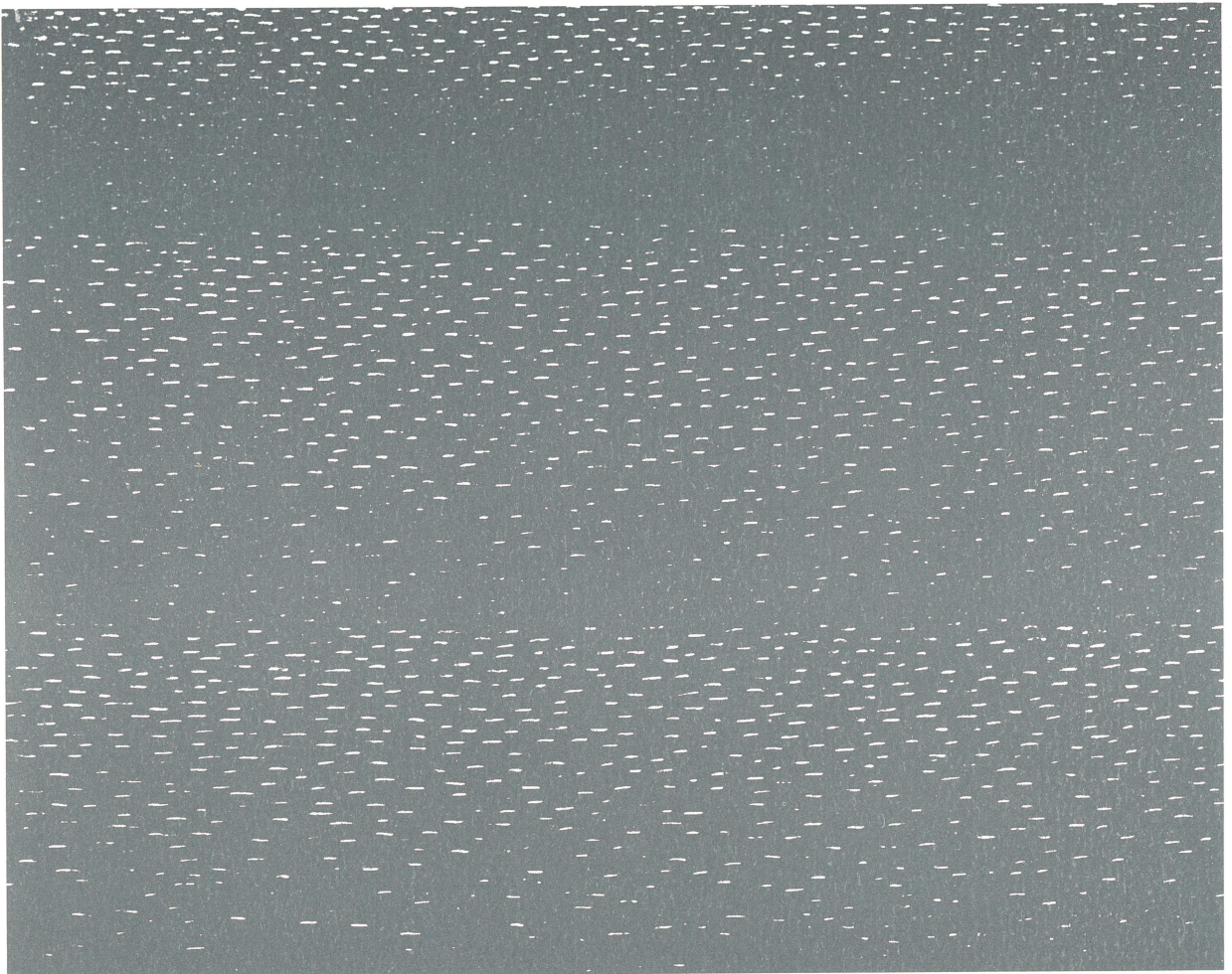


Charter and Bylaws

Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology



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Article 1

Name and Domicile

Name : The Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology.

Domicile : The Society has its domicile in Tokyo, Japan.

Article 2

Objectives

The objectives of the Society are the advancement and promotion of knowledge of the respiratory system in health and disease. It shall strive to encourage research, improve clinical practice through teaching, increase awareness of health problems in the area and promote the exchange of knowledge among respirologists in the Asian and Pacific region.

Article 3

Specific Aims

The Society shall endeavor to realize these objectives by : —

- a) Promotion and coordination of activities in the field of respirology,
- b) Fostering research activities in the field of respirology,
- c) Organization and coordination of regular congresses and occasional meetings,
- d) Establishing a newsletter and eventually a journal.

Article 4

Membership

4.1 Classes : The Society shall be composed of active, associate, honorary and supporting members.

(Fourth Draft, adopted by the Steering Committee/
Executive Committee, October 20, 1988)

4.2 Active membership : An active member is a professional, usually with a medical degree, Ph.D. or the equivalent, who is presently working in the field of respirology.

4.3 Associate membership : An associate member is a person in training in a field related to respirology.

4.4 Honorary membership : Honorary members are active members who have served the society well, or have made important contributions to further the aims of the society. Honorary membership can be awarded by the Executive Committee.

4.5 Supporting members : Corporations or individuals supporting the Society financially can be awarded supporting member status by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

4.6 Applications for active membership : Application should be made by sending to the Secretary General the official application form containing the following information : –

- a) Qualifications of the nominee, including degrees, professional position and academic degrees
- b) Letter of recommendation from an active member

The Membership Committee shall consider the application and then decide whether to bestow membership. The membership becomes effective upon payment of the membership fee.

4.7 Membership fees : Membership fees shall be set by the Executive Committee.

4.8 Rights and privileges : Active and honorary members may participate in the business and scientific sessions of the Society and may vote. Active members below the age of 65 are eligible for election to office in the Society. Associate members may participate in the business and scientific sessions, but they may not vote and are not eligible for election to office. Supporting members have no voting rights. Members are eligible to receive publications of the society.

4.9 Cessation of Membership : Membership shall cease upon : –

- a) written notice by the member, in which case membership shall cease as of the first day of the following calendar year
- b) expulsion in accordance with a decision of the Executive Committee upon failure to pay the annual subscription for two consecutive years
- c) expulsion in accordance with a resolution of and a written notice by the Executive Committee for actions inconsistent with charter and bylaws of the Society.

Article 5

Structure of the Society.

5.1 Functioning of the Society : There shall be an Executive Committee, chaired by the President, which shall determine the operations of the society. The routine business shall be the responsibility of the President of the Society.

5.2 Officers : The Officers of the Society shall consist of the President, Past-President, President-elect, Congress President, Secretary General, Treasurer and Chairmen of permanent committees and national representatives. National representatives shall be selected by the fee-paying members of each country.

5.3 Executive Committee Members : The Executive Committee shall be representative of the membership. Initially, the members of the International Steering Committee shall be members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, the immediate past president, and president elect, plus the president of the next congress of the Society, the Secretary General and the Treasurer, in addition to national representatives. The representatives of individual countries/regions shall be active members who are selected by the members from those countries. Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and Thailand shall always be represented by at least one member. The Executive Committee shall meet annually.

5.4 Duties and Activities of the Executive Committee

a) The members of the Committee shall promote the aims and activities of the Society in the individual countries and be responsible for contacts between the society and members or potential members in the individual countries. Committee members can be allocated to carry out tasks for the Society by the Executive Committee.

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- b) The Executive Committee shall elect the president of the Society, the Secretary General and the Treasurer on the recommendation of the President.
 - c) The Executive Committee shall select the president of the Congress committee who shall be responsible for the congress organization committee in his own country.
 - d) The meeting of the Executive Committee should take place once per year in the country decided on by the Executive Committee.
 - e) The Executive Committee shall nominate candidate(s) for president of the Executive Committee and this shall be voted on by the active membership.
 - f) The terms of the officers of the Executive Committee shall extend between the international Congresses.

5.5 Permanent Committees : There shall be three permanent committees ; Executive Committee, Membership Committee and Scientific Committee. Other Committees can be established on an ad hoc basis as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

Membership Committee : The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to review applications for membership as described in 4.6 above.

Scientific Committee : The Scientific Committee, shall be formed by the Executive Committee. It shall supervise all the scientific activities of the Society and be in contact with the current congress organization committee to ensure a suitably high scientific level at the international Congress.

Article 6

The Congress

6.1 The Society shall hold a Congress, every 2 years, at a place and time established by the Executive Committee. At the Congress, the Executive Committee and all other committees and subcommittees shall report upon their activities. An account of the financial management of the Society shall be rendered.

6.2 Congress Organization Committee

The Congress organization committee has the responsibility of organizing all aspects of the next congress of the society. It is also responsible for reporting on progress in planning the congress to the Scientific Committee.

Article 7

Business Meeting

7.1 There will be a business meeting, open to all fee-paying members of the society, hold on the occasion of the congress.

Article 8

Alterations to the Charter and bylaws

8.1 The Charter and Bylaws may be altered if 30 days' notification is given by the President of the Society and if approved by a 2/3 majority at the business meeting held during the Congress. Alterations can be made in periods between Congresses if approved by a 2/3 majority of all mailed replies received within 60 days after a proposed alteration has been mailed from the President's office.

Article 9

Administrative Secretariat

9.1 The Secretariat is located in Tokyo, at the office of the Japan Society of Chest Diseases, Y.K.Hongo Bldg., 4-1-11 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113, Japan. The location of the Secretariat can be moved if so decided by the Executive Committee and approved by the majority of the membership.

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