

Constitution

Hellenic Medical Students' International Committee

Article 1: Establishment

1.1. By students of the Medical Schools of Athens and Thessaloniki, representatives of the relevant independent Medical Students' International Committees, an Association is established by the Law, with its seat being in Athens and the name being "Ελληνική Επιτροπή Διεθνών Σχέσεων Φοιτητών Ιατρικής" or "Hellenic Medical Students' International Committee" and with the abbreviation HelMSIC or "International Federation of Medical Students' Associations - Greece (Hellas)" (abbreviated as IFMSA - Greece (Hellas)) or "European Medical Students' Association - Greece (Hellas)" (abbreviated as EMSA - Greece (Hellas)).

1.2. The Association has its own seal of round shape, which inscribes on the periphery the name "Ελληνική Επιτροπή Διεθνών Σχέσεων Φοιτητών Ιατρικής" and in the center the logo of the Association, which is composed of the graphic representation of a snake around the globe and the acronym with latin characters "HelMSIC".

Article 2: Objectives

The objectives of the Association are:

- I. The promotion of friendship, camaraderie and intercultural cooperation among medical students internationally
- II. Informing and raising awareness of medical students with the holistic approach to health issues that concern society as a whole with respect for human rights and empowering them to respond to the social responsibility that their status carries
- III. The mobilisation of medical students to address scientific issues related to health and the exchange of ideas and knowledge between medical students in Greece and internationally
- IV. The representation of the medical students of Greece at national and international level, especially as a member of IFMSA - International Federation of Medical Students' Associations and EMSA - European Medical Students' Association
- V. The empowerment, capacity building and development of medical students at a national level by coordinating the operation and activity of the Association members

Article 3: Means of achieving objectives

HelMSIC will pursue its objective by:

- i. Organising educational activities and projects, such as conferences, workshops, seminars and other events, for medical students regarding health issues
- ii. Conducting mobility and intercultural education projects for medical students at the European and international level
- iii. Organising activities and projects to raise the awareness of the general public or specific social groups regarding health issues
- iv. Organising national and international meetings of medical students

- v. The cooperation with other stakeholder and the inclusion in networks of organisations, whose action is in harmony with its objectives
- vi. The promotion of the activity and its positions to medical students, other stakeholders and the general public

Article 4: Regular Members

4.1. Any Medical Students' Union that represents the medical students of a University in Greece can be a member of HelMSIC, as long as it accepts the provisions of this Constitution, by submitting an application with a decision of its General Assembly.

4.2. For the representation and participation of the Medical Students' Union in HelMSIC, a Medical Students' Internation Committee is established, in which all its members can participate freely. After the Medical Students' Union has been recognised as a candidate or full member of the Association, the corresponding Medical Students' Internation Committee is recognised as a Local Committee of HelMSIC.

4.3. During its participation in HelMSIC, the Local Committee maintains full administrative, functional and operational autonomy and is not bound by decisions of other bodies of the Medical Students' Union. The General Assembly of the Medical Students' Union retains only the powers of submitting membership applications and the decision to withdraw from the Association, as defined in this Constitution.

4.4. The General Assembly of HelMSIC decides on the acceptance of the Medical Students' Union as a candidate member of HelMSIC.

As a candidate member of HelMSIC, the Local Committee of the respective Medical Students' Union participates in the work and activities of the Association and bears all the rights and obligations deriving from this Constitution, except for the right to vote at the General Assembly.

The General Assembly decides on the acceptance of the candidate member as a full member, granting the Local Committee the right to vote at the General Assembly.

4.5. The Local Committees submit a report for approval at the regular General Assembly. In case of non-submission or non-approval of the report, the right to vote of the Local Committee at the General Assembly is removed.

4.6. The Medical Students' Union can withdraw from the Association by a decision of its General Assembly.

Article 5: Special categories of members

5.1. Associate members, honorary members and alumni are defined as special categories of members.

5.2. An associate member of HelMSIC can be any medical student of a University in Greece who is not a member of a Local Committee. The Executive Board decides on the acceptance of the applicant as an associate member.

5.3. An honorary member of HelMSIC can be any natural person who has contributed to the achievement of its objective or has significant social work in the field of health. The General Assembly decides on the declaration of persons as honorary members.

5.4. An alumnus is automatically any natural person who no longer holds the status of a Local Committee member or associate member, as long as they have served in an elected position in a Local Committee, HelMSIC, IFMSA or EMSA. The Executive Board may also recognise as an alumnus any natural person who has been a member of a Local Committee or an associated member.

Article 6: General Assembly

6.1. The General Assembly is the highest body of HelMSIC and decides on every case that concerns it. Its decisions are binding for all members and the administration of the Association.

6.2. The General Assembly is constituted by the Local Committees, which participate with three votes each.

6.3. The General Assembly is convened regularly once a year, before the start of the term of the Executive Board, with an electoral and accountability nature, with an invitation which is communicated to the members at the latest up to twenty days before its holding.

The General Assembly is convened on an extraordinary basis whenever this is deemed appropriate by a decision of the Executive Board or at the procedural motion of the majority of the Local Committees.

6.4. The agenda includes the items determined in the decision to convene the General Assembly and every other item submitted by the Local Committee up to that time. An item off the agenda may be added extraordinarily at the start of the General Assembly by its decision.

6.5. At the beginning of the General Assembly, the members the Chair, meaning the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson and the Secretary, are elected by a simple majority. The Chairperson coordinates the proceedings of the General Assembly. The Vice Chairperson replaces the Chairperson in case of unavailability. The Secretary keeps and signs the minutes of the General Assembly.

6.6. The General Assembly forms a quorum if representatives of at least two-thirds of the Local Committees with the right to vote are present in person or participate using online media.

6.7. Decisions are taken by an absolute majority, unless otherwise provided by this Constitutions or the Law. Abstention from voting does not count towards the result.

6.8. If all Local Committees agree in writing to a certain proposal, a decision can be taken without convening a General Assembly.

Article 7: Executive Board

7.1. The administration of the Association is carried out by the Executive Board, whose members are elected by the General Assembly.

7.2. The term of office of the Executive Board begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 of each year.

7.3. Any member of a Local Committee and associated member of HelMSIC may submit a candidature for a position of the Executive Board, no later than ten days before the General Assembly.

7.4. The Executive Board is responsible for:

- i. The activities and operation of HelMSIC
- ii. The support and coordination of the Association members
- iii. The execution of the decisions of the General Assembly
- iv. The participation of HelMSIC in IFMSA and EMSA

7.5. The Executive Board consists of the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and four Vice Presidents.

The President:

- i. Legally represents the Association and signs on its behalf
- ii. Presides over the meetings of the Executive Board
- iii. Assumes additional responsibilities by regulatory acts of the General Assembly

The Secretary General:

- i. Manages the General Secretariat of HelMSIC
- ii. Keeps the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board
- iii. Assumes additional responsibilities by regulatory acts of the General Assembly

The Treasurer:

- i. Supervises and manages the treasury
- ii. Assumes additional responsibilities by regulatory acts of the General Assembly

The Vice Presidents:

- i. Replace the President in case of unavailability
- ii. Assumes additional responsibilities by regulatory acts of the General Assembly

7.6. In the event that a position is vacant, the Executive Board distributes the responsibilities among its members, until the General Assembly elects a person to the position.

7.7. The Executive Board meets regularly at the invitation of the President and exceptionally at the invitation of the majority of its members.

7.8. The Executive Board forms a quorum if at least three-fifths of its members are present in person or participate using online media.

7.9. The Executive Board takes decisions during its meetings by a simple majority, unless otherwise provided by this Constitution.

7.10. If two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board agree in writing to a certain proposal, a decision can be taken without convening a meeting.

7.11. The Executive Board and its members submit a report of their term in the regular General Assembly.

Article 8: Disciplinary measures

8.1. Acts or omissions that contradict the principles of this Constitution, the decisions of the General Assembly, the Executive Board and the Local Committees, or the interest of the Association, result in disciplinary penalties.

8.2. Disciplinary penalties are distinguished by regulatory acts of the General Assembly according to their gravity into lower and higher.

8.3. A decision to impose a penalty is taken by a two-thirds majority.

Each Local Committee may impose lower penalties on its members.

The Executive Board may impose lower penalties on its members, the Local Committees and persons belonging to the special categories of members.

The General Assembly may impose lower and higher penalties on the members of the Executive Board, the Local Committees and their members and the persons belonging to the special categories of members.

In any event, the member under examination does not have the right to vote on the decision to impose a penalty.

8.4. A decision to revoke a sentence imposed by the body itself is taken by a two-thirds majority.

The General Assembly may revoke penalties imposed by the Local Committee or the Executive Board, with an absolute majority.

In any case, the member on whom the penalty has been imposed does not have the right to vote on the decision to revoke it.

Article 9: Resources

9.1. HelMSIC and the Local Committees maintain a common treasure with the aim of fulfilling the objectives of the Association. The Executive Board is responsible for the overall management of the treasury. In case of withdrawal or termination of a Medical Students' Union as a member of HelMSIC, the respective Local Committee owes the return of the financial amounts under its administration to HelMSIC.

9.2. Revenues of the treasury are:

- i. Contributions of Local Committees and their members
- ii. Contributions of persons belonging to special categories of members
- iii. Donations and grants from third parties and organisations
- iv. Bank interest

9.3. The General Assembly approves and amends the budget of each term.

9.4. The General Assembly examines and approves the financial report of each term.

Article 10: Constitutional amendments

This Constitution is amended, at the procedural motion of the Executive Board or a Local Committee, by a decision of a General Assembly taken by a three-quarters majority, under the terms of the Law.

Article 11: Legal representation

The President represents the Association in court and out of court before third parties and state authorities, unless the Executive Board or the General Assembly decides otherwise for a specific case, agrees and contractually binds the Association, executing decisions of the Executive Board and the General Assembly.

Article 12: Dissolution of the Association

12.1. The Association is dissolved by a court decision or by a decision of a General Assembly taken by a three-quarters majority and in the presence of all Local Committees, under the terms of the Law.

12.2. After the dissolution of the Association, the remaining property goes to an Association union defined in the last General Assembly.

Article 13

The provisions of the legislation in force regarding Associations have every application in every matter not provided for by this Constitution.