

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME AND AFFILIATION

The Section of Pulmonology (S-Pulm) is a subgroup of the European Society of Paediatric Research (ESPR). The constitution of ESPR is binding for S-Pulm.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objective of S-Pulm is to promote research in the fields of lung development and neonatal and pediatric pulmonology, including pulmonary issues related to intensive care. The purpose can be achieved by encouraging exchange of ideas and discussions among researchers, by collaborating with other societies, by networking leading to multicenter cohort studies or trials, by organizing education and symposia concerning the fields of interest and by developing guidelines.

These objectives shall be achieved within the ESPR.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person who is an active, emeritus, affiliate or associate member of ESPR.

4. ORGANISATION

4.1 S-Pulm has its own annual business meeting, which will be held during the annual ESPR meeting. The S-Pulm council must give notice of the annual business meeting 4 weeks in advance.

4.2 The annual business meeting shall make decisions by simple majority of the votes of active ESPR members present.

4.3 All members of S-Pulm shall have the right to participate and speak at the annual meeting. Representation is not possible.

4.4 The council shall decide the agenda of the annual meeting and shall send it out together with the invitations to the meeting. Written proposals for the agenda submitted by members at least 2 months before the annual business meeting must be included in the agenda. The S-Pulm council will decide whether proposals received after this deadline will be included in the agenda.

4.5 The secretary will take the chair. If that person is unable to do so, a member of the council may stand in for them.

4.6 The following items fall within the competence of the annual business meeting: acceptance of minutes of the last business meeting; approval of the report of the secretary; decisions concerning the activity of S-Pulm; elections of secretary and council members; amendments to the constitution or dissolution of the group.

4.7 A proposal concerning changes in the constitution or dissolution of the working group shall be approved only if at least three-quarters of the active members present at the annual meeting vote in favor. Due notice and prior circulation of proposed changes must occur with the Draft Agenda circulated with the invitations to the S-Pulm business meeting.

5. THE COUNCIL

5.1 The council of the section shall consist of a secretary (term 3 years) and four council members

(term 3 years). Re-election is possible for one more term. The term is only valid for the respective position. The secretary must be an active member of ESPR. In addition, at least half of the other council members must be active members of the ESPR.

5.2 Candidates for membership of the council must be proposed by at least two members. The candidates shall be elected at the annual business meeting by a simple majority of the votes cast (active members).

5.3 Those four members of the council who do not hold office as secretary must be of different nationalities.

5.4 If the secretary is unable to complete the term, one of the council members appointed by the president of ESPR will act for him/her till a new secretary is elected at the next annual business meeting. If another of the council members is unable to complete his/her term of office, new members will be elected at the next business meeting.

Approved by the section meeting on Oct 25th, 2010
