not successful is entitled to be a candidate for election as Member of the Executive Committee.

d1) If the result of any ballot for Officer results in a tie, additional ballots will take place until the tie is resolved. If three additional ballots still result in a tie, the draw will decide.

d2) The number of Members of the Executive Committee from each Continental Association will be proportional to the number of Member National Associations affiliated with FIMS from the respective Continental Association in good standing at the time of election. Following the ballot for the 8 elected Members of the Executive Committee, nominees with the highest numbers of votes per Continental Association shall be so named. If there is a tie among the final position(s) per Continental Association, a new ballot will be held for these candidates only. If three additional ballots still result in a tie, the draw will decide.

e) The two candidates who have the highest number of votes after those who are elected will be appointed Auditors and named Substitutes. These Substitutes shall replace elected Members of the Executive Committee if vacancies arise, and complete the term of the Member being replaced.

If a vacancy occurs among the Officers, the Executive Committee shall elect one of its Members to the office for the balance of the unexpired term and that Member shall be replaced by the first Substitute.

f) To participate in a meeting of the Council of Delegates and have the right to vote, a Member National Association must have the membership dues for the current fiscal year and all previous years of membership paid in full no later than the beginning of the FIMS Council of Delegates meeting at which an election will take place.

g) A list of Member National Associations eligible

take place.

i) A list of Member National Associations eligible to participate in and vote at a meeting of the Council of Delegates must be made available to each Delegate of a FIMS Member National Association prior to the meeting at which an election will be held.

j) Each Member National Association eligible to participate in and vote at a meeting of the Council of Delegates may designate one person to serve as its Delegate. To become accredited as the official Delegate of a Member National Association for a particular meeting of the Council of Delegates, that person must present typewritten authorization to the Secretary General of FIMS identifying the person as its Delegate. The authorization must be presented on the official letterhead stationery of the Member National Association and signed either by its President or other designated officer.

k) The designated Delegate of an eligible Member National Association is the only person permitted to vote on behalf of that Member National Association.

l) A Member National Association in good standing that is not able to send a Delegate to a meeting of the Council of Delegates may be represented by the accredited Delegate of another Member National Association. Both Member National Associations must be eligible to participate as regards completion of payment of annual dues.

m) To grant proxy, a Member National Association must submit to the Secretary General an official FIMS Proxy Form signed by its President or Secretary General. On the form, the specified Member National Association to receive the proxy must be identified.

Only the accredited Delegate of the Member National Association receiving the proxy may use this proxy vote. A copy of the proxy form will be included with each announcement of a meeting of the Council of Delegates as distributed to all Member National Associations by the Secretary General. (As stated in the statutes, an accredited Delegate is entitled to use only one proxy vote in addition to the vote of the Delegate's own Member National Association).

n) Preparation for FIMS election:

1. Nominations must be received from Member National Associations at least two months in advance of the meeting of the Council of Delegates at which the election will be held.

2. The ballot of the nominations must be circulated, together with biographical information on each candidate, at least one month in advance of the

to participate in and vote at a meeting of the Council of Delegates must be made available to each Delegate of a FIMS Member National Association prior to the meeting at which an election will be held.

h) Each Member National Association eligible to participate in and vote at a meeting of the Council of Delegates may designate one person to serve as its Delegate. To become accredited as the official Delegate of a Member National Association for a particular meeting of the Council of Delegates, that person must present typewritten authorization to the Secretary General of FIMS identifying the person as its Delegate. The authorization must be presented on the official letterhead stationery of the Member National Association and signed either by its President or other officer designated by the President.

i) The designated Delegate of an eligible Member National Association is the only person permitted to vote on behalf of that Member National Association, except as below in Article 17.02 k) and l.

j) A Member National Association in good standing that is not able to send a Delegate to a meeting of the Council of Delegates may be represented by the accredited Delegate of another Member National Association. Both Member National Associations must be eligible to participate as regards completion of payment of annual dues.

k) To grant proxy, a Member National Association must submit to the Secretary General an official FIMS Proxy Form signed by its President or Secretary General, if applicable. On the form, the specified Member National Association to receive the proxy must be identified. Only the accredited Delegate of the Member National Association receiving the proxy may use this proxy vote. A proxy form will be included with each announcement of a meeting of the Council of Delegates as distributed to all Member National Associations by the Secretary General. (As stated in the statutes, an accredited Delegate is entitled to use only one proxy vote in addition to the vote of the Delegate's own Member National Association).

l) Preparation for FIMS election:

1. Nominations must be received from Member National Associations at least two months in advance of the meeting of the Council of Delegates at which the election will be held.

election.

o) Accreditation of Delegates:

Each sheet of the official ballot must be co-signed for validation in the voting procedure by the Secretary General and one Member of the Executive Committee, as appointed by the President.

p) Order of voting:

1. Separate elections will be held by roll call in the following order:

The President

The Vice Presidents

The Secretary General

The Treasurer

The eight Members of the Executive Committee

2. If a candidate is running unopposed for the office of President, Secretary General or Treasurer, the election to that office may be accomplished by the Council's

approval of a motion from the floor.

3. If there are only four nominations for the offices of the Vice Presidents, the election may be accomplished by approval of a motion from the floor after the determination of a method of designating the order of seniority as First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, and Fourth Vice President.

4. The ballot for the category of elected Members of the Executive Committee will list the candidates in alphabetical order by first letter of the family name.

q) Procedure for voting for each office:

1. Three Auditors will be elected from the Delegates of the Council of Delegates to receive and count the ballots. If more than three persons are nominated, an election will be held.

2. When the agenda item for elections is reached during the meeting of the Council of Delegates, the President shall solicit ballots for the election of Officers and Executive Committee in the order prescribed above.

3. For the collection of ballots for each of the elected positions, the name of each Member National Association given the privilege of voting (both those with Delegates present and those represented by proxy) shall be read in alphabetical order, at which time the Delegate of the Member National Association or the Delegate carrying the proxy shall come forward and place the ballot in a closed ballot box.

4. The election Auditors will control that only one ballot at a time is placed in the ballot box and that the

2. The ballot of the nominations must be circulated, together with biographical information on each candidate, at least one month in advance of the election.

m) Accreditation of Delegates:

Each sheet of the official ballot must carry the official stamp of FIMS and be co-signed for validation in the voting procedure by the Secretary General and one Member of the Executive Committee, as appointed by the President.

n) Order of voting:

1. Separate elections will be held by roll call in the following order:

The President

The Vice Presidents

The Secretary General

The Treasurer

The eight Members of the Executive Committee.

2. If a candidate is running unopposed for the office of President, Secretary General or Treasurer, the election to that office may be accomplished by the Council's approval of a motion from the floor.

3. The order of seniority as First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, and Fourth Vice President is determined by the number of votes achieved.

4. The ballot for the category of elected Members of the Executive Committee will list the candidates in alphabetical order by first letter of the family name.

o) Procedure for voting for each office:

1. Three Election Auditors will be elected from the Delegates of the Council of Delegates to receive and count the ballots. If more than three persons are nominated, an election will be held.

2. When the agenda item for elections is reached during the meeting of the Council of Delegates, the President shall hand over the direction of the election to the longest affiliated member of the Executive Committee, who is not running for a position. This person shall solicit ballots for the election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee in the order prescribed above.

3. For the collection of ballots for each of the elected positions, the name of each Member National Association given the privilege of voting (both those with Delegates present and those represented by proxy) shall be read in alphabetical order, at which time the Delegate of the Member National Association or the Delegate carrying the

<p>ballot carries the signature of the Secretary General and the appointed Member of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>5. The votes for the each of the elected positions will be tallied separately and publicly in front of the members of the Council of Delegates by the election Auditors.</p> <p>6. A blackboard must be available for this purpose that can be viewed by all the members of the Council of Delegates.</p>	<p>proxy shall come forward and place the ballot in a closed ballot box.</p> <p>4. The <u>Election Auditors</u> will control that only one ballot at a time is placed in the ballot box and that the ballot carries <u>the official stamp of FIMS and the signature of the Secretary General and the appointed Member of the Executive Committee.</u></p> <p>5. The votes <u>for each</u> of the elected positions will be tallied separately and publicly in front of the members of the Council of Delegates by the <u>Election Auditors.</u></p> <p>6. <u>A presentation method such as a blackboard, whiteboard or computer projector</u> must be available for this purpose that can be viewed by all the members of the Council of Delegates.</p>
<p>14.03. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice annually to transact the business of FIMS except for that reserved exclusively for the Council of Delegates, to receive and respond to reports from the officers and the chairpersons of the Standing Commissions, and to carry out programs and policies approved by the Council of Delegates. The date and place of such meetings will be decided by the Executive Committee and notices sent to all members at least 3 months in advance together with an agenda of business to be discussed. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings shall forfeit the office or membership in the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><u>17.03.</u> The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice annually to transact the business of FIMS except for that reserved exclusively for the Council of Delegates, to receive and respond to reports from the officers and the chairpersons of the Standing Commissions, and to carry out programs and policies approved by the Council of Delegates. The date and place of such meetings will be decided by the Executive Committee and notices sent to all members at least 3 months in advance. <u>An agenda of business to be discussed will be then circulated at least one month in advance.</u> Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings shall forfeit the office or membership in the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>14.04. Between the meetings of the Council of Delegates, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee:</p> <p>a) To administer the affairs of FIMS.</p> <p>b) To transact the business which is not reserved exclusively for the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>c) To select and supervise the Standing Commissions, receiving and acting on their reports.</p> <p>d) To decide the dates, venue, and agenda for the meeting of the Council of Delegates and the General Meeting, as well as ensure that the necessary preparations are made.</p> <p>e) To implement the decisions of the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>f) To approve Individual and Associate Members of FIMS.</p> <p>g) To examine the applications of National Associations and make recommendations regarding their acceptance or rejection to the Council of Delegates.</p>	<p><u>17.04.</u> Between the meetings of the Council of Delegates, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee:</p> <p>a) To administer the affairs of FIMS.</p> <p>b) To transact the business which is not reserved exclusively for the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>c) To select and supervise the Standing Commissions, receiving and acting on their reports.</p> <p>d) To decide the dates, venue, and agenda for the meeting of the Council of Delegates as well as ensure that the necessary preparations are made.</p> <p>e) To implement the decisions of the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>f) To approve Individual and Associate Members of FIMS.</p> <p>g) To examine the applications of National Associations and make recommendations regarding their acceptance or rejection to the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>h) To approve the request of countries organized</p>



<p>h) To approve the request of countries organized on continental bases to form a Continental Association of Sports Medicine.</p> <p>i) To recommend the appointments of Honorary Members and the awards of the FIMS Gold Medal and the FIMS Citation of Honor to the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>j) To approve the contract with the National Association entrusted with the staging of the World Congress of Sports Medicine and to supervise regularly its preparation.</p> <p>k) To act on the recommendation of the Scientific Commission regarding the scheduling, programs, and faculties for congresses and conferences to be sponsored by FIMS and to supervise the preparation and conducting of such events.</p> <p>l) To review and take action on the minutes of the meeting of the Bureau.</p> <p>m) Recommend to the Council of Delegates the award of the FIMS Gold Medal or the FIMS Citation of Honor following consideration of nominations by the Awards Committee and receipt of the Committee's endorsement.</p> <p>n) To approve, amend or alter by-laws.</p>	<p>on continental bases to form a <u>new</u> Continental Association of Sports Medicine.</p> <p>i) To recommend the appointments of Honorary Members and the awards of the FIMS Gold Medal and the FIMS Citation of Honor to the Council of Delegates.</p> <p><u>j) To approve the advancement of Individual or Associate Members to Fellows of FIMS</u></p> <p>k) To approve the contract with the <u>Member</u> National Association entrusted with the staging of the World Congress of Sports Medicine and to supervise regularly its preparation.</p> <p>l) To <u>consider</u> the recommendation of the <u>Standing Commissions</u> regarding the scheduling, programs, and faculties for congresses and conferences to be sponsored by FIMS and to supervise the preparation and conducting of such events.</p> <p>m) To review and take action on the minutes of the meeting of the Bureau.</p> <p>n) To recommend the award of the FIMS Gold Medal or the FIMS Citation of Honor following consideration of nominations by the Awards Committee and receipt of the Committee's endorsement.</p> <p>o) To approve, amend or alter by-laws.</p>
<p>14.05. The President shall be the representative of FIMS and responsible for the international relations of the organization. His special functions include:</p> <p>a) Presiding over all the meetings of the Council of Delegates, General Meeting, Bureau, Executive Committee, and World Congress of Sports Medicine.</p> <p>b) Maintaining contact between FIMS and other international organizations.</p> <p>c) Signing together with the Secretary General any document that commits FIMS after its approval by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>d) Referring to the Executive Committee a written report of FIMS activities to be submitted to the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>e) Handing out the FIMS awards.</p> <p>f) Fulfilling further tasks connected with FIMS activities according to the Statutes, By-Laws, and decisions of the Council of Delegates.</p>	<p><u>17.05.</u> The President shall be the representative of FIMS and responsible for the international relations of the organization. <u>The President's</u> special functions include:</p> <p>a) Presiding over all the meetings of the Council of Delegates, Bureau, Executive Committee, and World Congress of Sports Medicine.</p> <p>b) Maintaining contact between FIMS and other international organizations, <u>in particular the IOC, ASOIF, AWOIF, and WADA.</u></p> <p>c) Signing together with the Secretary General any document that commits FIMS, <u>besides financial commitments which have to be signed by the President and the Treasurer, all of them after their approval by the Executive Committee.</u></p> <p>d) Referring to the Executive Committee a written report of FIMS activities to be submitted to the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>e) <u>Presenting</u> the FIMS awards.</p> <p>f) Fulfilling further tasks connected with FIMS activities according to the Statutes, By-Laws, and decisions of the Council of Delegates.</p>
<p>14.06. The 4 Vice-Presidents shall assume in the order of their precedence the place and duties of the President in his absence or if requested by him to do</p>	<p><u>17.06.</u> The 4 Vice-Presidents shall assume in the order of their precedence the place and duties of the President in <u>her/his</u> absence or if requested by</p>

so.	<u>her/ him</u> to do so.
<p>14.07. The Secretary General is responsible for:</p> <p>a) Preparing the agenda for the meetings of the Council of Delegates and the General Meeting, after decision of the Executive Committee, as well as the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Bureau, on request of the President, and circulating notice of these meetings in advance.</p> <p>b) Preparing and circulating minutes of the meetings of the Council of Delegates, the General Meeting, the Executive Committee, and the Bureau of FIMS.</p> <p>c) Maintaining official correspondence.</p> <p>d) Preparing and circulating a Newsletter at least twice a year to all Member National Associations, the Executive Committee, and other appointed organizations and individuals.</p>	<p>17.07. The Secretary General is responsible for:</p> <p>a) Preparing the agenda for the meetings of the Council of Delegates, after decision of the Executive Committee, as well as the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Bureau, on request of the President, and circulating notice of these meetings in advance.</p> <p>b) Preparing and circulating minutes of the meetings of the Council of Delegates, the Executive Committee, and the Bureau of FIMS.</p> <p>c) Maintaining official correspondence.</p> <p>d) <u>Supervising the maintenance of the FIMS Website.</u></p>
<p>14.08. The Treasurer is responsible for:</p> <p>a) Keeping the financial accounts of FIMS in the official books together with all necessary supporting documents.</p> <p>b) Preparing a detailed account and balance sheet for the preceding period which he shall submit to the Executive Committee and to the Auditors for each of their meetings.</p> <p>c) Keeping a register of the Member National Associations, and Individual and Associate Members and to notify them at appropriate intervals of the dues that they must pay, as well as to collect such income.</p> <p>d) Preparing an annual budget for the Executive Committee and a biannual budget for the Council of Delegates.</p>	<p>17.08. The Treasurer is responsible for:</p> <p>a) Keeping the financial accounts of FIMS <u>and submitting them to internal and external auditing.</u></p> <p>b) Preparing a detailed account and balance sheet for the preceding period which <u>she/he</u> shall submit to the Executive Committee and to the Auditors for each of their meetings.</p> <p>c) Keeping a register of the Member National Associations, <u>Fellows and other</u> Individual and Associate Members ,<u>notifying</u> them at appropriate intervals of <u>their required membership dues, and collecting these dues.</u></p> <p>d) Preparing an annual budget for the Executive Committee and a biannual budget for the Council of Delegates.</p>
<p>14.09. The two auditors will review the financial account presented to them by the Treasurer and give a report of their review to the Executive Committee and the Council of Delegates.</p>	<p>17.09. The two <u>Auditors</u> will review the financial account presented to them by the Treasurer and give a report of their review to the Executive Committee and the Council of Delegates.</p>
<p>Article 15. The Bureau.</p> <p>15.01. The Bureau is composed of the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the Vice-President representative of the Continent where the Bureau Meeting takes place.</p>	<p>Article 18. The Bureau.</p> <p>18.01. The Bureau is composed of the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the <u>First Vice-President. In case all members of the Bureau belong to the same continent, the next Vice-President by precedence representing another continent shall be included as further member of the Bureau.</u></p>
<p>15.02. The Bureau shall meet at least once annually. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Bureau. If he is unable to do so, one of the Vice-Presidents shall take his place.</p>	<p>18.02. The Bureau shall meet at least twice annually. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Bureau. If <u>she/he</u> is unable to do so, <u>the First Vice-Presidents</u> shall take <u>her/his</u> place.</p>
<p>15.03. The minutes of the meetings of the Bureau are</p>	<p>18.03. The <u>decisions of the Bureau must be ratified</u></p>

to be approved by the Executive Committee at the next subsequent meeting.	by the Executive Committee at the next subsequent meeting.
<p>Article 16. The General Meeting.</p> <p>16.01. The General Meeting shall consist of:</p> <p>a) The members of the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>b) The members of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>c) The representatives of the Continental Associations of Sports Medicine recognized by FIMS.</p> <p>d) The Honorary Members.</p> <p>e) The Individual Members.</p> <p>f) The Associate Members.</p>	
16.02. The General Meeting of FIMS meets every 4 years on the occasion of the World Congress of Sports Medicine. This meeting precedes the meeting of the Council of Delegates at that time.	
16.03. The General Meeting shall discuss any question connected with the scientific and practical development of Sports Medicine throughout the world. Each person attending the General Meeting is entitled to one vote on any motion presented to the assembly.	
<p>Article 17. The World Congress of Sports Medicine.</p> <p>17.01. A World Congress of Sports Medicine will be held every 2 years. The Secretary General will inform the Member National Associations about the necessary conditions for staging this Congress and ask that proposals be submitted at least 3 years prior to the projected date of the next Congress. The Executive Committee will review the received proposals and recommend to the Council of Delegates the site and date for their approval at their meeting at least 2 years before the designated date.</p>	<p>Article <u>19</u>. The World Congress of Sports Medicine.</p> <p><u>19</u>.01. A World Congress of Sports Medicine will be held every 2 years. The Secretary General will inform the Member National Associations about the necessary conditions for staging this Congress and ask that proposals be submitted at least 3 years prior to the projected date of the next Congress. The Executive Committee will review the received proposals and recommend to the Council of Delegates the site and date for their approval at their meeting at least 2 years before the designated date.</p>
17.02. The Member National Association in the country selected shall assume full responsibility for the planning and financial support of all pertinent arrangements for the Congress.	<u>19</u> .02. The Member National Association in the country selected shall assume full responsibility for the planning and financial support of all pertinent arrangements for the Congress.
17.03. The President of FIMS shall be the President ex-officio of the World Congress of Sports Medicine.	<u>19</u> .03. The President of FIMS shall be the President ex-officio of the World Congress of Sports Medicine.
17.04. The secretariat of the Congress shall be established and maintained by the sponsoring Member National Association.	<u>19</u> .04. The secretariat of the Congress shall be established and maintained by the sponsoring Member National Association.
17.05. The decision of the city that will hold the FIMS World Congress shall be made by the Council of Delegates by simple majority of votes. After the decision of the Council of Delegates as to where the next World Congress will be held, the President and the Secretary General of FIMS shall sign a contract with the representatives of the concerned Member	<u>19</u> .05. The decision <u>regarding</u> the city that will hold the FIMS World Congress shall be made by the Council of Delegates by simple majority of votes. After the decision of the Council of Delegates as to where the next World Congress will be held, the President and the Secretary General of FIMS shall sign a contract with the representatives of the

<p>National Association or the designated organizers. This contract may include provisions being more favorable for FIMS than the provisions provided by these Statutes and the FIMS Bye-laws. In such case the provisions of the contract shall be applied and implemented.</p>	<p>concerned Member National Association. This contract may include provisions being more favorable for FIMS than the provisions provided by these Statutes and the FIMS Bye-laws. In such case the provisions of the contract shall be applied and implemented.</p>
<p>Article 18. The Standing Commissions. 18.01. The Executive Committee is supported by Standing Commissions.</p>	<p>Article <u>20</u>. The Standing Commissions. <u>20.01</u>. The Executive Committee is supported by Standing Commissions.</p>
<p>18.02. Each Standing Commission consists of FIMS Individual or Associate Members and is composed as: a) A chairperson designated by the Executive Committee who directs the activities of the Commission and reports to the Executive Committee and Council of Delegates, with the right to attend both meetings. b) Up to four Members designated by the Executive Committee from nominations submitted by Member National Associations after considering recommendations of the Commission chairperson. c) Appointed Executive Committee members. d) Corresponding members. e) Observers nominated by appropriate international organizations. f) Temporary members, co-opted ad hoc, for particular purposes.</p>	<p><u>20.02</u>. Each Standing Commission consists of <u>FIMS Fellows and other</u> Individual or Associate Members and is composed as: a) A chairperson designated by the Executive Committee who directs the activities of the Commission and reports to the Executive Committee and Council of Delegates, with the right to attend both meetings <u>without the right to vote</u>. b) Up to four Members designated by the Executive Committee from nominations submitted by Member National Associations after considering recommendations of the Commission chairperson. c) Appointed Executive Committee members. d) Corresponding members. e) Observers nominated by appropriate international organizations. f) Temporary members, co-opted ad hoc, for particular purposes.</p>
<p>18.03. The working period for a Standing Commission is 4 years.</p>	<p><u>20.03</u>. The working period for a Standing Commission is 4 years.</p>
<p>18.04. A chairperson shall give rise to a record of meetings to be kept with the help of one Secretary and circulate it to the Commission membership, the FIMS President, and the Secretary General.</p>	<p><u>20.04</u>. A chairperson shall give rise to a record of meetings to be kept with the help of one Secretary and circulate it to the Commission membership, the FIMS President, and the <u>FIMS</u> Secretary General.</p>
<p>18.05. A Standing Commission a) Reports directly to the Executive Committee which alone shall endorse policy. b) Shall not have executive responsibility except where specific tasks are delegated to it by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><u>20.05</u>. A Standing Commission a) Reports directly to the Executive Committee which alone shall endorse policy. b) Shall not have executive responsibility except where specific tasks are delegated to it by the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>18.06. The Standing Commissions are: a) Scientific b) Interfederal c) Education d) Development</p>	<p><u>20.06</u>. The Standing Commissions are: a) Scientific b) Interfederal c) Education d) Development.</p>
<p>18.07. The Scientific Commission. The aims of the Scientific Commission are: a) To promote scientific research in the field of Sports Medicine. b) To prepare statements regarding specific problems</p>	<p><u>20.07</u>. The Scientific Commission. The aims of the Scientific Commission are: a) To promote scientific research in the field of Sports Medicine. b) To prepare statements regarding specific</p>

<p>in Sports Medicine proposed by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>c) To cooperate with the organizers of the FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine as well as with the organizers of other international scientific events sponsored by FIMS, especially as regards the choice of topics, invited lecturers, chairperson of sessions, and publication of proceedings.</p> <p>d) To cooperate with the Editor of the Official Journal of FIMS to ensure the required scientific level of published contributions.</p>	<p>problems in Sports Medicine proposed by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>c) To cooperate with the organizers of the FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine as well as with the organizers of other international scientific events sponsored by FIMS, especially as regards the choice of topics, invited lecturers, chairpersons of sessions, and publication of proceedings.</p> <p>d) To cooperate with the Editor of the Official Journal of FIMS to ensure the required scientific level of published contributions.</p>
<p>18.08. The Interfederal Medical Commission</p> <p>The aims of the Interfederal Medical Commission are:</p> <p>a) To study, from a medical point of view, practical problems related to sports activity submitted by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>b) To promote and propose scientific research in cooperation with the FIMS Commission concerned regarding the medical aspects of sports activity in a form that can be suitably understood by officers, physicians, paramedic staff, coaches and athletes.</p> <p>c) To organize meetings of physicians linked to International Sports Federations and National Olympic Committees for the exchange of information on Sports Medicine.</p>	<p>20.08. The Interfederal Medical Commission</p> <p>The aims of the Interfederal Medical Commission are:</p> <p>a) To study, from a medical point of view, <u>relevant issues and operational</u> problems related to sports activity submitted by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>b) To promote and propose scientific research in cooperation with <u>the other Standing FIMS Commissions</u> concerned regarding the medical aspects of sports activity in a form that can be suitably understood by officers, physicians, paramedic staff, coaches and athletes.</p> <p>c) To organize meetings of physicians linked to International Sports Federations and National Olympic Committees for the exchange of information on Sports Medicine, <u>in conjunction with the Education Commission.</u></p>
<p>18.09. The Education Commission.</p> <p>The aim of the Education Commission is:</p> <p>a) To provide educational opportunities that meet the needs of sports medicine physicians in both developing and developed countries with the goal of developing both leadership and mentorship.</p> <p>b) To provide advice and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on matters related to sports medicine education for medical and allied health professionals.</p> <p>c) To cooperate with the organizers of the FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine as well as with the organizers of other international educational events sponsored by FIMS to ensure that FIMS educational goals are included in best educational formats.</p> <p>d) To assist the local organizers of FIMS Courses, such as the Team Physician Development Course, Team Physician Advanced Course, Sports Rehabilitation Course, and others, with the course organization, implementation, and evaluation/review process.</p>	<p>20.09. The Education Commission.</p> <p>The aims of the Education Commission are:</p> <p>a) To provide educational opportunities that meet the needs of sports medicine physicians <u>and allied health professionals</u> in both developing and developed countries with the goal of developing both leadership and mentorship.</p> <p>b) <u>To assist the local organizers of FIMS Courses, such as the Team Physician Development Course, Team Physician Advanced Course, Sports Rehabilitation Course, and others, with the course organization, implementation, and evaluation/review process.</u></p> <p>c) To provide advice and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on matters related to sports medicine education for medical and allied health professionals.</p> <p>d) To cooperate with the organizers of the FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine as well as with the organizers of other international educational events sponsored by FIMS to ensure that FIMS educational goals <u>are optimally addressed.</u></p>

<p>18.10. The Development Commission. The aims of the Development Commission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· to deal with and to suggest recommendations to the Executive Committee on matters related to communication, promotional activities, memberships, marketing activities of FIMS</li> <li>· in conjunction with the Secretary General, the Development Commission will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) facilitate and enhance cooperation with other International Organizations related to sports medicine as defined by the Executive Committee;</li> <li>b) assist in the maintenance of effective communication with national bodies, individual members, and associated organizations through acquisition and collection of materials for FIMS publications;</li> <li>c) enlarge contacts with international organizations and institutions of non-medical professions related to the field of sports medicine;</li> <li>d) up-to date strategic plan for FIMS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>· In conjunction with the Treasurer, the Development Commission will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) raise the level of awareness and promote the benefits of individual membership of FIMS.</li> <li>b) develop strategies for the maintenance and monitoring of effective membership services.</li> <li>c) assist the Executive Committee in the implementation of procedures associated with the granting of Individual and Associate Membership.</li> <li>d) operate in close cooperation with the Continental Presidents in setting-up support programs for new members.</li> <li>e) expand the business activities of FIMS by generating revenues for the use of the FIMS image and expertise through negotiating contracts with sponsors and suppliers.</li> <li>f) perform all other FIMS marketing and promotion activity, developing partners, and marketing of the FIMS website.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>20.10. The Development Commission. The aims of the Development Commission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to deal with and to suggest recommendations to the Executive Committee on matters related to communication, promotional activities, memberships, marketing activities of FIMS;</li> <li>b) in conjunction with the Secretary General, the Development Commission will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) facilitate and enhance cooperation with other International Organizations related to sports medicine as defined by the Executive Committee;</li> <li>2) assist in the maintenance of effective communication with national bodies, individual <u>persons</u>, and associated organizations through acquisition and collection of materials for FIMS publications;</li> <li>3) <u>enhance</u> contacts with international organizations and institutions of non-medical professions related to the field of sports medicine;</li> <li>4) <u>develop the</u> strategic plan for FIMS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) In conjunction with the Treasurer, the Development Commission will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <u>increase</u> awareness and <u>promote benefits</u> of Individual membership <u>and Fellowship</u> of FIMS;</li> <li>2) develop strategies for the maintenance and monitoring of effective membership services;</li> <li>3) assist the Executive Committee in the implementation of procedures associated with the granting of Individual and Associate Membership, <u>if so requested</u>;</li> <li>4) operate in close cooperation with the Continental Presidents in setting-up support programs for new members;</li> <li>5) expand the business activities of FIMS by generating revenues for the use of the FIMS image and expertise through negotiating contracts with sponsors, <u>partners</u> and suppliers;</li> <li>6) <u>develop and recommend to the Executive Committee other FIMS marketing and promotion activity.</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Article 19. Financial Structure. 19.01. The capital of FIMS is derived from annual dues of the Member National Associations and Individual Members, administrative fees of Courses and FIMS Congresses, donations, legacies, and subsidies.</p>	<p>Article <u>21</u>. Financial Structure. <u>21</u>.01. The capital of FIMS is derived from annual <u>membership</u> dues of the Member National Associations and Individual <u>as well as Associate</u> Members, <u>including Fellows</u>, administrative fees of Courses and FIMS Congresses, donations, legacies, <u>sponsorships</u> and subsidies.</p>
<p>19.02. The Treasurer shall be in charge of financial operations and shall be supervised by two auditors appointed for 4-year terms by the</p>	<p><u>21</u>.02. The Treasurer shall be in charge of financial operations and shall be supervised by two <u>Auditors</u> appointed for 4-year terms by the Council of</p>

Council of Delegates.	Delegates.
19.03. The Treasurer shall submit a report on the current status of the FIMS account at each meeting of the Executive Committee and a complete report to each meeting of the Council of Delegates. The report to the Council of Delegates should be certified by the Auditors.	<u>21.03.</u> The Treasurer shall submit a report on the current status of the FIMS account at each meeting of the Executive Committee and a report covering the time from the previous Council of Delegates to each meeting of the Council of Delegates. The report to the Council of Delegates <u>shall</u> be certified by the Auditors. <u>As far as required by Swiss law in addition an external financial auditing will be organized.</u>
19.04. Any transfer of budgetary credits or any expenditure must be approved by the Executive Committee.	<u>21.04.</u> Any transfer of budgetary credits or any expenditure must be approved by the Executive Committee.
19.05. FIMS is responsible for: a) the administrative expenses of the Secretary General, b) the expenses of the President in connection with his administrative functions, c) the administrative expenses of the Treasurer and the Chairpersons of the Standing Commissions, d) membership fees to international organizations to which FIMS belongs.	<u>21.05.</u> FIMS is responsible for: a) the administrative expenses of the Secretary General, b) the expenses of the President in connection with <u>her/his</u> administrative functions, c) the administrative expenses of the Treasurer and the Chairpersons of the Standing Commissions, d) membership fees to international organizations to which FIMS belongs.
19.06. The expenses involved in attending meetings of the Council of Delegates, Bureau, Executive Committee, Standing Commissions, and General Meeting are the responsibility of individual members or of the National Association to which each member belongs.	<u>21.06.</u> The expenses involved in attending meetings of the Council of Delegates, Bureau, Executive Committee, and Standing Commissions are the responsibility of individual members or of the <u>Member</u> National Association to which each member belongs.
19.07. The financial year of FIMS begins on January 1st and terminates on December 31st of the same year.	<u>21.07.</u> The financial year of FIMS begins on January 1st and terminates on December 31st of the same year <u>as it is approved by the tax declaration by Swiss law.</u>
19.08. In the event of dissolution of FIMS, the funds shall be allotted to one or more organizations in the field of Sports Medicine in accordance by the Swiss law.	<u>21.08.</u> In the event of dissolution of FIMS, the funds shall be allotted to one or more organizations in the field of Sports Medicine in accordance <u>with</u> Swiss law.
Article 20. Annual Dues. 20.01. The annual dues shall be paid by each Member National Association, Multinational Group, as well as by each Individual or Associate Member in U.S. dollars according to the amount established by the Council of Delegates and specified in the By-Laws.	Article <u>22.</u> Annual Dues. <u>22.01.</u> The annual dues shall be paid by each Member National Association, as well as by each Individual or Associate Member in <u>Swiss Francs</u> according to the amount established by the Council of Delegates and specified in the By-Laws.
20.02. Waiting Member National Associations shall pay annually a service subscription established by the Council of Delegates and specified in the By - Laws.	<u>22.02.</u> Waiting Member National Associations shall pay annually a service subscription established by the Council of Delegates and specified in the By - Laws.
20.03. Only members who have paid their dues and are not in arrears in relation to the previous fiscal year have voting privileges and may be elected or appointed for the Standing Commissions.	<u>22.03.</u> Only <u>Member National Associations</u> who have paid their dues and are not in arrears in relation to the previous fiscal year have <u>voting privileges.</u>

	<p><u>22.04. Only Fellows of FIMS and Individual Members who have paid their dues and are not in arrears in relation to the previous fiscal year may be elected for the Executive Committee. Only under such condition they and Associate Members can be appointed for the Standing Commissions.</u></p>
<p>Article 21. FIMS Awards. 21.01. A FIMS Gold Medal may be awarded to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership which has resulted in advancement in sports medicine of international dimension and importance. A FIMS Citation of Honor may be awarded to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to sports medicine in one or more of the following categories: research in sports medicine and the sports sciences, scholarly activity and publication in sports medicine and the sports sciences, medical care of athletes, regional and / or national leadership, or service to FIMS.</p>	<p>Article <u>23</u>. FIMS Awards. <u>23.01.</u> A FIMS Gold Medal may be awarded to an individual who has demonstrated <u>exceptionally</u> outstanding leadership which has resulted in <u>in sports medicine advancement</u> of international dimension and importance. A FIMS Citation of Honor may be awarded to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to sports medicine in one or more of the following categories: research in sports medicine and the sports sciences, scholarly activity and publication in sports medicine and the sports sciences, medical care of athletes, regional and / or national leadership, or service to FIMS.</p>
<p>21.02. Nominations for an award will be referred to the Awards Committee. Following review of credentials and discussion of the rationale for the nomination, the Awards Committee will make its recommendation to the Executive Committee which, by official action, will approve the award case of “Gold Medal” whereas in case of “Citation of Honor”, will forward the nomination to the Council of Delegates which will have the power to approve the recommendation and make the award.</p>	<p><u>23.02.</u> Nominations for an award will be referred to the Awards Committee. Following review of credentials and discussion of the rationale for the nomination, the Awards Committee will make its recommendation to the Executive Committee which, by official action, will approve the award case of “Gold Medal” whereas in case of “Citation of Honor”, will forward the nomination to the Council of Delegates which will have the power to approve the recommendation and make the award.</p>
<p>21.03. The FIMS Awards Committee shall consist of five members of the FIMS Executive Committee, one member of which will be a Vice President and four will be elected members of the Executive Committee. The Vice-President will serve as the chairperson.</p>	<p><u>23.03.</u> The FIMS Awards Committee shall consist of five members of <u>the Executive Committee</u>, one member of which will be a Vice President and four will be <u>other</u> members of the Executive Committee. The Vice-President will serve as the chairperson.</p>
<p>Article 22. Liability. 22.01. FIMS shall recognize and acknowledge its responsibility towards third parties only by documents signed jointly by the President and the Secretary General.</p>	<p>Article <u>24</u>. Liability. <u>24.01.</u> FIMS shall recognize and acknowledge its responsibility towards third parties only by documents signed jointly by the President and the Secretary General.</p>
<p>22.02. The members of the Executive Committee, the Officers, the Member National Associations, the Honorary, Individual, and Associate Members, as well as the members of the Council of Delegates, shall be exempt from any personal liability as far as the commitments undertaken by FIMS are concerned. Such commitments are guaranteed solely by the assets of FIMS.</p>	<p><u>24.02.</u> The members of the Executive Committee, the Officers, the Member National Associations, the Honorary, Individual, and Associate Members, as well as the members of the Council of Delegates, shall be exempt from any personal liability as far as the commitments undertaken by FIMS are concerned. Such commitments are guaranteed solely by the assets of FIMS.</p>



<p>Article 23. Official Language. 23.01. The official administrative language of FIMS is English.</p>	<p>Article 25. Official Language. 25.01. The <u>official language</u> of FIMS is English.</p>
<p>23.02. For the purpose of international meetings held under the patronage of FIMS, the French, Spanish, German, and Russian languages, together with the language of the host country, may be used in addition to English at the discretion of the organizing body.</p>	<p>25.02. For the purpose of international meetings held under the patronage of FIMS, the French, Spanish, German, and Russian languages, together with the language of the host country, may be used in addition to English at the discretion of the organizing body.</p>
<p>Article 24. Date of entry into force. 24.01. These Statutes and any amendment or alteration thereto enter into force immediately upon their approval unless expressly decided otherwise. <i>These Statutes have been adopted by the FIMS Council of Delegates on 19th June 2014, in Quebec City (CAN).</i></p>	<p>Article 26. Date of entry into force. 26.01. These Statutes and any amendment or alteration thereto enter into force immediately upon their approval unless expressly decided otherwise. These Statutes have been adopted by the FIMS Council of Delegates on <u>30th September 2016</u>, in <u>Ljubljana (Slovenia)</u>.</p>
<p>BY-LAWS OF THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE MEDECINE DU SPORT (FIMS) Chapter I: Designation and Purpose of FIMS Chapter II: Composition of FIMS Chapter III: Administrative Structure of FIMS Select an Article: 3: Official Address 6: National Associations 13: Council of Delegates 14: Executive Committee 15: The Bureau 17: The World Congress 19: Financial Structure 20: Annual Dues 21: FIMS Awards Articles with no by-laws: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-12, 16, 18, 22, 23</p>	<p>BY-LAWS OF THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE MEDECINE DU SPORT (FIMS) Chapter I: Designation and Purpose of FIMS Chapter II: Composition of FIMS Chapter III: Administrative Structure of FIMS Select an Article: 3: Official Address <u>9</u>: National Associations <u>16</u>: Council of Delegates <u>17</u>: Executive Committee <u>18</u>: Bureau <u>19</u>: World Congress <u>21</u>: Financial Structure <u>22</u>: Annual Dues <u>23</u>: FIMS Awards <u>26</u>: <u>Entry into Force</u></p>
<p>CHAPTER I : Designation and Purpose of FIMS Article 03. Address of FIMS. 03.01. The official address of FIMS shall be at Maison du Sport, Av. Rhodanie, 54, Lausanne, Switzerland. All correspondence shall be sent to the FIMS' official address</p>	<p>CHAPTER I : Designation and Purpose of FIMS Article 03. Address of FIMS. 03.01. The official address of FIMS shall be at <u>La Maison du Sport International (MSI)</u>, Av. Rhodanie, 54, <u>1007</u> Lausanne, Switzerland. All correspondence shall be sent to the FIMS' official address.</p>
<p>CHAPTER II : Composition of FIMS Article 06. Member National Associations. 06.01. Each applicant National Association shall, in the event of failure of the Executive Committee to recommend them for membership, have the absolute right to a personal hearing of its application before the Council of Delegates.</p>	<p>CHAPTER II : Composition of FIMS Article <u>09</u>. Member National Associations. <u>09</u>.01. Each applicant National Association shall, in the event of failure of the Executive Committee to recommend them for membership, have <u>the right</u> to a personal hearing of its application before the Council of Delegates.</p>
<p>06.02. National Associations applying for membership in FIMS shall be admitted to waiting membership by the Executive Committee once they have satisfied the requirements specified in Chapter II, Article 06.03 of the Statutes, pending election by the Council of</p>	<p><u>09</u>.02. National Associations applying for membership in FIMS shall be admitted to waiting membership by the Executive Committee once they have satisfied the requirements specified in Chapter II, Article <u>09.03</u> of the Statutes, pending</p>

Delegates.	election by the Council of Delegates.
06.03. As waiting members, they may participate in the activities of FIMS and will receive all official communications to member nations but shall have no vote in the Council of Delegates.	<u>09.03. As waiting members, they may participate in the activities of FIMS and will receive all official communications to <u>Member National Associations</u> but shall have no vote in the Council of Delegates and may not present nominations for the Executive Committee, nor for a Standing Commission.</u>
06.04. Each Member National Association shall have only one representative entitled to vote on behalf of that Association in the Council of Delegates.	<u>09.04. Each Member National Association shall have only one representative entitled to vote on behalf of that Association in the Council of Delegates.</u>
06.05. Before the commencement of each session of the Council, each Member National Association shall give notice in writing to the Secretary General of FIMS of the identity of its delegate.	<u>09.05. Before the commencement of each session of the Council, each Member National Association shall give notice in writing to the Secretary General of FIMS of the identity of its delegate.</u>
CHAPTER III : Administrative Structure of FIMS Article 13. The Council of Delegates. 13.01. The business of the Council of Delegates shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.	CHAPTER III : Administrative Structure of FIMS Article 16. The Council of Delegates. <u>16.01. The business of the Council of Delegates shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.</u>
13.02. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President presiding, shall designate a Parliamentarian for the meeting.	
Article 14. The Executive Committee. 14.01. Any voting member of the Executive Committee may propose a motion. If it is seconded by another voting member, a vote will be taken following discussion to accept or reject the motion. A simple majority will decide the result. If two-thirds or more of the voting members present agree to request it, the voting shall be by secret ballot.	Article <u>17</u> . The Executive Committee. <u>17.01. <u>Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be valid, if at least 50 % of the voting members are present.</u> Any voting member of the Executive Committee may propose a motion. If it is seconded by another voting member, a vote will be taken following discussion to accept or reject the motion. A simple majority will decide the result. If two-thirds or more of the voting members present agree to request it, the voting shall be by secret ballot.</u>
14.02. The meetings of the Executive Committee are private. Other interested persons may be present as observers or consultants for a portion of these meetings with the approval of the Executive Committee and may participate in the discussions if invited to do so. They may be asked to withdraw if the majority of the Executive Committee votes that the subsequent proceedings shall be private.	<u>17.02. The meetings of the Executive Committee are private. Other interested persons may be present as observers or consultants for a portion of these meetings with the approval of the Executive Committee and may participate in the discussions if invited to do so. They may be asked to withdraw if the majority of the Executive Committee votes that the subsequent proceedings shall be private.</u>
14.03. The Executive Committee shall act as the Supervisory Board of the Official Journal of FIMS.	<u>17.03. The Executive Committee shall act as the Supervisory Board of the Official Journal of FIMS.</u>
14.04 - 07. No by-law.	
14.08. The Treasurer will be empowered to act in any financial transactions for FIMS. An alternative person shall be appointed by the Executive to act as his substitute.	<u>17.08. The Treasurer will be empowered to act in any financial transactions for FIMS. An alternative person shall be appointed by the Executive to act as <u>her/his</u> substitute.</u>
Article 15. The Bureau.	Article <u>18</u> . The Bureau.

<p>15.01. The rules of procedure for the Executive Committee apply to the meetings of the Bureau.</p>	<p>18.01. The rules of procedure for the Executive Committee apply to the meetings of the Bureau.</p>
<p>Article 17. The World Congress of Sports Medicine. 17.01. Candidatures to organize the World Congress of Sports Medicine must be presented by a Member National Association whose membership is currently effective. Each must be accompanied by an official document from the National Government of the Member National Association ensuring the necessary cooperation for holding the Congress, including the issuance of any necessary visas for participants and a guarantee that prospective participants from all countries who wish to attend and are properly registered to do so will encounter no difficulties in being admitted to the event or in leaving the country after their attendance. They must also be accompanied by a detailed proposal concerning the physical and financial arrangements for the Congress and a declaration that the candidate National Association will respect the Statutes and By-Laws of FIMS.</p>	<p>Article <u>19</u>. The World Congress of Sports Medicine. <u>19.01</u>. Candidatures to organize the World Congress of Sports Medicine must be presented by a Member National Association whose membership is currently effective. Each must be accompanied by an official document from the National Government of the Member National Association ensuring the necessary cooperation for holding the Congress, including the issuance of any necessary visas for participants and a guarantee that prospective participants from all countries who wish to attend and are properly registered to do so will encounter no difficulties in being admitted to the event or in leaving the country after their attendance. They must also be accompanied by a detailed proposal concerning the physical and financial arrangements for the Congress and a declaration that the candidate <u>Member</u> National Association will respect the Statutes and By-Laws of FIMS.</p>
<p>17.02. If the Executive Committee considers it necessary to have an inspection of the proposed venue for the Congress in any candidature prior to the meeting of the Council of Delegates at which the decision on the site is to be made, the candidate Associations shall pay the costs of travel and full board for the inspecting FIMS representatives.</p>	<p><u>19.02</u>. If the Executive Committee considers it necessary to have an inspection of the proposed venue for the Congress in any candidature prior to the meeting of the Council of Delegates at which the decision on the site is to be made, the candidate Associations shall pay the costs of travel and full board for the inspecting <u>maximum 2</u> FIMS representatives.</p>
<p>17.03. The Association organizing the Congress shall pay the travel cost and full board for the FIMS President and the Chairperson of the Scientific Commission to attend the meetings of the Organizing Committee of the Congress as it may be appropriate and necessary for them to do so.</p>	<p><u>19.03</u>. The Association organizing the Congress shall pay the travel cost and full board for the FIMS President <u>or her/his delegated officer</u> and the Chairperson of the Scientific Commission to attend the meetings of the Organizing Committee of the Congress as it may be appropriate and necessary for them to do so.</p>
<p>17.04. The theme for the World Congress shall be proposed by the Organizing Committee and approved by the Executive Committee of FIMS upon recommendation of the Scientific Commission.</p>	<p><u>19.04</u>. The theme for the World Congress shall be proposed by the Organizing Committee and approved by the Executive Committee of FIMS upon recommendation of the Scientific Commission.</p>
	<p><u>19.05</u>. <u>The President and Treasurer on behalf of the Executive Committee sign a contract with the Congress organizing Member National Association specifying the details and obligations of the organizing Member National Association.</u></p>
<p>17.05. Invitations to take part in the World Congress must be dispatched by the Organizing Committee at least 18 months before the Congress. The text of the</p>	<p><u>19.06</u>. Invitations to take part in the World Congress must be dispatched by the Organizing Committee at least 18 months before the</p>

<p>invitation must include the statement that free communication will be welcomed and provide information as to how and when the abstract forms may be obtained and the last date by which these abstracts must be received in order to decide whether or not presentation at the Congress will be accepted. Invitations must be addressed to:</p> <p>a) Member National Associations and multinational groups.</p> <p>b) Honorary, Individual, and Associate Members.</p> <p>c) International Associations which have an active interest and involvement of their members in Sports Medicine.</p> <p>d) National Olympic Committees.</p> <p>e) International Sports Federations.</p>	<p>Congress. The text of the invitation must include the statement that free communication will be welcomed and provide information as to how and when the abstract forms may be obtained and the last date by which these abstracts must be received in order to decide whether or not presentation at the Congress will be accepted. Invitations must be addressed to:</p> <p>a) Member National Associations and <u>Continental Associations</u>.</p> <p>b) Honorary, Individual, and Associate Members, <u>including FIMS Fellows</u>.</p> <p>c) International Associations which have an active interest and involvement of their members in Sports Medicine.</p> <p>d) National Olympic Committees.</p> <p>e) International Sports Federations.</p>
<p>17.06. The program of the World Congress shall include invited speakers and free communications. All speakers, whether invited or not, will be required to submit manuscripts to the Organizing Committee with appropriate tables, charts, and illustrations. The Organizing Committee shall establish an Editorial Committee to receive the manuscripts and, in conjunction with the Scientific Commission, to prepare them for publication. The cost of publication shall be assumed by the Organizing Committee.</p>	<p><u>19.07.</u> The program of the World Congress shall include invited speakers and free communications. All speakers, whether invited or not, will be required to submit abstracts to the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee shall establish an Editorial Committee to receive the abstracts and, in conjunction with the Scientific Commission, to prepare them for publication. The cost of publication shall be assumed by the Organizing Committee.</p>
<p>17.07. The Organizing Committee of the World Congress shall pay to FIMS for the performance of the Congress the conformity fee of 30.000,00 CHF. The Organizing Committee shall waive the registration fee and shall pay full board accommodation for the following groups: FIMS Executive Committee (minimum four nights), FIMS Commissions Members (minimum three nights), Invited speakers, Honour Guests, Staff (minimum three nights) and Official Delegates of the Council (minimum two nights).</p>	<p><u>19.08.</u> The Organizing Committee of the World Congress shall pay to FIMS for the <u>conduct</u> of the Congress the conformity fee of 30.000,00 CHF. The Organizing Committee shall waive the registration fee and shall pay full board accommodation for the following groups: FIMS Executive Committee (minimum four nights), FIMS Commissions Members (minimum three nights), Invited speakers, Honour Guests, Staff (minimum three nights) and Official Delegates of the Council (minimum two nights).</p>
<p>17.08. The Organizing Committee of the World Congress shall provide meeting rooms, necessary staff, and equipment for the meeting of the Executive Committee, the General Meeting, and the Council of Delegates, as well as a temporary office for the Secretary General and the Treasurer of FIMS as close as possible to the Secretariat of the Congress.</p>	<p><u>19.09.</u> The Organizing Committee of the World Congress shall provide meeting rooms, necessary staff, and equipment for the meeting of the Executive Committee, <u>the Council of Delegates and the Standing Commissions</u>, as well as a temporary office for the <u>FIMS Executive Committee</u> as close as possible to the Secretariat of the Congress.</p>
<p>17.09. At the World Congress, simultaneous translation of presentations shall be provided in English, and may be provided in French, Spanish, German, and Russian.</p>	<p><u>19.10.</u> At the World Congress, simultaneous translation of presentations shall be provided in English, and may be provided in French, Spanish, German, and Russian <u>or another language as mutually agreed from time to time by both the</u></p>

	<u>Executive Committee and the Organizing Committee.</u>
Article 19. Financial Structure. 19.01. The Treasurer may be empowered by the Executive Committee to reimburse each member of the Bureau and of the Executive Committee CHF 200.00 for attendance at each meeting for the purpose of helping to defray expenses.	Article <u>21</u> . Financial Structure. <u>21</u> .01. The Treasurer may be empowered by the Executive Committee to reimburse each member of the Bureau and of the Executive Committee CHF 200.00 for attendance at each meeting for the purpose of helping to defray expenses.
Article 20. Annual dues. 20.01. Annual dues shall be established for each member National Organization according to the number of its members in the following amounts: · Up to 100 CHF 100.00 · 100 to 500 CHF 200.00 · 500 to 1000 CHF 300.00 · 1000 to 2000 CHF 400.00 · 2000 and over CHF 500.00	Article <u>22</u> . Annual <u>D</u> ues. <u>22</u> .01. Annual dues shall be established for each <u>M</u> ember National Organization according to the number of its members in the following amounts: · Up to 100 CHF 100.00 · 100 to 500 CHF 200.00 · 500 to 1000 CHF 300.00 · 1000 to 2000 CHF 400.00 · 2000 and over CHF 500.00
20.02. Waiting member national Associations shall pay a service fee of CHF 100.00 annually.	<u>22</u> .02. Waiting <u>M</u> ember <u>N</u> ational Associations shall pay a service fee of CHF 100.00.
20.03. Individual Members and Associate Members shall pay CHF 60.00 annually; CHF 100.00 biennially.	22.03. Individual Members and Associate Members shall pay CHF 60.00 annually; CHF 100.00 biennially. Fellows will pay CHF 200,00 annually.
Article 21. FIMS Awards. 21.01. Nomination for FIMS awards can be accomplished by means of one of two mechanisms: a) by action of the highest executive body of a Member National Association of FIMS presented on that organization's official letterhead and signed by the organization's president or other authorized representative. b) by action of three or more members of FIMS Executive Committee following consultation with the Member National Association of which the nominee is currently a member in good standing.	Article <u>23</u> . FIMS Awards. <u>23</u> .01. Nomination for FIMS awards can be accomplished by means of one of two mechanisms: a) by action of the highest executive body of a Member National Association of FIMS presented on that organization's official letterhead and signed by the organization's president or other authorized representative. b) by action of three or more members of FIMS Executive Committee following consultation with the Member National Association of which the nominee is currently a member in good standing.
21.02. The procedure for nomination will involve the submission to the FIMS Executive Committee of the following: a) a letter of nomination citing the specific rationale for the nomination and presenting background information about the nominee and b) a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Following receipt of the nomination materials, a review will be conducted by the FIMS Awards Committee and, if there is a positive consensus, a recommendation will be forwarded to the FIMS Executive Committee for official action.	<u>23</u> .02. The procedure for nomination will involve the submission to the FIMS Executive Committee of the following: a) a letter of nomination citing the specific rationale for the nomination and presenting background information about the nominee and b) a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Following receipt of the nomination materials, a review will be conducted by the FIMS Awards Committee and, if there is a positive consensus, a recommendation will be forwarded to the FIMS Executive Committee for official action.
21.03. The Awards Committee shall be appointed by the President following the election of the Executive	<u>23</u> .03. The Awards Committee shall <u>be elected by</u> the Executive Committee <u>from among its</u>

Committee by the Council of Delegates	<u>members, and chaired by the designated Vice-President.</u>
<p>Article 22. Date of entry into force.</p> <p>22.01. These By-laws and any amendment or alteration thereto enter into force immediately upon their approval unless expressly decided otherwise.</p> <p><i>These By-laws have been adopted by the FIMS Executive Committee on 18th June 2014, in Quebec City (CAN).</i></p>	<p>Article <u>26</u>. Date of entry into force.</p> <p><u>26</u>.01. These By-laws and any amendment or alteration thereto enter into force immediately upon their approval unless expressly decided otherwise.</p> <p><i>These By-laws have been adopted by the FIMS Executive Committee <u>on 30th September 2016, in Ljubljana (Slovenia).</u></i></p>