



BYLAWS 2011¹ OF THE SOCIÉTÉ INTERNATIONALE D'UROLOGIE

The Society known as the "Société Internationale d'Urologie" was founded in 1919, this name taking the place of "Association Internationale d'Urologie" founded in 1907.

The mission of the Society, as defined by its first President, Félix Guyon, is to study all questions relating to Urology, to stimulate international co-operation in the field of Urology and to further urological science and practice.

The present mission, as redefined by the Board of Chairmen in 1999, is to enable, through international co-operation in education and research, all nations to achieve the highest quality of urological patient care.

The registered address of the Society is at the Head Office in Montreal, Canada.

Definitions

In the following:

- "Board of Chairmen" means Board of Directors
- "Board of Directors" means Board of Chairmen
- "BOC" means Board of Chairmen
- "SIU" means Société Internationale d'Urologie
- "Society" means Société Internationale d'Urologie
- "World Congress" means Official International Meeting including a General Assembly of the members of the Society

I - COMPOSITION OF THE SOCIETY

The society is composed of:

- Active Members
- Associate Members
- Affiliated Members
- Senior Members
- Trainee Members
- Candidate Members
- Honorary Members

1 Active Members

Active Members must be qualified urologists. The status of qualified urologist must be certified:

- by a national accrediting body in the country of the candidate or
- by the recognized national urological society in the country of the candidate, or
- in the absence of the above, by a foreign accrediting body recognized by the Board of Chairmen, or
- in special circumstances by the Board of Chairmen itself.

Application for membership requires sponsorship by two (2) Active Members of the Society in good standing, and must be supported by a National Section as communicated by its National Delegate. The National Delegate can be one of the sponsors.

Where a request for new membership would require the establishment of a new National Section with less than five (5) Active Members, such new members shall be considered to be Active Members-at-large. Their candidacy must be endorsed by two (2) Active Members in good standing from existing National Sections and must be supported by the Board of Chairmen until such time as their country has sufficient members in good standing for the creation of its own National Section.

¹ Including changes approved at the General Meeting on October 19, 2011 at the 31st World Congress in Berlin

2 Associate Members

Urologists or surgeons practicing urology but not considered qualified as per the above definition may be proposed for election as **Associate Members**.

3 Affiliated Members

Physicians or health professionals engaged in affiliated branches of medicine may also be proposed for election as **Affiliated Members** at the discretion of the Board of Chairmen.

The status of Active, Associate or Affiliated Member can only be conferred by vote at the General Assembly. Proposals for membership must be received at least two (2) months before the General Assembly in which they are to be considered for election.

4 Senior Members

Active Members can request a transfer to Senior Member status when they reach 65 years of age on January 1st of the year of the request. Senior Members are not required to pay annual dues unless they wish to receive a subscription to the Society's Journal.

5 Trainee Members

Physicians who are engaged in full-time training in Urology may apply for Trainee Membership. The status of trainee in Urology (i.e. resident, registrar, fellow or other training post in Urology) must be certified by the head of the training unit and the National Delegate of the country of the applicant. Trainee members will be required to pay an annual minimal fee if they wish to receive a subscription to the Society's Journal or to benefit from reduced registration fees at the Congress. Applications for Trainee Membership must be received at least two months before the General Assembly in which they are to be considered for election. At completion of the Urology training, or after a maximum of five (5) years as Trainee Member, and upon certification of qualification as described in Article 1 above, the Trainee Member will become an Active, Associate or Affiliated Member.

6 Candidate Members

Candidate Members are those whose applications have been approved by their National Section but whose member status has not yet been confirmed by the General Assembly. They are not required to pay annual dues unless they wish to receive a subscription to the Society's Journal or to benefit from reduced registration fees at the Congress. Applications for Candidate Membership must be received at least two (2) months before the General Assembly in which they are to be considered for election.

7 Honorary Members

The title of Honorary Member may be conferred by the Board of Chairmen on anyone who has done special service for the Society.

8 Membership of the Society May Cease:

- By resignation
- For non-payment of annual dues without a reason accepted by the Board of Chairmen
- By expulsion by the Board of Chairmen for serious misdemeanour after hearing the member's explanation. Such a decision must be voted by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Chairmen in attendance.

II - ADMINISTRATION AND FUNCTION

The Society is composed of:

- National Sections
- A Committee of National Delegates
- A Board of Chairmen (BOC)

9 National Sections

In each country members of the Society form a National Section. The members of each National Section must meet at least once every two years, preferably in conjunction with the annual or biennial meeting of their respective national urological society or association. Each National Section elects a Delegate and a Deputy Delegate who must be an SIU member in good standing to take office. To ensure adequate representation of the members of the National Section, election must take place in conjunction with the annual or biennial meeting of the national urological society or association. The appointments are made by a majority of votes and for a period of two (2) years. Re-election can take place only once, the total serving time of a National Delegate or Deputy Delegate in the same capacity being restricted to a maximum of four (4) years, unless authorized by the Board of Chairmen. Elected National Delegates and Deputy Delegates automatically become members of the Committee of National Delegates at the next World Congress. Matters considered of such importance as to be presented to the Board of Chairmen or to the General Assembly are referred by the National Delegate or Deputy Delegate to the General Secretary or President.

Each National Delegate shall be considered a direct communication link to the parent body as represented by the General Secretary, and must be prepared to submit promptly any information requested by the General Secretary, including the following:

- A summary of the meetings held by the Section.
- The current membership of the Section: the list of members, together with their addresses, names of people who have died, resigned, etc.
- The list of proposed Candidate Members of the SIU. National Delegates will confirm the appointments prior to the Congress and their membership will be confirmed by vote at the General Assembly.
- A Section may propose its own country as a venue for a future Congress. Any such proposal must be submitted in writing by the National Delegate to the Chairman of the Congress Organization Committee. It must include description of the Congress Centre, access, transportation and accommodation facilities, security, social program proposed, and other details. Each applicant will submit a formal written statement confirming that it accepts the prerequisite that the SIU Congress Organization Committee will be responsible for the entire organization and that the SIU Scientific Committee will be in charge of the entire scientific program.

10 Committee of National Delegates

10.1 Composition

The Committee of National Delegates is composed of:

- All members of the Board of Chairmen.
- The National Delegate and Deputy-Delegate of each National Section (only one (1) can vote).

10.2 Meetings

The Committee of National Delegates will meet immediately before each World Congress and the President will preside. An agenda will be circulated sufficiently in advance of the meeting.

It will meet at the request of the Board of Chairmen between two World Congresses whenever necessary. In that event votes may be sent by post or electronic means.

10.3 Duties

The Committee of National Delegates discusses all important aspects of the running of the Society and makes recommendations to be considered by the Board of Chairmen and the members of the Society at the General Assembly.

It makes proposals concerning honorary membership and special awards.

It elects at each World Congress for a two (2) year term:

- One (1) of the two (2) National Delegates with voting-power as “National Delegate representatives” on the Board of Chairmen, having a specific role in improving communication between the various National Sections, the Board of Chairmen, the General Secretary and the Central Office, and in maintaining the active participation of the Committee of National Delegates in the affairs of the Society.
- One (1) of the two (2) National Delegates who act as members of the Nominating Committee.
- In each case, the terms of the two (2) delegates shall be staggered so that only one (1) is replaced or renewed at each General Assembly. In the year of transition to annual Congresses, two (2) shall be elected to each function with one (1) having a two (2) year term and the other a one (1) year term. Such a provision shall be implemented in the future should there be two (2) positions to fill.

If more than two (2) candidates are proposed, the two (2) receiving the most votes are elected.

Minutes are kept of the proceedings of the meetings. They are signed by the President after circulation to the members of the Board of Chairmen. The minutes will be circulated to all members of the National Delegates Committee.

11 The Board of Chairmen and Officers of the Society

11.1 Composition:

The Board of Chairmen serves as the Board of Directors of the Society and is composed of 20 members as follows:

- President
- President-Elect
- Vice-President
- Immediate Past-President (Chairman of the Nominating Committee)
- Chairmen of SIU Committees
- Two (2) National Delegates elected for two (2) year staggered terms by the Committee of National Delegates
- Two (2) members (who are not serving as National Delegates) nominated and elected for two (2) year staggered terms by the General Assembly.

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice-President, an Immediate Past-President, a General Secretary and a Treasurer.

The members of the Board of Chairmen and Officers serve without remuneration.

11.2 Selection of Members of the Board of Chairmen and Officers:

The President, President-Elect, Vice-President and the Immediate Past-President shall serve until the next World Congress, when a General Assembly will be held. This will normally entail terms of approximately one (1) year. .

The term of office of the General Secretary shall be five (5) years, non-renewable, and that of the Treasurer four (4) years, non-renewable. The term of office of Chairmen of Committees shall not exceed two (2) years, renewable once, and that of the representatives of the National Delegates and General Assembly on the Board of Chairmen shall not exceed two (2) years, renewable once. Terms may, however, be extended by one (1) year when necessary to provide continuity.

President:

- President-Elect automatically becomes President

President-Elect:

- Vice-President automatically becomes President-Elect

Vice-President:

- Nominated by SIU Nominating Committee
- Approved and elected by the General Assembly

Chairmen:

- Proposal by SIU members to Nominating Committee at least 1 month prior to Congress
- Formal nomination by Nominating Committee
- Approved and elected by General Assembly

Adjunct Chairmen:

There shall be Adjunct Chairmen of the Executive Affairs Committee (Adjunct General Secretary), Congress Organization Committee and Scientific Committee. The lengths of their terms of office shall not exceed those of their respective Chairmen.

- Proposal by SIU members to Nominating Committee at least 1 month prior to Congress
- Formal nomination by Nominating Committee
- Approved and elected by General Assembly

Secretaries and Members of Committees

- Nominated by Chairman of their Committee, and approved by Board of Chairmen
- Number of members is not defined and depends on demand
- Geographical balance preferable to involve the main National and Multinational Associations

11.3 Replacement

President, President-Elect, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Chairmen and Adjunct Chairmen

- In the case of resignation or incapacity to act of any Officer of the Society, individual Chairman or Adjunct Chairman, a replacement is selected by a simple majority of the members present at a meeting (formal or by electronic means) of the Board of Chairmen.

11.4 Dismissal

- Dismissal may occur in the case of failure to fulfil their assignment, by two thirds majority of Board of Chairmen members present at a formal Board of Chairmen Meeting

Secretaries and Members of Committees

- Proposed by Chairman. Confirmed by the Board of Chairmen

11.5 Duties

President:

- Is the official and legal Head of the Society
- Signs all important contracts, agreements and legal documents
- Represents the SIU in other societies, governments, international associations etc.
- Calls for meetings, signs agenda, chairs the meetings of Board of Chairmen, Committee of National Delegates and General Assembly, signs minutes

President-Elect:

- Replaces the President in case of absence
- Chairs the Awards Committee

Vice-President:

- Performs any tasks or duties assigned by the President
- Performs any other duties assigned by the Board of Chairmen
- Is responsible for preparing updates to the bylaws for approval by the Board of Chairmen and the General Assembly

Chairman of an SIU Committee

- Member of the Board of Chairmen
- Directs, controls and oversees activities of the Committee
- Nominates secretary and members of the Committee
- Is responsible for minutes of meetings
- Submits:
 - Reports of activities to the Board of Chairmen at the request of the General Secretary
 - Reports to the General Assembly as required

Adjunct Chairman of an SIU Committee

- Invited to Board of Chairmen meetings as observer without voting rights
- Assists the Chairman in controlling and overseeing the activities of the Committee
- Replaces the Chairman in case of absence
- Prepares for the assumption of the chairmanship of the Committee

11.6 Meetings:

The Board of Chairmen meets at regular intervals.

The General Secretary is responsible for the organization of these meetings.

Between Congresses, the Board of Chairmen is empowered to take all decisions required for the good governance of the Society or for the protection of the Society from threatening eventualities. Any extraordinary decisions taken under this section must be presented to the next meeting of the Committee of National Delegates and the next General Assembly.

11.7 Quorum for the Board of Chairmen:

Eight (8) members of the Board of Chairmen in office shall constitute a quorum for the Board of Chairmen. Any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretion by or under the bylaws of the Society for the time being vested in or exercisable by the members of the Board of Chairmen generally.

The vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Chairmen present at such a meeting shall be required for any question submitted thereto. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman of any such meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member of the Board of Chairmen.

11.8 Resolutions in writing:

A resolution in writing, signed (in writing or electronically) by all the directors entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the Board of Chairmen, is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board of Chairmen. A copy of every such resolution, which may be signed in counterparts, shall be kept with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Chairmen.

11.9 Teleconferencing – Telephone Participation

Any member of the Board of Chairmen may participate in a meeting of the Board of Chairmen by means of such telephone or other communications facilities as permit all persons to hear each other, and a member of the Board of Chairmen participating in such a meeting by such means is deemed for the purposes to be present at that meeting.

11.10 Executive Committee of the Board of Chairmen

An Executive Committee of the Board of Chairmen, comprising the President, the President-Elect, the Vice-President, the Immediate Past-President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Congress Organization Committee, will handle operational matters and Investment policy of the Society between meetings of the Board of Chairmen. The Adjunct Chairman of the Congress Organization Committee and the Adjunct General Secretary will participate in meetings of the Executive Committee without voting rights. The Executive Committee will have teleconference, or if necessary face to face, meetings as required and will report any decisions so taken to the next meeting of the Board of Chairmen.

11.11 Indemnification of Directors and Officers

To the extent permitted by law, the Society agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the members of the Board of Chairmen and Officers, their heirs, executors and administrators and estate and effects respectively against claims arising from any negligent act, error or omission, breach of duty, misleading statement or any act done or alleged to have been done by any member of the Board of Chairmen or Officers in or about their role. The Society will obtain Insurance coverage for this liability.

12 SIU Committees

12.1 Executive Affairs Committee

Is composed of:	Chairman: SIU General Secretary (member of Board of Chairmen) Adjunct Chairman (Adjunct General Secretary) Executive Secretary (non-medical) Members as needed
Duties:	Responsibility for operational duties including: All membership and communication matters Permanent contacts with the Chairmen of Committees through a modern communication network Regular contacts with National Delegates and Deputy Delegates SIU data bank Diffusion of information Development of communication via internet Organization of Board of Chairmen meetings and minutes Organization of telephone and internet conferences Organization of SIU General Assemblies and minutes Application and amendment of SIU bylaws, when necessary; for approval by General Assembly

12.2 Finance Committee

Is composed of:	Chairman: SIU Treasurer (member of Board of Chairmen) Secretary Members as needed
Duties:	Evaluation and payment of dues and expenses Analysis of each country's financial difficulties Budget preparation Yearly audit or Review Engagement Report to be communicated to the Board of Chairmen Contacts with SIU Foundation

12.3 Fund Raising and Public Relations Committee

Is composed of:	Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen) Secretary Members as needed
Duties:	Fund raising Developing initiatives to obtain funding Public relations

12.4 Consensus and Education Committee

- Is composed of: Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen)
Secretary
Members as needed
- Duties: Relations with International Consultations on Urologic Disease (ICUD)
Organization of International Consensus meetings
Interim meetings, seminars and courses between Congresses
Co-ordination of programs with other societies
Audio-visual and educational materials

12.5 Congress Organization Committee

- Is composed of: Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen)
Adjunct Chairman
Secretary
Members as needed
- Duties: Takes care of all aspects of Congress organization including pre-screening of proposed future Congress sites for suitability

12.6 Scientific Committee

- Is composed of: Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen)
Adjunct Chairman
Secretary
Members as needed
- Duties: Scientific program of SIU Congresses
Selection of topics and speakers
Selection of abstracts

12.7 SIU Institutes and Scholarships Committee

- Is composed of: Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen)
Secretary
Members as needed
- Duties: Oversees SIU Institutes
Studies possibilities of further SIU Institutes
Develops training programs
SIU Scholarships (financial sponsorship, selection of candidates)

12.8 Publications Committee

- Is composed of: Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen)
Secretary
Members as needed
- Duties: Journals
Monographs/Books
Newsletters
Videos, CD-ROM etc.

12.9 International Relations Committee

Is composed of: Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen)
Secretary
Members as needed

Duties: Contacts with:
Urological sub-speciality societies
Multinational Associations
National Societies

12.10 Long Term Strategic Planning Committee

Is composed of: Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen)
Secretary
Members as needed

Duties: Brain-storming group for designing future pathways and streamlining present activities

12.11 Internet and Telecommunications Committee

Is composed of: Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen)
Secretary
Members as needed

Duties: Update and improve / expand SIU website
Establish / promote electronic communications between Head Office and National Sections / SIU members
Promote telecommunications contact among SIU members worldwide

12.12 Sub-Specialities Committee

Is composed of: Chairman (member of Board of Chairmen)
Secretary
Members as needed

Duties: Interests concerned with all new emerging techniques and sub-specialities in Congresses

12.13 Nominating Committee

Is composed of: Chairman: Immediate Past-President (member of Board of Chairmen)
Two (2) SIU members elected by the General Assembly and not serving as National Delegate or member of the Board of Chairmen
Two (2) National Delegates elected by the Committee of National Delegates
Two (2) members elected by the Board of Chairmen

The chairman may cast the deciding vote in addition to his regular vote.

Duties: Solicits nominations for Board of Chairmen from BOC members, National Delegates and SIU members
Makes recommendations to the General Assembly for the election of the Vice-President, and, as required, of other Officers, Chairmen and Adjunct Chairmen of Committees whose terms have expired- (note that the nominations for representatives of the General Assembly on the Nominating Committee must come from the floor of the General Assembly and members so nominated should have knowledge of the workings of the Society)

III - MEANS OF ACTION

13 World Congress

The Society will have annual World Congresses after the transition from biennial ones. These Congresses will be held in the country of the Inviting Nation selected by the Society. The choice of the Congress venue is made at least four (4) years, and preferably more, in advance by the Board of Chairmen and submitted to the General Assembly for discussion. The Inviting Nation must give the assurance that all members of the Société Internationale d'Urologie will be welcome and that visas shall be issued to all members of the Society. The SIU is directly responsible for the entire legal, financial and structural aspects of each Congress. The Scientific Committee of the SIU will be in charge of the entire scientific program. Each applicant must submit a formal written statement confirming that these prerequisites are fully accepted.

The Officers of the Congress, including a President and a Secretary, are elected by the Congress Organization Committee. The Inviting Nation will be represented on this Committee.

The official language of the Congress shall be English. The Inviting Nation shall facilitate access to services for simultaneous translation, including booths for interpreters, transmitting apparatus and headsets, for sessions in the main hall, for any country accepting to pay for these services and for their own interpreters.

In addition to World Congresses, the Society may hold topic specific meetings according to recommendations of the Congress Organization Committee.

14 Publications of the Society

The Society may produce publications at the discretion of the Publications Committee. These publications shall be in English.

Logo of the SIU

The SIU logo is the exclusive property of the Society and can only be used where approved by the General Secretary of the SIU, except for the use by National Sections described below. When the logo is used, it must not be modified in any way.

National Delegates and Deputy Delegates of Sections of the SIU may use the logo with respect to the normal operations of the National Section. Such use is restricted to the National Delegate's letterhead when used for legitimate SIU activities, promotion of meetings of the members of the National Section, and other internal activities of the National Section. In such cases, it is permitted to add the name of the National Section immediately below the SIU logo, but not to modify the logo itself. Request for approval of the use of the logo must be addressed to the General Secretary sufficiently in advance of printing deadlines. The General Secretary will subsequently report any such approvals to the Board of Chairmen. Any misuse of the logo by a member will be considered a serious misdemeanour subject to the sanction of Article 8 above.

15 General Assembly

During each Congress a General Assembly is held, which Active Members in good standing and Senior Members may attend, and this shall constitute the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The Board of Chairmen determines the agenda.

At the General Assembly the members of the Society will receive reports from Officers and Chairmen of Committees, discuss them if necessary, and make final decisions.

The report of the Treasurer will include the income, expenditures and balance sheet of the Society and must be subject to audit or Review Engagement Report by professional auditors or accountants prior to the Congress. It will then be read and accepted by vote by the General Assembly.

The following issues will be decided or considered as appropriate:

- The election by simple majority vote, of the Vice-President-, and, as required, of other Officers, Chairmen and Adjunct Chairmen of Committees whose terms have expired.
- The election for a two (2) year term by simple majority vote of one (1) of the two (2) representatives of the General Assembly on the Board of Chairmen and of one (1) of the two (2) representatives of the General Assembly on the Nominating Committee (note that representatives of the General Assembly cannot be National Delegates).
- Consideration of World Congress venues for future meetings.
- Consideration and sanction if deemed appropriate, of any bylaw to repeal, amend or re-enact any such bylaw which should be sanctioned at said Assembly.

- Appointment of the Auditors or Review Accountants and determining or authorizing the Board of Chairmen to determine their remuneration.
- Other recommendations from the Committee of National Delegates.
- If appropriate consideration, dealing with or resolution of any other business that might be brought before the Assembly.

Active Members in good standing and Senior Members are eligible to attend the General Assembly and to vote, subject to the stipulations of Article 16.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee presents the recommendations of his committee for election of the Vice-President, and for Officers, Chairmen and Adjunct Chairmen of Committees where required by the expiration of terms. Nominations from the floor at the General Assembly should be made for the representative of the General Assembly on each of the Board of Chairmen and the Nominating Committee whose terms have expired. Nominations from the floor may also be made for any other position on the ballot. Such nominations must be seconded to be considered, and the nominee must accept, by presence at the General Assembly or by formal documentation, to serve if elected in this capacity.

If a majority is not obtained on first round, a second vote among the top two (2) will determine the vote.

Any General Assembly shall constitute an Extraordinary General Assembly to consider, deal with and resolve any business that should be considered, dealt with or resolved at an Extraordinary General Assembly.

16 Extraordinary General Assembly

An Extraordinary General Assembly is held whenever necessary and at the request in writing of either the President, or the General Secretary, or six (6) voting members of the Board of Chairmen, or twenty (20) National Delegates. Extraordinary General Assemblies shall be held at the Head Office of the Society or at any other place or places as determined by the Board of Chairmen from time to time.

17 Notice of Meetings

Notice of General Assemblies, Extraordinary General Assemblies or Annual General Meetings other than those taking place during a Congress of the Society shall be communicated to the members of the Society at their respective addresses as they appear on the books of the Society at least 21 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of each meeting. The notice of any General Assembly may, but need not, specify the purpose of such meeting, but should specify in general terms any bylaw and the repeal, amendment or re-enactment of any bylaw which should be sanctioned at such meeting and shall also specify any other business that should be considered, dealt with or resolved at an Extraordinary General Assembly. Notice of any Extraordinary General Assembly shall specify in general terms any business that should be considered, dealt with or resolved at such a meeting.

No notice of the time, place or purpose of any meeting of members, whether prescribed by law or by the bylaws, need be given to any member who attends in person or who, in writing, either before or after the holding thereof, waives such notice.

18 Addresses of Members

Every member shall furnish to the Society an address to which all corporate notices intended for such member shall be mailed or served upon him. Irregularities in the notice or in the giving thereof as well as accidental omission to give notice to, or the non-receipt of any notice by any of the members shall not invalidate any action taken by or at such meeting.

19 Right to Vote

Each matter at any General Assembly shall be decided by a vote on a show of hands or upon a poll of those present. Each Active Member in good standing and each Senior Member is entitled to one (1) vote, provided that on any one ballot, no more than ten percent (10%) of the total votes cast by members attending the General Assembly shall come from any single National Section. Should more than ten percent (10%) of those present at the General Assembly come from any single National Section, the National Delegate or his representative shall determine the method by which members of his National Section will be designated to vote.

An Active Member shall be deemed to be in good standing if annual dues have been paid.

In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of any meeting of members shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member.

The act of a majority of the members at any meeting shall be the act of the members of the Society except as to matters on which the vote or consent of a greater number of members is required by law or by the deed of incorporation or the bylaws of the Society.

IV - SIU AWARDS

20 SIU Awards

The Society will have a Medal, to be known as the SIU Félix-Guyon Medal, for outstanding service to the Society. There will be Distinguished Career Awards to recognize members who have contributed significantly to the field of Urology during their careers. There will also be an award known as the Albert Schweitzer Award to recognize notable contributions to the teaching of urology in developing countries. The SIU Distinguished Partner Award shall recognize outstanding continued support of the SIU by an individual, a company or a non-governmental organization.

The Awards Committee is composed of the members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Chairmen and selects, within established criteria, the recipients of these and other SIU awards. The President-Elect shall be its Chairman.

The SIU Félix-Guyon Medal will be awarded once per SIU World Congress. At the discretion of the Awards Committee, more than one Distinguished Career Award and no more than two (2) SIU Distinguished Partner Awards may be granted at any SIU World Congress. The Awards Committee shall not be obliged to name winners of any of these awards if, in its judgment, there are no nominations of sufficiently high calibre.

Specific criteria for these and any new awards shall be approved by the Board of Chairmen and presented to the committee of National Delegates and the General Assembly at the next Congress.

V - AFFILIATES

21 Affiliates

- An organization or society may apply to the Society for affiliate status. The application shall be made in writing to the General Secretary and shall include a copy of the constitutional documents of such organization or society. The Board of Chairmen shall consider the application at its next regular meeting and shall submit it to the membership at the next Annual General Meeting. An organization or society will become an affiliated society ("Affiliated Society") only by majority vote of each of the Board of Chairmen and the General Assembly.
- Membership in an Affiliated Society does not confer membership in the SIU.
- The SIU will not have any financial responsibility except that which may be specifically contracted.
- An organization which is granted Affiliate status may designate itself as follows: "Affiliated Society of the Société Internationale d'Urologie".
- An Affiliated Society will hold a general meeting in conjunction with the Society's World Congresses.
- An Affiliated Society may report to the Society membership at the Annual Meeting. Such a report may be requested by the Board of Chairmen from time to time, or alternatively may be requested by the Affiliated Society. In the latter case the request shall be made in writing to the General Secretary and shall be considered by the Board of Chairmen.
- An Affiliated Society may lose its status by majority vote of the Board of Chairmen and of the General Assembly.

VI - ALTERATION OF THE BYLAWS AND DISSOLUTION

22 Alteration of the Bylaws

Alteration of the bylaws is made on the proposal of the Board of Chairmen after the convocation of an Extraordinary General Assembly. All members shall have adequate notification of this Assembly and the proposed alterations. Valid decisions can be taken whatever the number of members present. Unless otherwise specified, changes to the bylaws take effect immediately upon approval by the General Assembly.

23 Dissolution

The dissolution of the Society may be made on the proposal of the Board of Chairmen after the convocation of an Extraordinary General Assembly, of which all members shall have adequate notification.

In the case of dissolution, the Extraordinary General Assembly will appoint one or more commissioners to liquidate the property of the Society and will stipulate the final disposition of any assets.