



NORDIC FERTILITY SOCIETY

By Laws

§1. The Nordic Fertility Society (NFS) is an independent organisation in the Nordic countries for persons who work actively for an increased basic understanding and improved clinical treatment of infertile couples.

§2. The objectives of the society are:

1. To create a forum for the exchange of information between all types of specialists in all kinds of areas involving infertility by increasing the knowledge within the social, physical, ethical, reproduction biological, genetic and clinical fields in order to increase the basic understanding and improve treatment of involuntary childless couples.
2. To participate in and encourage further development and further education of the members of the Society.
3. To encourage the members to increased cooperation within the Nordic countries.
4. To assess and guide in ethical and political questions in the Nordic countries.
5. To facilitate the work of the members according to the highest standard within clinical and laboratory work.
6. To work for cooperation with other special organisations in the Nordic countries as well as internationally.
7. To be responsible for forming a committee that can approve and recommend the individual laboratories and clinics according to "good clinical and laboratory practice" following the specifications at any time agreed upon by the general assembly, and to facilitate that the committee works according to the directions recommended and approved.
8. To invite and be responsible for arranging Nordic meetings with not less than 18 months' interval.

§3 Persons living in Nordic countries who can document that they participate actively in or work with fertility related areas at an advanced level can be admitted as members by the Board on application. Resignation from the society shall be effected before the end of a year. A yearly fee can be collected. If a member has not paid his subscription for 2 years, the member shall be considered resigned.

Honourable members can be appointed by the General Assembly on recommendation by the Board.

§ 4 The Board of the Society consists of eight members: one member from each of the five countries in addition to a president, and one representative from the previous (present) and the next congress. Only the five national representatives and the president have voting rights on the Board.

Each country will elect 5 representatives, one from each of the following groups (1. Physicians, 2. Embryologists, 3. Nurses, 4. Lab.techn., 5. Secretaries and assistants), to form a national committee. The five national committees will form the election committee. The election committee will propose candidate(s) for president. The election committee will form a board to be proposed to the General Assembly of five members, one representative from each country and from each of the five professional categories. The General Assembly must give consent to the proposed Board, and the President must be elected separately. The term of office for the Board members and the President shall be three years. Re-election can take place once.

Two auditors to approve the accounts, shall be appointed by the General Assembly. The accounts of the Society shall be adopted by the General Assembly.

§5 The Board shall facilitate and see to that a specialist meeting with a General Assembly will be arranged with at least 18 months' interval. The meetings shall rotate between the Nordic countries. The Board shall make sure that the meeting is arranged at the time and in the form decided by the General Assembly. Consideration must be shown for the fact that the members of the Society have different professional backgrounds so that the members will have the greatest possible benefit of the meetings.

The organiser of the meetings shall report to the board. The board shall instruct the organiser under consideration of the professional programme and approve this and the practical implementation of the meeting including also the financial aspects. The Board shall make sure that the organiser shall make efforts to make the meetings as inexpensive for the members as possible. The Board shall make sure that meeting minutes, both professional and organisational, are published in the form and in the magazines decided by the General Assembly at any time. The Board shall be entitled to appoint the committees and work groups as necessary.

Financial responsibility for the meeting shall rest with the local organiser if the organisers exceeds the budget approved by the Board.

§6 The chairman shall decide when board meetings are to be held. Board meetings shall also be called should three board members so demand. Minutes shall be kept of all Board meetings. A meeting shall be legally competent to transact business when at least four members are present. In case of parity of votes the vote of the chairman shall be decisive.

§7 The expenses of the Society shall be covered by a yearly fee from the members to be paid in advance and the size of which shall be determined by the General Assembly. Economical surplus (profit), from arranging congresses, meetings and other arrangements will be delivered to the Society.

§8 The official languages of the Nordic Society will be Nordic and English.

§9 Proposals concerning changes of the Articles of Association, exclusion and other important matters shall be announced not later than two weeks before the General Assembly.

§10 Decisions of the General Assembly shall be adopted by the members present by simple majority. In case of parity of votes, a new proposal shall be put forward to be voted for on this or a later meeting.

§11 Changes of the Articles of Association shall be adopted by a majority of at least 2/3 of the members of two successive General Assemblies.

§12 The Board shall make sure that a circular letter with professional and organisational information is regularly issued to the members.

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