

# IADR PARAGUAYAN SECTION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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International Association for Dental Research [Paraguayan Division]*

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### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

This Section named the [Paraguayan Association for Dental Research] of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR), herein referred to as the Paraguayan Section.

### **ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES**

The Paraguayan Section has been established to promote research in all aspects of oral and related sciences, to encourage development of improved methods for the prevention and treatment of oral and dental diseases, to improve the oral health of the public through research, and to facilitate cooperation among investigators and the communication of research findings and their implications throughout the region.

### **ARTICLE III. CORPORATE STATUS**

The Paraguayan Section is a subsidiary of the International Association for Dental Research, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, United States of America. If the Region shall be dissolved at any time, no part of its funds or property shall be distributed to its members; but, after payment of all indebtedness, its surplus funds shall be distributed by the IADR in a manner consistent with Article II.

### **ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATION and MANAGEMENT**

The IADR Global Board of Directors, with the approval of the IADR Council, shall define the IADR Divisions and IADR non-Divisional Sections. The affairs of the Paraguayan Section shall be managed in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the IADR.

### **ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1. ELIGIBILITY**

**(A) INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP.** Any individual, without any considerations of color, caste, race, religion, age, gender, national or ethnic origin, or disability, who is interested in Dental Science and Dental Research, shall be eligible for membership in this Paraguayan Section, as set forth in the Bylaws.

**(B) INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP.** Any educational institution, research institution or center, government agency, or industry engaged in dental or dentally related research shall be eligible for membership in a Division and/or in an at-large Institutional Section, subject to the eligibility requirements and approval of the Section or the Association and the limitations of Article IV.

#### **Section 2. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION.**

**(A)** Membership may be terminated automatically by a member upon delivery of a formal notice to the Executive Director of that member's resignation.

**(B)** The membership of any member may be terminated or suspended for reasons of non-payment of dues, proven scientific misconduct, non-compliance with the Association's Constitution, or for other good cause shown. Termination of membership other than for non-payment of dues will be determined at an Annual Meeting of Council, by a two-thirds vote of the Council members present and voting. The person whose membership is threatened with termination shall be so notified by the Executive Director at least 120 days before the annual General Session, and shall be entitled to appear before Council in person, by representation, or by submission of a written statement to defend his/her right to membership.

### **ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. OFFICERS.** The Officers of the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors shall be the President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. One or more nominations for Vice-president shall be made by the Assembly, and announcement of the nomination(s) shall be mailed to each member of the Section not fewer than four months after the Assembly, and in a form to indicate that other nominations may be made by petition.

**Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS.** All members of the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors shall also be IADR members in good standing.

## **ARTICLE VII. FINANCES**

**Section 1. EXPENDITURES.** Funds of the Paraguayan Section may be expended only on general or specific authorization of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. ACCOUNTS.** All accounts and assets of the Paraguayan Section shall be audited annually by an appropriately qualified and independent individual. The Treasurer will have responsibility for maintaining the Division's funds.

**Section 3. REPORTS.** The Paraguayan Section, through the Treasurer, shall report annually to the member's assembly

## **ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS**

**Section 1. PARAGUAYAN DIVISION MEETINGS.** The Paraguayan Section shall normally meet for the exchange of scientific information with a frequency as described in the Bylaws. Separate Divisional or non-Divisional Section Meetings will not be held in the same year as a Regional Meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX. REPORTS**

The President of the Paraguayan Section shall prepare and disseminate an annual written report to the IADR Global Board of Directors and to the member of the Division.

## **ARTICLE X. QUORUM**

The quorum for the Paraguayan Section Board shall be as stated by the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**Section 1: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors. Amendments must be received by the Paraguayan Section Secretary at least 90 days prior to the Meeting and must be distributed to all members of the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors at least 60 days prior to the meeting. Adoption of such amendments to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors.

**Section 2: RATIFICATION.** Proposed amendments approved by the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of member of the Section present at the annually Section Assembly.

**Section 3. APPROVAL BY IADR GLOBAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The IADR Global Board of Directors must also approve the proposed amendment to ensure consistency with its own Constitution and Bylaws and fulfillment of its Mission. The Paraguayan Section Secretary must inform the IADR Executive Director within 30 days of passage of the proposed amendment. The Executive Director will add the proposed amendment to the agenda for the next meeting of the

IADR Global Board of Directors and will communicate in writing the Board's decision to the Paraguayan Section Secretary.

**Section 4. ADOPTION.** A proposed amendment, approved as described in each of Sections 1-3 of this Article, shall become a part of the Constitution at the close of the next Paraguayan Section Meeting.

## **ARTICLE XII. BYLAWS**

Bylaws and amendments to Bylaws may be proposed at any Paraguayan Section Board Meeting and may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting. Bylaw amendments must also have the approval of the IADR Global Board of Directors. The Paraguayan Section Secretary must inform the IADR Executive Director within 30 days of passage of the proposed Bylaw amendment. The Executive Director will add the proposed Bylaw amendment to the agenda for the next meeting of the IADR Global Board of Directors and will communicate in writing the Board's decision to the Paraguayan Section Secretary. Bylaw amendments take immediate effect after IADR Global Board of Directors approval.

### **BYLAWS**

*Adopted [Insert Date]*

#### **SECTION A. MEMBERSHIP**

**1. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES.** Article VI, Section 1(A), of the Constitution shall be interpreted as follows:

**(A) MEMBER:** A person, who is conducting, has conducted, or who is interested in the furtherance of research in any branch of science or in fields related to dental science. Members shall have the full rights and privileges of membership and are eligible to vote and to hold office in the Association.

**(B) AFFILIATE MEMBER:** A person who is not involved in research but has an interest in keeping up with the latest research, e.g., a practicing dentist or a member of the general public. Affiliate members receive limited benefits.

**(C) STUDENT MEMBER:** A person who is a student currently enrolled in a recognized academic institution who does not hold an academic appointment and who is interested in dental research. Student members must become Members when eligible or be dropped from membership. Individuals may be classified at the Student level for no more than 8 years. The Student Member shall have all the rights and privileges of membership but shall have no vote.

**(D) RETIRED:** A person who has been a member of the Association in good standing for at least 25 years and no longer works on a full-time basis for remuneration. The Retired Member shall have all the rights and privileges of membership but shall receive the *Journal of Dental Research* only upon payment of the *Journal* subscription fee.

**(E) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:** The Association and Divisions may elect as Honorary Members persons who are not members of the Association. Honorary Members shall normally

be selected on the basis of the candidate's significant contribution to, or support of, dental research.

## **SECTION B. OFFICIALS**

### **1. DUTIES.**

- (a) The duties of the Officers shall be those ordinarily associated with the official titles, and such other duties as the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors or IADR Global Board of Directors may assign.
- (b) In electing Officers of the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors as described in Article VI, the Presidents of the Section will take into consideration the membership to ensure diversity on the Paraguayan Section Board
- (c) In the event that an Officer vacates his/her office prior to completion of his/her term of office, the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors will make an *ad interim* appointment using the same criteria as described in Article VI.
- (d) The duties of the IADR Paraguayan Section Board Member will be to represent the interests of the Section on the IADR Global Board of Directors and, from time to time, to serve on those IADR committees as identified by the IADR President-elect.
- (e) The Treasurer shall maintain surveillance over the Paraguayan Section's finances. Upon completion of his/her term, the incumbent will become the Immediate Past Treasurer and will assist the incoming Treasurer as necessary for one year.

### **2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

- (a) **VICE-PRESIDENT of the PARAGUAYAN SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The Vice-president shall be elected from among the active members by ballot of the membership. The incumbent Vice-president shall be advanced automatically to the next higher office at the end of their then-current terms of office. The Secretary, the Treasurer, shall be appointed by the President
- (b) **TERM OF OFFICE.** The terms of the President and Vice-president shall be three Association years; for the Treasurer it shall be three Sectional years.

## **SECTION C. COMMITTEES**

Appointments to standing and *ad hoc* committees shall be made by the President.

## **SECTION D. MEETINGS**

- 1. PARAGUAYAN SECTION MEETINGS.** The venue of each Paraguayan Section Meeting shall be proposed by the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors. The frequency of Sectional Meetings shall be no less than every year.

2. **REGISTRATION FEES.** The Paraguayan Section Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the registration fees for the annual Meeting. Members who have not paid their IADR dues through the current year will be required to pay the non-member fee.

#### 4 SECTION E. QUORUM

1. **QUORUM.** At any meeting of the Paraguayan Section Board, a quorum shall be comprised of at least one-half of the members Board of Directors.

#### SECTION F. AUTHORIZED BANKS AND EXPENDITURES

Funds of the Paraguayan Section shall be deposited in a bank or banks, or invested in securities approved for the purpose by the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors. Authorized expenditures from the general funds of the Section shall be signed by the Treasurer and at least one other officer, where practical, provided such expenditures are within the budget approved by the Paraguayan Section Board of Directors. Electronic approval is acceptable when geography or other logistical constraints prevent a co-signature.

#### SECTION G. DEFINITIONS

1. In this Constitution and Bylaws, “mail” is understood to mean any form of communication from the Regional Board to the member Divisions and non-Divisional Sections, including traditional mail and electronic mail.