

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION IN CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (EURORECKD)

1st Article

An Association is being founded with the name "European Association of Rehabilitation in Chronic Kidney Disease» with headquarters at the Municipality of Thessaloniki, Greece, in 26 Ag. Sofia Street. The Association has its own seal with characteristic emblem with the word "EURORECKD" and it is placed in all the official documents.

AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

2nd Article

A. The aims are:

1. To improve prognosis and health related quality of life in patients with chronic kidney disease through exercise training
2. To promote exercise physiology as an integral part in the evaluation of functional status in patients with chronic kidney disease.
3. To be a common forum for all members of national renal societies in Europe who are interested in renal rehabilitation and exercise physiology
4. To outline and issue guidelines and best clinical practice.

B. Means by which the above aims will be achieved are the following:

1. The organization of seminars, lectures, public debates, postgraduate courses and other events of scientific communication, self-reliant or with other scientific organizations. The organization of Symposiums and particularly International Congresses with objects related to the aims of the Association. Objective of the above events is the continuous improvement of the scientific level of its members.

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2. The foundation of Research Centers, Institutes, Educational and Postgraduate Institutions, or publication of books or magazines with use of modern electronic means, the awarding of scholarships for further training and specialization on the developments on the scientific field for prevention and rehabilitation in Nephrology, as well as the development of research studies that cover some of the scientific sectors of the Association and particularly those with wider international interest.
3. The collaboration with European Universities, Scientific Companies and institutions after decision of the A.C. To facilitate and promote exchange of information in the various areas of interest of our working group members. To promote teaching and research in the field of renal rehabilitation and exercise physiology. To initiate and facilitate co-operation and collaboration in teaching, research and organisational aspects of renal rehabilitation and exercise physiology between the different countries within the European Association as well as with other countries.
4. The EURORECKD" is officially endorsed by the ERA – EDTA since 2001.

MEMBERS - RIGHTS - OBLIGATIONS

3rd Article

The Association is constituted of regular, corresponding and honorary members.

4th Article

a. A person can become a regular member of EURORECKD after decision of the A.C., European Physicians, Physical Educators, Physiotherapists, Nurses and other scientists with particular interest in the sector of Nephrology and Exercise Rehabilitation after an argued proposal of two regular members. The proposal should

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be based on the educational, clinical and research work of the applicant. The minimal required qualifications are determined by the A.C.

b. All the regular members are equal and enjoy all the rights and the privileges of the Association. They participate in the discussions of the G.A., they vote, elect and are elected. They have also the right to propose anything, they judge that contributes to the achievement of the aims of the Association, to the administration of the Association.

c. The regular members should comply with the provisions of the statute and the decisions of the General Assemblies and Administrative Council that have been taken between the boundaries of the Statute and the laws and provide their services for the success of the aims of the Association.

d. The attribute of regular member is lost:

1. By proposal of a member or by the AC, if important reasons are given and is decided by at least two thirds majority at two consecutive GAs.
2. If a member wishes to withdraw from the Association and provides the AC with a statement at least three months prior to the expiry of the accountant year.

5th Article

Honorary members are nominated by the Administrative Council and can be doctors or other researchers that have offered exceptional services for the promotion of the aims of the Association. The honorary members do not have the right to elect or to be elected; they attend the General Assemblies without right of vote and are exempted from any financial obligation to the Association.

6th Article

Corresponding members are nominated by the A.C., scientists that reside in the USA or in other countries outside the European Union. The corresponding members can attend the General Assemblies without right of vote and they are exempted from any financial obligation to the Association.

RESOURCES

7th Article

A. Resources of Company are: a) the rights of registration of its members, b) the regular subscriptions of its members, c) the subscriptions of periodical publications of the Association, as well as the income from sales of publications of the Association, d) contributions by members, e) chance donations, bequests and subsidies from any individual or legal person or the state.

B. The sums of rights of registration, the regular subscriptions, the periodical publications, the sold publications and the exceptional contributions are determined by the Administrative Council.

BODIES

8th Article

Bodies of the Association are: a) the General Assembly, b) the Administrative Council and c) the Inspecting Committee.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9th Article

a. The General Assembly is constituted by the total of members of the Association. It regularly assembles each year during the Congresses of the European Dialysis and Transplantation Association and exceptionally whenever the Administrative Council judges it necessary or when it is requested by 1/3 of the regular members with a special application in which the desired agenda should be noted.

In the second case the administrative Council is obliged to convene the General Assembly in 15 days at the latest, from the day the relative application was submitted.

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b. The General Assemblies, regular or not, are convened after relative invitation of the Administrative Council. The place, the time, the subjects and whether the convened General Assembly is the first or the second are written in the invitation. The non observance of the above deadline is forgiven in case 4/5 of the members attend or send written consent.

c. Before the beginning of the activities, the General Assembly elects the Chairman and the Secretary. The Chairman directs the work of the General Assembly gives and removes the oration, according to his judgment considers the discussion concluded and places the proposals in voting. The Secretary is obliged to keep the proceedings.

d. During the regular General Assembly the activity of the Association is reviewed since the previous Assembly, the report of the Inspecting Committee is announced, the next budget of the Association is discussed and approved and decisions are taken for each subject that concerns the Association. In every second regular General Assembly, the transaction of the above issues, the procedures for electing the Administrative Council and the Inspecting Committee are followed.

10th Article

a. In order to consider that the General Assembly is found in quorum half plus one of the regular members must attend. In case quorum is not achieved at the first convocation, the General Assembly assembles once again for a second time in 24 hours at the most, independent of the number of the members that attends it this time.

b. The General Assembly takes its decisions with the majority of the present members, unless it is determined otherwise by the Statute or the Law.

11th Article

For the modification of any article of the Statute, two thirds (2/3) of the regular members should attend and the corresponding decision should be taken with a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the present members. The same percentages are also required for the decision-making for the dissolution of the Association.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

12th Article

a. The Administrative Council (A.C.) of the Association is a representative body, which functions as a contact and surrogate of the members of the Association and assumes the relative initiatives for the implementation of decisions that are taken in the General Assemblies.

b. The Administrative Council has nine members and is elected by the total of the regular members of the General Assembly with secret voting. Its term lasts for two years. Before the conduct of voting a three-member committee is elected by the General Assembly, who with the Chairman and the Secretary of the General Assembly constitutes the Electing Board. The first Administrative Council is comprised by the first nine establishing members.

c. The members of the A.C. are elected with relative majority which is worked out with alphabetical order at the day of the General Assembly in single voting page. If two or more people are with equal votes in the eleventh place, a draw is made between these people for the occupation of this place.

d. The Chairman is elected alternatively every two years, between candidates from Greece, Germany, Sweden, and England as well as from other European countries. The Administrative Council is comprised by the following members: the Chairman, the first Vice-Chairman, the second Vice-Chairman, the General Secretary, the Special Secretary, the Treasurer and 5 members.

e. The next three candidates at order of majority after the election for the members of the Administrative Council are appointed as surrogate members. In case of

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resignation, deletion or death of a member of the Administrative Council a surrogate substitutes the empty place.

f. The Administrative Council is ceased before the expiry of its service with the decision of the A.C. Specifically in these cases the majority of three quarters (3/4) present members is required.

13th Article

a. Two days after the elections, the elected members of the Administrative Council assemble for the first meeting after invitation of the Council that had the majority and are constituted in body. In this meeting the member with the majority of votes presides.

b. After its constitution, the Administrative Council undertakes its duties and receives its protocol, which is signed by the previous and the new A.C., the fortune of the Association. Until the new A.C assumes authority, the previous A.C is in charge. During this period the new A.C. is informed by the upcoming A.C. on each subject that concerns the Association.

14th Article

a. The Administrative Council holds a meeting by initiative of the Chairman or whenever at least three members of the A.C request it.

b. The Administrative Council is in quorum when at least four of the members are in attendance. The decisions are taken with relative majority of the present members. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman's vote prevails.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

15th Article

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The Chairman of the A.C. represents the association in any juridical or administrative authority, magisterially and extrajudicially, and attends as trustee, delegate and attorney in front of them. He holds meetings, via the General Secretary, of the members of the Association as well as the members of the A.C, in which he chairs. The Chairman is responsible for the precise observance of the memorandum of the association and signs all the documents that the Association sends. Additionally, he signs the orders on the payment of expenses that are decided by the A.C. in the budget, as well as what are resulted from extraordinary and urgent needs.

16th Article

In case of absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman of the A.C. replaces and substitutes him in all of his authorities, and the Vice-Chairman one of the members of A.C., who is appointed by it.

17th Article

The General Secretary with the help of the Special Secretary supervises, according to the command of the Chairman, the correspondence of the EURORECKD, he looks after the files and the seals, receives the documents that are sent and observes the protocol, registers with serial number the documents that enter and come out, as well as the book of the Proceedings of the A.C. He also attends to the mission of the diplomas to the new members, after they are signed by the Chairman, convenes the members of the Association and the members of A.C. to the corresponding meetings and draws up the proceedings of the meetings of the A.C., which are signed by all the members of the A.C. that participated in the corresponding meeting.

18th Article

The Special Secretary draws up, reads and signs the proceedings of each scientific meeting, keeps notes of scientific announcements and substitutes the General Secretary when he is absent. The Special Secretary also attends to the maintenance of the scientific books of the Association and supervises their lending to the members.

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When both Secretaries are absent, two members of A.C. that are appointed by the Chairman, substitute them.

19th Article

The Treasurer collects the rights of registration, the subscriptions and generally each economic benefit towards the Association, publishing and signing the relative, from a special numbered two-formed book, receipts, attends to the collection of the subscription of the members, regularly informs the A.C. of members that delay their subscriptions, draws up and submits assessment of the Fund, holds the books that are necessary for the implementation of his duties and keeps in files all the supporting documents of payments. The Treasurer acts any payment with warrants that are published for expenses that are fixed by the A.C., in the budget or they are approved by the A.C., or resulted from extraordinary and urgent needs. (The warrants are always subscribed by the Chairman of the Administrative Council).

He deposits in a Bank, which is fixed with the decision of the A.C., the available pecuniary sums of the Association. However, he can keep a sum for the urgent needs of the Association. For each damage of the Association from this omission he is responsible towards the Association, places whenever he is asked the financier situation of the balance-sheet, as well as the next year's budget, that are submitted to the A.C. The accountant year finishes on the 31st of December of each year.

INSPECTING COMMITTEE

20th Article

The Inspecting Committee of the Association is constituted by three members. It is elected for the same period that the A.C. is elected, from separate voting-paper with relative majority. The next two at order of success from the candidates are considered surrogates. The Inspecting Committee checks each year, or whenever judges necessary, the economic management of the Association and submits in front of

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regular General Assemblies its conclusions at the assessment of the Administrative Council, that is departed.

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

21st Article

The Scientific meetings are distinguished as regular and sudden. The regular meetings are organized once every two years from September until June. The sudden meetings are convened by the Chairman of A.C., when at his opinion urgent scientific issues must be addressed or if 1/3 of the regular members of the Association request it in writing. The invitations for the meetings should be sent to the members at least two months earlier. In the invitations the place of meeting and the subjects that are to be announced, should be noted.

22nd Article

In the scientific meetings of the Association, scientific subjects only are developed and discussed. The meetings are always public. The A.C. or the present members in a scientific meeting can decide with relative majority, that a certain meeting will be open only for members.

23rd Article

The process with which the scientific meetings are being held, the way that the scientific announcements are presented and other relevant subjects, are regulated by the INTERNAL REGULATION that is drawn up by the A.C. of the Association

BENEFACTORS - DONORS

24th Article

The Association nominates benefactors and donors. Benefactor is obligatorily nominated anyone that offers to the Association pecuniary sums or objects of value

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more than 5000€. Those who offer pecuniary sum or object of value up to 5000€ are obligatorily nominated donors.

25th Article

Anything that it is not forecasted by the present Statute and the internal regulation which might be drawn up, the provisions of the Urban Code and relative laws for Associations are in effect.