



GREAT

Global Research on Acute Conditions Team

STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

NAME, DURATION, OBJECTS AND HEAD OFFICE

- 1) The name of this International Association is "GREAT, Global Research on Acute Conditions Team" (thereafter Association)
- 2) The Association will be constituted as an non-profit organization (ONLUS);
- 3) The Association will remain in existence for an unlimited period;
- 4) Main objectives of the Association are:

- to perform an educational function to develop professionals' skills to identify and manage acute conditions patients;
- to encourage and develop research activities and to realize training and scientific publications related to acute clinical conditions even through the Translational Medicine approach;
- to start collaborations with National and International organization in order to work out global research activities for innovative management of acute conditions;
- to carry out clinical trials related to acute diseases;
- to organize meeting, conferences and any other activity useful for the diffusion of scientific knowledge and to start research on acute conditions in medical pathology;
- to collaborate with other National and International scientific societies involved in medical fields;
- to promote cultural exchange programs between students of University of different countries interested in developing research in the field of acute setting;
- to promote international agreements for scientific and educational collaborations between University regarding acute setting subjects;
- to apply for patents obtained from the scientific research activity useful to the international community for the management of acute setting pathology;
- to provide, according to the law, for fund raising needed to achieve the Statute's objectives and to cover Association's operating expenses.

- 5) The head office of the Association is located in Via Antonio Serra 54, 00191 Roma.
- 6) English language will be used for all the activities connected to the Statute's objectives.



MEMBERSHIP

- 7) Voting membership in the Association is open to all health care Professionals interested.

Requests for admission shall be sent to the President of the Association and will be examined by the Executive Committee.

Each new membership becomes effective when, once the membership form has been submitted to the General Secretariat, the registration has been approved by the Executive Committee. The membership is free.

- 8) A member may withdraw from the Association at any time by sending written notice addressed to the General Secretariat. Every membership's withdrawal request must be notified by the General Secretary to the General Assembly.
- 9) The expulsion of a member can be decided by the General Assembly, either because it has not fulfilled its obligations or for other serious reasons. In particular, if the General Secretariat is informed of an offence against decisions of the General Assembly by one or more members, all members will be informed of documented offence. If the defaulting member does not change his/her practice he/she can be expelled by the General Assembly.

ORGANIZATION

- 10) The organs of the Association are:

- A. General Assembly
- B. President
- C. Executive Committee
- D. General Secretariat

A. General Assembly

- 11) The General Assembly, whose decisions are final in all matters within the objects of the Association or arising out of its activities, may at all times delegate some of its powers to Special Committees or to persons specially appointed in reason of their competence.
- 12) Each member has one vote at the General Assembly. Each member can be represented, in case of absence, by one delegate chosen within one another member of the Assembly with the right to vote. Each member is responsible for paying the expenses of its delegate and any experts.



- 13) The General Assembly will meet at least once a year. It will be convened by the General Secretariat by order of the President at least four weeks before the date of the meeting.
- 14) The agenda must be annexed to the Notice of Meeting. All business on the agenda must be covered by a report or proposal submitted to all members at least four weeks before the General Assembly except in cases duly deemed urgent by the Assembly.
- 15) Every member will have one vote. Any member can have one more vote (for a total of two votes) if appointed by another member. The number of votes held by each member, as well as the total of all votes, will be tabled in the membership list updated for the General Assembly. Any resolution that regards changes on the statutes needs a majority of two thirds of all votes of the General Assembly. For all the other matters simple majority is requested. If a member does not answer within eight weeks after receipt of the proposal it is presumed to agree.
- 16) The General Assembly will fix the venue of its next meeting. If no resolution is passed, the choice rests with the President.

B. President

- 17) The President of the Association is elected by the General Assembly. His period of office is for 2 (two) years and commences on the day following his election. He is eligible for re-election. In the case of the President's resignation during the course of his mandate, the new President will be chosen by the Executive Committee's members and formal agreement will be asked by mail to the Association's members.
- 18) The President is Chairman of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee. Should he be unable to attend, the General Assembly and the Executive Committee will elect a Chairman for these meetings.
- 19) The President is the legal representative of the Association; he can delegate his powers to the General Secretary or to any other person for routine matters or in special contingencies.

C. Executive Committee

- 20) Association will be managed by an Executive Committee. In its first meeting the Executive Committee shall appoint the President, the Vice President and the General Secretary. The Vice President takes also the office of Treasurer. The Treasurer manages the administration of the Association, makes payments and takings and other matters the Executive Committee delegates him to.



The Executive Committee can appoint an external office to assist the Secretary and the Treasurer in their assignments.

The Executive Committee can also delegate some of its assignments to one or more of its members joined in a special commission form.

The functions of the Executive Committee are:

- to direct the activities of the Association in accordance with the general principles agreed by the General Assembly;
- to define the general objectives and working schedule of the Standards Committee, steer its activity and control the progress of the work;
- to decide to start new work or stop ongoing work;
- to review proposals of the Standards Committee concerning the activity of GREAT, to be put to the General Assembly, for example GREAT methods relative to trials definition;
- to decide the request for admission from new members;
- to address all political problems raised by the activity of the Association.

21) Members of the Executive Committee shall be 3 (three).

22) This Committee will be convened by the President at least twice a year and sufficiently ahead of the General Assembly that its propositions can still be submitted to all members at least four weeks before the General Assembly.

23) The President of the Association is Chairman of this Committee.

24) Decisions will be taken by a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present or represented.

25) The General Secretary will be Secretary of this Committee.

E. General Secretariat

26) The General Secretariat is the administrative organ of the Association.

27) The General Secretary has complete authority as regards employment and dismissal of staff, rents, acquisition of office equipment, etc. within the limits of the budget.



28) The General Secretary will attend the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee. It will write up the minutes of these meetings.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

29) The accounting year is the calendar year.

30) Financial resources for the Association's operations will be raised from:

- a) Membership fees. The amount of the fee will be established by the General Assembly every year;
- b) Contributions, donations, devised from people or organizations addressed to aims not contrasting Association's objectives;
- c) Promotional initiatives.

Every means that is not against Association's rules or Italian law shall be adopted to favour and sustain funds to the Association and to increase its estate.

31) A budget of expenditure will be approved by the General Assembly for each accounting year.

32) The basis on which the budget expenses are shared between the members is fixed by the General Assembly until further notice.

33) As regards special services, the General Assembly may decide that the expenses incurred, which will be the subject of a separate budget, will be charged only to those members who take part therein.

34) The accounts will be audited annually by the auditors appointed by the General Assembly.

MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES

35) Any proposal for the amendment of the Statutes shall be submitted in writing to the President who will include it in the agenda for the next Executive Committee, for final decision to be taken by the General Assembly.

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

36) The Association shall be dissolved if more than three-quarters of all members of the Association decide to.



37) In case of dissolution, the Executive Committee shall, after discharging the Association's liabilities, distribute any remaining balance.