



Constitution of the European Oncology Nursing Society

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The Society is established and will be known as the European Oncology Nursing Society (herein referred to as 'the Society').

2. PURPOSE

The mission of the Society is:

- 2.1 The advancement of education of nurses engaged in caring for patients with cancer.
- 2.2 The relief of individuals suffering from cancer by improving the nursing care received by such individuals.

In furtherance of the above the Society may:

- 2.3 Promote and develop oncology nursing in countries throughout Europe.
- 2.4 Promote and co-ordinate educational programmes for nurses engaged in caring for patients with cancer.
- 2.5 Identify and build a corpus of knowledge specific to cancer nursing.
- 2.6 Encourage the development of and participation in collaborative research and the publication of useful results from any such research.
- 2.7 Encourage exchange programmes for nurses in cancer care.
- 2.8 Provide a means of communication between oncology nursing groups and individuals engaged in cancer nursing.
- 2.9 Establish links with other organisations that may influence the development of oncology nursing.
- 2.10 Do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purpose.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Society consist of:

- 3.1 Full members
Associate members
Honorary members
Patrons (sustaining members)
- 3.2 Full membership will be restricted to national cancer nursing societies, pan-European specialist nursing groups involved in cancer care and nurses electing to pay an individual membership fee to the Society. Individual members of national cancer nursing societies and pan-European specialist nursing groups which are members of the Society are also deemed to be de facto members of the Society. Members of the Society will be actively engaged in cancer care, cancer nursing education, cancer nursing management or cancer nursing research within the geographical area of Europe.
- 3.3 Members who do not comply with the Constitution and Bye-laws shall be excluded from the Society.
- 3.4 Every member will have the right to terminate their membership of the Society at any time by means of a registered letter sent to the President. Members failing to pay their membership fee will be deemed to have left the society after a period of one year and will only be reinstated on payment of the full membership fee for the year in which they reapply or any part thereof.

4. STRUCTURES OF THE SOCIETY

The Society encompasses the following bodies:

- 4.1 Members
Advisory Council
Executive Board (Trustees)
Permanent Committees
Ad-hoc Committees

5. SECRETARIAT

The Society will maintain a secretariat, currently based at:

- 5.1 Avenue E. Mounier 83/8,
B-1200 Brussels,
Belgium.

6. MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

- 6.1 The members will meet at least once a year for a General Meeting.
- 6.2 The Advisory Council will meet as required but at least once a year.

- 6.3 The Executive Board will meet at least four times a year.
- 6.4 An extraordinary meeting of the Society can be requested by at least thirty full members.

- 6.5 The President will approve or deny a request for an extraordinary meeting within seven days of receiving such a request.

7. REPRESENTATION AND QUORUM

- 7.1 A quorum for the Executive Board will be at least 66% of the Board (including at least 2 Honorary Officers).

- 7.2 Except for special cases determined in this Constitution, all decisions of the Society shall be made by a simple majority of the votes cast.

8. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- 8.1 The Society will seek nominations and hold elections as and when required.

- 8.2 Nominations will be sought and elections will be conducted via post.

9. FINANCE

- 9.1 All money raised in the name of the Society from whatever source will be forwarded to the Treasurer within 28 days of receipt.

- 9.2 All members shall pay the membership fee (dues) fixed by the Executive Board and approved by the full members on an annual or biannual basis.

- 9.3 The Executive Board is empowered to borrow money on the Society's behalf, subject to such constraints as may be required by law, in order that the Society may pursue its stated purpose.

- 9.4 The Treasurer will present audited accounts for the previous financial year and a budget for the following year at each General Meeting of the Society.

- 9.5 The financial year of the Society shall commence on the 1st April.

- 9.6 All financial transactions will be in accordance with the Society's financial policy.

10. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- 10.1 The official language of the Society will be English.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 11.1 Proposals to amend the constitution will be made to the President at least two calendar months before the next meeting and will have the support of at least ten full members of the Society.
- 11.2 Details of the proposed amendments will be circulated with the agenda for the meeting.
- 11.3 No amendments will be made to clause 2 (purpose), clause 12 (dissolution) or this clause until the approval in writing of the Charity Commission or other authority having charitable jurisdiction be obtained, and no alteration will be made which would have the effect of causing the Society to cease to be a charity in law.
- 11.4 Amendments to the constitution must be agreed by at least 75% of the members present and voting at the General Meeting.

12. DISSOLUTION

- 12.1 Dissolution of the Society will be agreed by at least 75% of the members of the Society. In the case of dissolution, all funds held in the name of the Society may be donated to another charitable organisation promoting cancer nursing. This is to be decided by a simple majority of those members present at the final meeting.