

In concordance with the provisions of articles 12, 78 and 79 of the Law on Associations (Official Gazette of RS, no. 51/09), participants at the assembly session held on January 17, 2011, in Belgrade, adopted the new:

**STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION**  
**SERBIAN SOCIETY OF MEDICAL MYCOLOGY**

**General provisions**

**Article 1**

This Statute determines the name, objectives and activity of the Serbian Society of Medical Mycology (hereinafter: Association), the manner of achieving said objectives, Association head office, terms of membership, the rights and obligations of members, Association organization and structure, representation and presentation of the Association, acquisition and disposal of material resources, the manner of ensuring transparency of activities of the Association, the manner of decision making, associating and joining international organizations, public marks of the Association, accolades of the Association, terms of termination of operations, and the adoption of statutory amendments of the Association.

**Article 2**

The Association is a voluntary, expert, scientific, non-profit, independent, non-party organization that is founded and operates in the territory of the Republic of Serbia (RS).

**Article 3**

In its work, the Association adheres to the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Serbia, and the work of the Association is public.

**Area of achievement of objectives**

**Article 4**

The association Serbian Society of Medical Mycology is a non-governmental and non-profit Association founded, for an indefinite term, for the purpose of achieving objectives in the field of medical mycology and popularization of this discipline.

## **Objectives and tasks of the Association**

### **Article 5**

The objectives of the Association are as follows:

1. Development of methods for advancing the discovery and treatment of fungal diseases in humans
2. Implementation of an interdisciplinary approach in diagnosing and treating these diseases
3. Founding of schools of modern diagnostic procedures and their standardization through the education of Serbian experts
4. Modernization of education in the field of medical mycology and its popularization
5. Establishing of national consensuses of the program on fungal diseases in humans and the making of diagnostic and therapy guides in the field of medical mycology
6. Incitement of research in the field of medical mycology and the discovery of talented young personnel
7. Exchange of personnel in the country and abroad for the purpose of constant improvement in the profession
8. Advocacy for the protection and advancement of the status of medical mycology in RS

### **Article 6**

For the purpose of achieving its objectives, the Association particularly defines its tasks as follows:

1. Organizes expert meetings, congresses and seminars, at which it presents the national and international scientific and expert achievements in the field of medical mycology
2. Cooperates with domestic and foreign expert institutions and exchanges experiences in diagnosing and treating fungal diseases in humans
3. Organizes visits by foreign experts and their lectures in Serbia
4. Ensures the participation of Association members in expert bodies working on diagnosing and treating fungal diseases in humans, for the purpose of controlling the work of medical services
5. Cooperates with the chambers, funds and ministries of RS for the purpose of developing the profession
6. Enables the engagement of its members in scientific projects
7. Organizes the national scientific assembly entitled "Diagnosis and Therapy of Fungal Diseases in Humans," with international participation
8. Publishes the professional publication from the field of work of the scientific assembly and the Society entitled "Diagnosis and Therapy of Fungal Diseases in Humans"
9. Posts web presentations of the Serbian Society of Medical Mycology on the Internet
10. Considers strategic and organizational problems in the field of medical mycology
11. Cooperates with related associations in the territory of RS and other states
12. Achieves all aforementioned objectives and manner of their achievement in association with the competent institutions of RS

### **Article 7**

The objectives of the Association are achieved by the activities of the Association through the bodies of the Association and by the activities of members.

## **Name and head office**

### **Article 8**

The name of the Association in Serbian is: DRUSTVO MEDICINSKIH MIKOLOGA SRBIJE (DMMS), BEOGRAD, DR SUBOTICA 1

The name of the Association in a foreign language (English) is: SERBIAN SOCIETY OF MEDICAL MYCOLOGY (SSMM)

The abbreviated name in Serbian is: DRUSTVO MEDICINSKIH MIKOLOGA SRBIJE (DMMS)

The Association has a head office in Belgrade, Dr Subotica Street 1.

The Association carries out its operations in the territory of RS.

## **Types of members of the Association**

### **Article 9**

Members of the Association can be regular, assisting and honorary:

1) regular members of the Association are all active members who work in concordance with this Statute and other acts of the Association

2) assisting members of the Association are individuals who do not meet the terms of the Statute for regular membership, but work in the interest of the Association and contribute to its operations and success

3) an honorary member of the Association is a natural person or a legal entity with special merits for the activities, operations and work of the Association with regard to this Statute.

## **Terms and manner of beginning and termination of membership**

### **Article 10**

Membership in the Association is voluntary and is obtained, after the necessary conditions have been met, by a written statement on joining the Association.

Members of the Association are, as a rule, medical doctors, specialists in microbiology or related disciplines who work on diagnosing and treating fungal diseases in humans.

Individuals from other professions doing basic research in the field of medical mycology may also be appointed members of the Association.

### **Article 11**

A regular member of the Association must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a diploma of the School of Medicine, i.e. of another faculty in concordance with Article 9 of this Statute

2. Have a complete or ongoing specialization
3. Have the references of at least two members of the Association
4. Have RS citizenship

## **Article 12**

The Assembly makes the decision on membership, in line with the provisions of Articles 10 and 11 of this Statute, and notifies the applicant.

A member can terminate their membership by submitting a written statement of withdrawal from membership, where the date of submission of the statement is considered to be the date of withdrawal from the Association.

Membership in the Association may cease due to longer inactivity of a member, failure to observe provisions of this Statute, violation of the reputation of the Association, and failure to pay membership dues.

The decision on the termination of membership is made by the Assembly, at the elaborated proposal of the Association Representative – President.

A member must be enabled to state the reasons for which the motion for deciding on the termination of their membership in the Association was submitted.

## **Rights, obligations and responsibility of members**

### **Article 13**

Members of the Association (regular, assisting and honorary) are entitled to the following:

- 1) to equally participate in achieving the objectives of the Association
- 2) to participate in decision making at the Assembly through the bodies of the Association
- 3) to appoint and be appointed to the bodies of the Association
- 4) to be timely and fully informed about the work and activities of the Association
- 5) to have an Association membership card.

Members of the Association are obligated to do the following:

- 1) adhere to the provisions of this Statute and other general acts of the Association
- 2) actively contribute to the achievement of objectives of the Association
- 3) participate in the activities of the Association
- 4) carry out the tasks entrusted to them by the President
- 5) pay membership dues – the amount of which is determined by a special decision of the Presidency. Membership dues are paid for each year no later than the end of the first quarter of the current year. Assisting members pay one third of the membership dues set for regular members. Honorary members are exempt from payment of dues.

## **Internal organization**

### **Article 14**

The bodies of the Association are the Assembly, Presidency, Scientific Committee, Supervisory Committee, and the President.

The office of representative is held by the President and in their absence by the deputy President.

## **Association Assembly**

### **Article 15**

The Association Assembly is the supreme body.

The Association Assembly comprises all full members of the Association.

The Assembly regularly convenes once per year. The work of the Assembly requires the attendance of more than half of the members. An early session of the Assembly may be scheduled at the elaborated proposal of the President, Supervisory Committee (if a violation of the Statute and other acts of the Association occurs), as well as at the initiative of at least a third of the members of the Assembly. An initiative is submitted to the President in written form and must list the questions the consideration of which is being proposed.

### **Article 16**

A session of the Assembly is called by the Association President by issuing written or electronic notification about the place and time at which the session is to be held. The President proposes the agenda and nominates the Assembly speaker.

The Assembly does the following:

- 1) adopts the work plan and program of the Association
- 2) adopts the Statute, as well as amendments to the Statute of the Association
- 3) adopts other general acts of the Association
- 4) adopts its own Rules of Procedure
- 5) appoints and dismisses the Association President, i.e. Association Representative
- 6) appoints and dismisses members of the Presidency, Scientific Committee and Supervisory Committee
- 7) reviews and adopts the report of the President on the work of the Association
- 8) reviews and adopts the financial plan and the report of the Supervisory Committee
- 9) decides on amendments to the Statute and on the termination of operations of the Association
- 10) decides on joining alliances and other associations in the country and abroad
- 11) appoints delegates to international organizations and institutions
- 12) debates and decides on other issues regarding the work of the Association

The Assembly fully makes decisions if at least half of the members are in attendance, in accordance with Article 15 of this Statute. The Assembly makes decisions by the majority of votes of members in attendance.

The decision on amendments to the Statute, status changes and termination of operations of the Association require a two-third majority of votes of members in attendance.

## **Presidency**

### **Article 17**

The Association Presidency consists of seven (7) members: the President, two vice presidents, a secretary, and three members.

Members of the Presidency are appointed for a period of five (5) years and may be reappointed.

### **Article 18**

The Association Presidency organizes the work and activities of the Association between two Assembly sessions as follows:

- initiates proceedings over the violation of the Statute and general acts of the Association
- proposes work programs of the Association
- proposes the forming of sections, working groups and their managers
- carries out the decisions of the Assembly and the President
- issues Association membership cards to members
- selects workers for carrying out expert and administrative work and decides on the termination of employment of these workers
- the work of the Presidency is managed by the appointed Association President

The Presidency makes decisions equally if the majority of the members are in attendance, by a simple majority of the members in attendance.

## **Expert Committee**

### **Article 19**

The Scientific Committee consists of seven (7) members: chairperson of the Scientific Committee, deputy chairperson of the Scientific Committee and five (5) appointed members. The members of the Scientific Committee are appointed for a term of five (5) years and may be reappointed.

The Scientific Committee fully makes decisions if the majority of the members are in attendance, by a majority of votes of the members in attendance.

The Scientific Committee reviews all issues sent by the Presidency, in particular the following:

- issues regarding education and advancement in the field of medical mycology
- issues regarding the place of medical mycology in medical education
- proposes novelties regarding teaching and education in medical mycology
- proposes the forming of working groups and sections of the Association
- proposes the organization of expert and scientific meetings of the Association
- selects expert topics, papers and administrative clerks
- edits the expert publication of the Association
- cooperates with other bodies of the Association

The proposals of the Scientific Committee are adopted by the Presidency.

## **Supervisory Committee**

## **Article 20**

The Supervisory Committee consists of three (3) members appointed by the Association Assembly. The members of the Supervisory Committee are appointed for a term of five (5) years and may be reappointed.

The Supervisory Committee makes decisions by the majority of votes of the members.

The Supervisory Committee does the following:

- controls the financial operations of the Association
- submits a financial report at least once a year
- points out to the President possible omissions in the disposal of financial and material resources
- calls an early Assembly session in case of violation of the Statute or other acts of the Association

## **President**

### **Article 21**

The President of the Association is the president of the Association Presidency. The mandate of the President lasts five (5) years and the President may be reappointed. The President carries out the following tasks:

- manages the work of the Presidency
- represents and presents the Association
- presides over the sessions of the Presidency
- signs the acts adopted by the Presidency
- nominates Presidency members to the Assembly
- carries out other tasks of interest for the Association
- in absence, the President of the Association is substituted by one of the vice presidents.

### **Article 22**

The president does the following:

- Implements the general acts and decisions of the Association Assembly and Presidency
- Defines draft amendments to the Statute
- Prepares the drafts of general acts adopted by the Assembly
- Makes decisions in terms of the achievement of general and special objectives
- Makes decisions in cooperation with other associations and institutions
- Defines the draft annual membership dues
- Defines the draft annual work plan and the draft financial plan
- Defines the draft balance sheet
- Reviews the reports of the Supervisory Committee
- Decides on the proposals, requests and complaints of members
- Appoints members of the Disciplinary Commission

- Makes decisions in the second degree on appeals to the decisions of the Disciplinary Commission

## **Achieving transparency of work**

### **Article 23**

The work of the Association is public.

The President handles the transparency of work of the Association and the regular notification of members of the activities of the Association. The public and members are informed directly, by circular letters, electronically (via e-mail or the Association website), by press releases or in another appropriate manner.

The annual report on the activities of the Association is submitted to the members at a session of the Association Assembly.

### **Article 24**

For the purpose of achieving its objectives, the Association establishes contacts and cooperates with other associations in the country and abroad and exchanges knowledge, experiences, personnel and publications.

The Association can join higher levels of organization, alliances and international organizations in the country and abroad, and the decision on that matter is made by the Assembly by a simple majority of the votes of members in attendance.

## **Manner of acquiring resources to achieve objectives and of disposal of resources**

### **Article 25**

The Association acquires funds from membership dues, voluntary contributions, donations and gifts, financial subsidies, by applying for projects with domestic and foreign institutions, in a manner permissible by law.

The Association may obtain funds from the following: seminar registration fees, continuous medical education or through an educational workshop (by selling the products made during the educational workshops), as well as by providing advisory services in the field of medical mycology.

The collected funds are used exclusively for the following: achieving the objectives of the Association, coverage of regular operating costs of the Association and for financing Association projects. The funds are used in accordance with the financial plan of the Association and the decisions of the Assembly, Presidency or the President.

## **Economic activity for gaining profit**



## **Article 26**

The Association acquires funds by carrying out the following economic activity:

*72.11 – Research and experimental development in biotechnology.*

The Association may start directly carrying out this activity only after it has been registered in the Register of Companies.

The profit made in the manner described in paragraph 1 of this article may be used only for the achievement of the objectives of the Association, including the regular operating costs of the Association and own participation in the financing of certain projects.

## **Public accolades**

### **Article 27**

The Association, the Serbian Society of Medical Mycology, gives out public accolades in the following manner:

- by appointing a person as an honorary member of the Association
- by awarding the Charter on the occasion of the Association anniversary
- by nominating members for the awards given by RS, as well as by other organizations and institutions.

The decision on giving out public accolades, at the proposal of the Presidency, is made by the Association Assembly.

## **Manner of adoption of amendments to the Statute**

### **Article 28**

Amendments to this Statute are made according to the procedure of its adoption.

The motion for the adoption of amendments to the Statute is submitted to the Association Presidency.

The motion for the adoption of amendments to the Statute may be initiated by one third of members of the Association Assembly, the President or the Supervisory Committee.

## **Termination of operations of the Association**

### **Article 29**

The Association terminates its operations by a decision of the Assembly, when the conditions for achieving the objectives of the Association cease, as well as in other cases envisaged by law.

The Association President is obligated to notify the appropriate competent state institution within 15 days from the day of termination of operations.

## **Handling of Association property in event of termination of operations**

### **Article 30**

In the event of termination of operations, the property of the Association shall be transferred to a domestic non-profit legal entity founded for the purpose of achieving the same or similar objectives. The Association Assembly shall decide to whom the property shall be transferred in accordance with the Law.

## **Appearance and content of seal and logo of the Association**

### **Article 31**

The Association has a 30 mm round seal that contains the business name and head office of the Association.

The Association has a seal with the text on the upper rim DRUSTVO MEDICINSKIH MIKOLOGA SRBIJE (DMMS), Beograd, and on the lower rim the text in English *SERBIAN SOCIETY OF MEDICAL MYCOLOGY (SSMM), Belgrade*.

The Association logo – a stylized image of the *Aspergillus* fungus – is located at the center of the seal.

### **Article 32**

The Association has a rectangular logo.

The appearance of the logo is as follows: On the left side of the logo is a stylized image of the *Aspergillus* fungus, in the upper right corner is the acronym of the Association in Serbian DMMS (DRUSTVO MEDICINSKIH MIKOLOGA SRBIJE), in the lower right corner is the acronym of the Association in English SSMM (*SERBIAN SOCIETY OF MEDICAL MYCOLOGY*). On the upper rim of the rectangle is the full name of the Association in Serbian – DRUSTVO MEDICINSKIH MIKOLOGA SRBIJE, and on the lower rim the full name of the Association in English – *SERBIAN SOCIETY OF MEDICAL MYCOLOGY*.

The Assembly determines the manner of use of the logo.

## **Final provisions**

### **Article 33**

With the adoption of this Statute, the provisions of the Statute of the Serbian Society of Medical Mycology adopted on June 13, 2008 cease to be valid.

### **Article 34**

The Law on Associations shall be directly applicable to all issues not regulated by this Statute.

**Article 35**

This Statute comes into force and is applicable on the day of its adoption by the Assembly of the Serbian Society of Medical Mycology.

In Belgrade, January 17, 2011

Assembly Speaker  
Prof. Dr. Sanja Mitrovic  
(Signature: Illegible)

(Round seal of the Serbian Society of Medical Mycology)

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