



ASSOCIATION FOR ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH
BANJA LUKA, THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

S T A T U T E
of the Association for Atherosclerosis and Cardiovascular
Research

Banja Luka, June 2021

Pursuant to Article 10 of the Law on Associations and Foundations of the Republic of Srpska (Official Gazette of the RS, 52/01 and 42/05), the Assembly of the Association for Atherosclerosis and Cardiovascular Research at the founding session held on June 6, 2021, passed the

STATUTE
of the Association for Atherosclerosis and Cardiovascular Research

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.

The Association operates under the name: “Association for Atherosclerosis and Cardiovascular Research“.

Article 2.

The Association is an independent, voluntary, humanitarian and not-for-profit association of citizens aimed at fulfilling common goals in promoting research in the area of atherosclerosis and cardiovascular medicine.

Article 3.

The Association was founded at the Assembly session held on June 25, 2021, and operates in the territory of the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina.
The Association is seated in Banja Luka, in 16 Save Mrkalja street.

Article 4.

The Association is a legal entity.

The Association has a round stamp, 30 mm in diameter, inscribed with “Association for Atherosclerosis and Cardiovascular Research“.

In the center of the stamp there is a stylized heart symbol, and the text of the stamp is inscribed in both the Serbian and the English language.

The Association’s emblem and badge are circular in shape, with a stylized heart symbol in the middle and the text “Association for Atherosclerosis and Cardiovascular Research” written in a circle around the symbol.

Article 5.

The Association is represented by the Chairperson of the Association.

The Steering Committee of the Association may issue a special Decision to appoint another member of the Steering Board to represent the Association on a specific matter, on the condition that the Chairperson is unable to represent the Association on that specific matter.

For matters outside the scope of operation of this Association, the Association may engage a third party, which possesses the required competences, to represent the interests of the Association.

GOALS AND TASKS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 6.

- Promotion of pre-clinical and clinical research in areas of: Atherosclerosis, thrombosis, dyslipidemia, inflammation, cardioprotection, hypertension, coronary disease, cardiac insufficiency, diabetology;
- Continuous professional development of its members, timely application of contemporary scientific accomplishments in everyday practice of cardiovascular medicine;
- Development of cooperation with other specialty associations within the Republic of Srpska Association of Medical Doctors;
- Encouragement of organized academic work;
- Organization of scientific and expert conferences in metabolism and cardiovascular medicine;
- Cooperation with counterpart associations in the world;

MEMBERSHIP

Article 7.

Membership can be regular, honorary and supporting (benefactors).

The admission of members of the Association, as well as their expulsion, is decided on by the Association Assembly.

Article 8.

Regular members of the Association can be medical doctors, pharmacists, molecular biologists, geneticists, as well as other scientists and professionals whose work is congruous with the Association's goals.

All members of the Association enjoy the same rights and duties. All admitted members are issued a membership card of the Association.

Article 9.

Honorary members of the Association can be any medical doctors, scientists and teachers, as well other citizens of the Republic of Srpska or otherwise whose work contributes to the development of the medical profession. Honorary members are elected by the Assembly.

Article 10.

Supporting members (benefactors of the Association) can be any citizen who donates property or funds. The appointment Decisions are made by the Assembly.

Article 11.

The manner and amount of membership fees is defined by a special Decision.

Article 12.

Members of the Association have the right to be involved in the Association's activities directly and indirectly, i.e. they can elect and be elected as officials of the Association, and they have the right to be properly and fully informed on all Association activities.

Members of the Association have the duty to:

- Carry out tasks defined by this Statute;
- Implement Decisions of the Association;
- Pay membership fees in a timely manner.

Article 13.

Expulsion from membership of the Association may occur due to severe violation of the provisions of this Statute or causing severe damage and detriment to the reputation of the Association.

BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 14.

The Association has an Assembly, a Steering Committee comprising five (5) members elected by the Assembly, and a Supervisory Committee comprising three (3) members elected by the Assembly. The Assembly elects the Speaker of the Assembly, who is also the Chairperson of the Steering Committee, for a four-year term.

The Supervisory Committee monitors the implementation of the Statute and other acts of the Association, controls the legality of the management of financial and material assets of the Association.

Article 15.

The Assembly bodies have a mandate of four (4) years.

No member can serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in any Assembly body.

Article 16.

The General Assembly meets at least two (2) times a year, while the Electoral Assembly meets once every four (4) years.

The Assembly convenes following a Decision of the Steering Committee. The Assembly convenes upon invitation from the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Association.

Article 17.

The Assembly can function and pass legally valid decisions only when more than half of the members are present. Decisions are passed under the majority rule of the present members.

Article 18.

The Association Assembly:

- Adopts the Statute of the Association, as well as amendments to the Statute;
- Issues other general acts of the Association provided by this Statute;
- Decides on the cooperation of this Association with other Associations from the country or from abroad, on merging, secession, dissolution and other changes of the Association's status;
- Elects and dismisses the chairperson, vice-chairperson and members of the Steering Committee, as well as persons authorized to represent the Association;
- Elects and dismisses the Supervisory Committee of the Association;
- Adopts the annual program of the Association;
- Reviews and validates the financial report submitted by the Steering Committee of the Association or some other authorized person, and
- Adopts other decisions on significant matters outside the competence of the Steering Committee or Supervisory Committee of the Association.

Article 19.

The Steering Committee is the executive body of the Association Assembly, and governs the activities of the Association in between two sessions of the Assembly.

The Steering Committee is accountable to the Assembly and is obliged to report to the Assembly on its activities.

The Steering Committee comprises five (5) members elected and dismissed by the Assembly, for terms of four (4) years.

The Steering Committee elects from their number a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary for a period of four years. The Secretary answers to the Steering Committee.

The competences of the Steering Committee are: to prepare drafts of general acts, annual agenda proposals, and the annual financial plan; to submit to the Assembly the annual financial report and statement of accounts, and the annual activities report; to carry out all other operative and current activities from its scope of competence (preparing Assembly sessions, implementing the program and policies of the Association, conclusions and other decisions adopted in Assembly sessions, managing the property of the Association; etc.).

Article 20.

In order to monitor the legality of the Association's activities and transactions, the Assembly establishes the Supervisory Committee.

The Supervisory Committee comprises three (3) members who are elected from the member ranks. The Supervisory Committee has a mandate of two (2) years.

The Supervisory Committee reports on its activities to the Assembly at least once a year.

The Supervisory Committee determines its proposals, standpoints and opinions by majority rule.

ASSETS

Article 21.

Operational assets of the Association are funded from:

- Membership fees;
- Donations and gifts;
- Issuing publications in accordance with the Law on Publishing;
- Aid and donations from working people, citizens, organizations and communities.

Article 22.

The Association uses funds to carry out its activities in accordance with the Statute and applicable legislation.

Article 23.

All movable and immovable property acquired by the Association during its operation are in the sole possession of the Association.

Upon the dissolution of the Association, its property will go into the possession of an entity as determined by the Assembly.

Article 24.

The assets of the Association are managed by the Assembly.

The chairperson and secretary of the Assembly have individual executive rights when it comes to managing the assets of the Association, in accordance with its decisions.

Article 25.

The activities of the Association are public.

Article 26.

Transparency of the work of the Assembly is ensured by publishing a call for the Assembly sessions and other organized significant events through public media, as well as other organizations with which the Association is in cooperation.

Exceptionally, the transparency of the activities may be waived when it is necessary to maintain physician-patient privilege.

Article 27.

The Assembly may adopt Decisions on networking with other associations from the Republic of Srpska Association of Medical Doctors and other associations from abroad.

DISSOLUTION

Article 28.

The Association will cease activities:

- In accordance with a Decision of the Association Assembly;
- In cases provided by the applicable legislation.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 29.

Amendments to this Statute are proposed by the Steering Committee of the Association and are adopted following the same procedure as for adopting the Statute itself.

Article 30.

This Statute enters into force on the day of its adoption by the Association Assembly.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE ASSEMBLY
of the Association for Atherosclerosis and Cardiovascular Research

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