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INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP INVESTIGATING DRUGS AS REINFORCERS (ISGIDAR)

I. Name and Objective

The name of this Association shall be International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers (ISGIDAR), and it shall be an Association under article 60 ff Swiss Civil Code. The object of the Association shall be to promote interest in, and to facilitate the dissemination of new information related to drugs as reinforcers in laboratory animals, especially as it may relate to human drug abuse.

II. Membership

1. ISGIDAR shall be made up of Members, Associate Members and Sponsoring Members. Any person holding an academic or scientific degree and who is actively engaged in research related to drugs as reinforcers shall be eligible to become a Member. Individuals working toward an academic degree and others interested in research on drugs as reinforcers are eligible as Associate Members. Sponsoring Membership shall be offered to organizations with an interest in basic or applied research in the field of drugs as reinforcers.

2. Applications for Membership (i.e. Member, Associate Member and Sponsoring Member) are to be sent together with two letters of recommendation by two Members to the Board of Officers of ISGIDAR. The Board of Officers will present a list of qualified applicants to the Membership at the next business meeting.

3. Election to Membership, Associate Membership, and Sponsoring Membership shall be by a yes vote of more than 90% of the members present and voting.

4. Membership becomes effective upon receipt of the annual dues for the year the candidate is elected. Membership must be exercised within one year following election to membership.

5. Membership may be rescinded by action of the Board of Officers of ISGIDAR for justifiable causes. Paid dues must be returned to the ex-member along with notification of termination of membership in writing and an explanation of the reason for removal. Any member so removed may appeal this action to the Membership at the first meeting of ISGIDAR occurring more than 30 days following notification of termination of membership by board action.

III. Governing Body

Members present at each business meeting of ISGIDAR constitute the governing body. Each Member has one vote. Associate Members and delegates of Sponsoring Members may attend the business meeting, but they have no vote. The Membership present at the meeting can decide by simple majority vote about the following items:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Acceptance of financial report by the Treasurer
3. Dues
4. Future meeting places
5. Adoption of a working budget
6. Election of officers
7. Changes in the bylaws may be brought about following full discussion at the business meeting; a two-thirds majority of the members present must approve all such changes
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IV. Officers

The Board of Officers of ISGIDAR, who shall all be Members, shall consist of:

- a. the President
- b. the Vice-President
- c. the Secretary

- d. the Treasurer
- e. a Councillor
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- g. a Councillor

2. The President shall be elected for a term running from one full meeting to the next by simple majority vote of the membership present during the Business Meeting. The President shall be installed at the Business Meeting and shall be in office until the next meeting. The President can be re-elected for two (2) additional terms.

3. The Vice-President shall be elected for the same period of time by majority vote of the membership present. The Vice-President can be re-elected for two (2) additional terms.

4. The Secretary shall be elected for one term and can be re-elected for four (4) terms.

5. The Treasurer is elected for one term and can be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms. The Treasurer shall be a permanent resident of Switzerland.

6. The Councillors are elected for three-year terms, staggered so that one new councillor is elected each year. No restrictions are placed on re-election.

V. Powers and Duties of the Officers

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Officers and the meetings of ISGIDAR.

2. The Vice-President is to assist the President and to assume the President's duties in case the latter is unable to act.

3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of ISGIDAR and perform all the duties that might be prescribed by the Board of Officers or by the President.

4. The Treasurer under the authority of the Board of Officers shall receive, disburse and duly account for all sums of money belonging to ISGIDAR. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report each year to the Board of Officers and at each Business Meeting.

5. The Councillors shall assist the other elected officers in the operation of ISGIDAR, shall act as editors of published communications and shall carry out such other duties as prescribed by the bylaws and by decisions of the membership. In the event that the office of Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer should be vacant, the officers shall fill the vacant position with a council member until the next business meeting when a new officer shall be elected by the membership.

6. The Officers shall represent ISGIDAR to the public.

VI. Working Committee of ISGIDAR

The membership of the Working Committee of ISGIDAR is limited to members actively involved in research on drug self-administration. The Working Committee will discuss problems of methodology and experimental results from the different laboratories. The results of the discussions must be presented at the next meeting of ISGIDAR.

VII. Meetings

1. Annual Business Meetings shall be the responsibility of the President. The Secretary will notify all voting members in writing at least 60 days prior to any business meeting of ISGIDAR. A quorum will consist of at least two members of the Board of Officers plus ten (10) voting members or twenty (20) percent of the voting membership whichever is greater.

2. Scientific Meetings may be arranged in any format suitable for the communication of information and acceptable to the Board of Officers. Local arrangements will be made by a Local Chairperson and Local Committee at or near the site of the meeting. Local Chairpersons will be appointed by the President.

3. Whenever possible, business meetings will be held in conjunction with scientific meetings. Business and scientific sessions will, insofar as possible, be held at or near the time of other national or international meetings of scientists likely to be of interest to and participated in by members of ISGIDAR.

4. The Board of Officers shall meet at such times and places as are mutually agreeable to Board Members. All Board Members must be notified of such meetings at least ten days prior to the meeting.

VIII. Dues

Annual dues for full members become payable on or before February 1 of the membership year. Late payment will carry an added assessment of \$1.00 (U.S.) per month or fraction thereof. No assessment will be leveled against sponsoring members or associate members who are in arrears in their membership dues.

The annual dues shall be:

- Full members. \$25.00 U.S.
- Associate Members 7.50 U.S.
- Sponsoring Members. 200.00 U.S.

Modification of dues for any subsequent year will be decided by 2/3 majority vote of the voting membership present at any membership meeting.

Nonpayment of membership for more than ten months shall be grounds for removal from membership by action of the Board of Officers.

IX. Committees

Permanent or ad hoc committees shall be established when necessary and their members appointed by the Business Meeting.