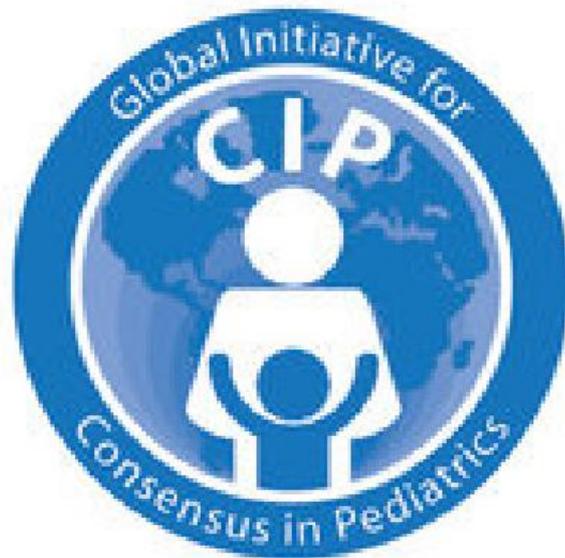


Statutes
of the
*Global Initiative for
Consensus in Pediatrics*
(CIP)



We, the undersigned

Believe that Children are the future of Humanity and every generation has the duty of securing them the optimal health care;

Believe that to fulfill this mission every effort should be made to reach global agreement on basic guidelines and strategies concerning Child Health;

Believe that to achieve such goal, an academic platform should be established seeking for consensus and agreements on child health Care;

Based on these beliefs and moved by sentiments of commitment and the desire to secure optimal Pediatric Health Care everywhere, and with a view to attain the objectives set forth in this preamble, we hereby agree to establish a nonprofit permanent organization for the promotion of these ideas and ruled by the following Statutes.

Establishment and Name

1. A permanent organization is hereby established for the promotion of the objects set forth in the Preamble and statutes, the name of which is 'Global Initiative for Consensus in Pediatrics' (CIP).

Basis and purpose

2. The organization is a Limited Liability Company, based in Cyprus, incorporated under the Companies Law, Cap.113, section 15 (1), on April the 3rd, 2012a.
2. The organization is set up for an unlimited duration.
3. The organization is for public purposes and is a nonprofit, unbiased, apolitical and independent body that does not pursue any activities for the purposes of self-help.
4. All of the purposes and powers of CIP shall be exercised exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes.
5. No substantial part of the activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. CIP shall not publish or distribute statements, participate or intervene in any campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office anywhere.

Framework

6. The objective of CIP is to seek for better Pediatric Health Care by establishing Academic debate platforms that might help finding consensus and agreements on main child health pathologies, difficulties and controversies.
7. To achieve this objective, CIP will
 - 7.1. Stimulate Consensus Framework, promoting collaboration of pediatricians, pediatric surgeons and other child health professionals.
 - 7.2. Undertake actions to recognize child health issues in which a controversy exists over preventive, therapeutic, or diagnostic options, including social and public interest dilemmas affecting health, demanding consensus agreement.
 - 7.3. Appoint experts and technical committees to assess these issues.
 - 7.4. Organize congresses, international symposia, regional forum, workshops, and debates on consensus.
 - 7.5. Assure wide circulation of the proposed consensus through both lay and medical media throughout the creation of a CIP website, CIP newsletters offering state of the art knowledge

in approach, diagnosis and treatments, and publishing main reports in relevant professional literature.

7.6. Engage in other activities which contribute to the advancement of pediatrics and children's health worldwide.

Relations with the WHO and IPA

8. CIP supports the aims and objectives of the WHO and the IPA and will regularly collaborate with them in relation to the planning and organization of its activities.

Membership

9. The activities of CIP are open to all pediatricians irrespective of nationality, gender, race, faith, philosophical or political opinions.
10. Membership is gained by registration and attendance to the annual CIP Congress. CIP recognizes three types of members:
 - **Full members:** pediatricians, pediatric subspecialists and pediatric surgeons who have registered to a previous or to the forthcoming CIP Congress (as detailed in article 59 ahead).
 - **Affiliate members:** nurses, residents, physicians other than pediatricians, nutritionists, nurses, auxiliaries, traditional practitioners, psychologists and other related health professionals engaged in the deliverance of pediatric health that have registered to a previous or to the forthcoming CIP Congress (article 59 ahead).
 - **Individual Honorary Members:** members in perpetuum who were bestowed this status in recognition for their outstanding professional contribution to Child Health and Pediatrics.

Governing Bodies

11. CIP is run by a Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (BD)

12. The Board of Directors consists of academic pediatricians and pediatric surgeons.
13. The BD includes a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary General, and not less than 3 and not more than 10 more additional standing members.
14. In addition, two non permanent members will be appointed as representatives of the immediate past and forthcoming Congresses Local Committees.
15. One of the standing members of the BD shall act also as Scientific Coordinator (see article 55 ahead)
16. The BD may invite to its meetings additional members in an advisory role representing health societies, associations and organizations of global importance in Child's Health (e.g. WHO, IPA, UNICEF), as well as officers representing the contractual Congressional Organizing Company. These additional members will have no voting rights.
17. The BD shall develop the programs and strategic plan of the CIP and establish priorities in accordance with the objectives of CIP
18. The BD can appoint advisors and advisory committees in each specialty or areas for Consensus
19. The BD shall approve the budgets and operations.
20. The BD shall appoint auditors as needed by the law, take due note of their report, approve the annual financial statement, the budget and the annual report and transfer management or individual management tasks and the task of representation of the Foundation to third parties.
21. Standing officers of the BD shall serve for ten years term and are re-electable in the same office twice.

22. The non permanent members representing the Local Committees of the CIP Congresses shall serve in the BD until the time and place when the subsequent Congress is scheduled and a New Local Committee is elected.
23. Exceptions in the duration of the term of office may be made for special reasons if approved by Council by a two-thirds majority.
24. In the event of incapacitation, withdrawal, demise, resignation, vacancy or removal of any officer or member of the BD occurring during a term of office, the President, with the approval of the BD, shall appoint a deputy, stand-in, locum tenens or successor to hold office for the duration of the period of incapacity or until a new permanent member is appointed.
25. Was the BD convinced that due to health, personal or professional reasons, the continuing service of any of its members stands against the best interests of CIP, and after the decision has been backed by the unanimous written ballot of the other members of the BD, the named director will be asked to resign from office and membership of CIP within 30 days.
26. The BD shall meet no less than once a year.
27. Notice of each meeting shall be given not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date on which the meeting is scheduled to be held.
28. The matters to be discussed and voted upon at duly called meetings shall not be limited to those set forth in the notice of the meeting.
29. A quorum is required for any meeting to be legal. This is defined by the presence of two members of the EC (see paragraph 34 ahead) and at least one additional member of the BD
30. The BD takes its decision by simple majority. In case of a tie, the President has a casting vote.
31. Any action that the BD could take at a duly called meeting of the committee may be taken also by a written action signed by the President and half of the members of the BD, including electronic signature by e mail.
32. Any action that the BD could take at a duly called meeting of the committee may be taken during a telephone/internet conference of committee members. A quorum must participate in the telephone conference in order to transact business.
33. A notice of two business days is required to all EC members in order to schedule a telephone conference for the purpose of transacting CIP business. Annotated minutes of the telephonic meeting will be taken and confirmed by all attendees.
34. The President, Secretary General and treasurer of CIP are the Executive Council (EC) of CIP and have full authority to decide on matters concerning CIP which cannot be postponed and take independent initiatives on behalf of CIP, including transaction of business.

The President

35. The President of CIP is the Company Executive Director and shall make decisions within the existing policy as approved by the BD.
36. The President shall be the chairperson and preside at any meetings of members.
37. He/she is responsible to make a report at each congress, outlining past and future operations of the foundation.
38. She/he shall plan, organize, direct and co-ordinate the activities of CIP, delegating as he/she thinks fit to ensure that the objectives of the organization are attained.
39. Together with the Secretary General and/or Treasurer, shall sign all written obligations.
40. Shall act as chief spokesperson of CIP to the public, the press, legislative bodies, the medical community at large and fellow associations.
41. Shall work with the Secretary General to ensure that basic CIP policies and programs are formulated and executed

42. Is responsible for making appointments of members of standing committees and other committees
43. May appoint CIP representatives to civic, professional and governmental organizations as may be required to execute the business and affairs of the foundation.
44. Following his/her term, the President may serve as Secretary General if legally appointed in this position. No moratorium is needed between posts.
45. In the event of the President's temporary or permanent incapacity or in case the office of President becomes vacant, the Secretary General will perform the duties and responsibilities of the President until the end of the relevant term or for the remaining duration of the period of incapacity.

The Secretary General

46. The Secretary General (SG) is in charge of technical and administrative affairs of CIP in consultation with the President and the BD. In addition he/she shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of the meetings of the Council and for conducting correspondence of the Federation and keeping its records.
47. He/she will be responsible for the development of the practical organization of CIP in collaboration with the President.
48. A past President may present his candidacy to the post of Secretary General without a moratorium between posts and vice versa.

The Treasurer

49. The treasurer is responsible for the financial affairs of CIP, its yearly budgeting and the control, planning of financial activities, he/she ensures that CIP maintains accurate financial records, reviews the expenditures and financial status on a regular basis to ensure overall financial integrity, submits the financial accounts to an annual independent audit, develops and presents financial recommendations to the BD and performs other duties assigned by the President or the BD.
50. In order to perform the duties, the Treasurer shall receive an ongoing statements of accounts which will be analyzed and then recommended, or not, for approval to the Council. These financial statements of accounts must be validated by external audit according with Cyprus law for Limited Liability Companies
51. The Treasurer will preside over a Finance Committee that consists of the President, the SG, other members from the BD and external consultants
52. The fiscal year of the CIP shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.
53. CIP shall be financed as far as possible from the surplus income derived from sponsors, congresses, and donations from private persons and industry and from its publications.

The Scientific Coordinator (SC) and Scientific Committee

54. CIP Academic activities shall be planned and supervised by a Scientific Committee consisting of experts representing the different sub specialties in Pediatrics and Child Health and presided by The Scientific Coordinator.
55. The SC shall be an academic pediatrician of global reputation elected by the EC for the position from a list of candidates presented by the President.
56. The officer holding the SC position is a member of the BD. She/he may hold simultaneously the position of President, SG or treasurer but will have only one vote in the EC.
57. The SC shall serve for a five congress term renewable by BD approval.

58. The Scientific Coordinator is responsible for the scientific program of the CIP organized meetings and develops recommendations for all activities in issues of a scientific nature which involve CIP and its membership.
59. The SC chairs a committee of experts representing the different subspecialties in Pediatrics and Child Health (Coordinators) and consisting of experts in the following recognized subspecialties in Pediatrics:
- Primary Care
 - Neonatology
 - Pediatric Allergy & Immunology
 - Pediatric Critical & Intensive Care
 - Pediatric Dermatology
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Pediatric Endocrinology
 - Pediatric Gastroenterology
 - Pediatric Genetics
 - Pediatric Hematology & Oncology
 - Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Vaccinology
 - Pediatric Nephrology
 - Pediatric Neurology
 - Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
 - Pediatric Pulmonology and sleep Medicine
 - Pediatric Psychiatry
 - Pediatric Radiology
 - Pediatric Rheumatology
 - Pediatric Nutrition
 - Pediatric Sports Medicine
 - Adolescent Health
 - Pediatric Surgery and its specialties
 - Rare and Orphan diseases
 - Pediatric Pharmacology and Toxicology
 - Social Pediatrics.
60. A joined annual meeting of the EC and the SC shall be carried at least once a year during the annual congress

CIP Congresses

61. CIP will thrive in principle to have yearly events and to assure global geographic rotation of the Congress sites.
62. The ultimate responsibility and all aspects of the organization of future Congresses, including location, dates and the choice of a Chairman of the Local Committee, resides and shall be coordinated by the BD of CIP, with details dictated by the contractual Congressional Organizing Company and specific contractual arrangements developers. Nevertheless, details shall be discussed and agreed with local Medical and Pediatric professional institutions to avoid clashes of interest and irreconcilable divisions.

Amendments

63. Any proposal to amend the Constitution or Statutes should be presented to the EC and backed by at least 33% of the members of the BD.

64. If the proposed change is within the legal frame of the Companies Law, Cap.113, section 15 (1) of the Cypriot Law and has been circulated among the members of the BD in a timely fashion, the proposed amendment may be accepted or not in the next meeting of the BD by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

Dues

65. No membership dues will be collected except the congress registration fees.

Languages

66. The official language of CIP is English and Congresses will be run in this language

67. Under special circumstances, some of the presentations might be presented in the national language of the nation in which the Congress is to be held if and when provisions were made for simultaneous translations.

Site of the Administrative office

68. The Council shall decide where the Administrative office, CIP bank account, and staff of the CIP is to be located.

Ratification

69. This Statutes has to be ratified by the standing BD body

Dissolution of the Organization

70. If the purpose of the organization can no longer be achieved, the BD may apply to the supervisory authority for the organization to be dissolved.

71. Voluntary dissolution or fusion with a related organization can be decided by a two-thirds majority vote of the BD at an extraordinary meeting called solely for this purpose.

72. Any assets of the organization shall, in the event of its dissolution, be donated to non-profit non taxable organizations supporting Child health or pursuing similar purposes as CIP. Was there more than one such organization, decisions shall be taken by the BD by a majority vote.

73. No asset of the Foundation shall on any account revert to the founders or to their successors-in-title.

ANNEX TO THE STATUTES

CIP Board of Directors

- President: Manuel Katz, Beer Sheva.
- Treasurer: Jose Boix Ochoa, Barcelona.
- Secretary General and Scientific Coordinator: Jose Ramet, Brussels.
- BD standing member: _ Shimon Barak, Tel Aviv.
- BD standing member: _ Stephen Berman, Denver.
- BD standing member: _ Arnaldo Grosman, Buenos Aires.
- BD standing member: _ Frank Oberklaid, Melbourne.
- BD non permanent member as representative of the last Congress: Boris Kaganov, Moscow.
- BD non permanent member as representative of the forthcoming Congress: Usa Thisyakorn, Bangkok.