



CONSTITUTION
OF
PERSATUAN DERMATOLOGI
MALAYSIA

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INCORPORATING AMENDMENTS
1st April 2010

REGISTRATION NO. 1822 (SELANGOR)

CONSTITUTION OF PERSATUAN DERMATOLOGI MALAYSIA (THE DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA)

1. NAME:

- a) The name of the Society shall be Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia, (The Dermatological Society of Malaysia), Hereinafter referred to as ‘The Society’.

b) EMBLEM:

The Society shall have an Emblem (see cover).

This shall consist of a blue coloured shield, trisected from the centre by a vertical line to the middle of the top margin and two oblique line to either side.

The upper left section bears a crimson Bunga Raya Flower, which is the Malaysian National flower.

The upper right section carries a white colour staff and serpent coiled around it symbolising knowledge and the medical fraternity.

The lower section has a white coloured line diagram of the Skin represented by two horizontal parallel lines below which is a wave consisting of a crest between two troughs.

A blue-coloured ribbon runs along the lower margin around the apex of the shield, bearing in white letters, the name “Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia”.

2. PLACE OF BUSINESS AND POSTAL ADDRESS:

- a) The place of business of The Society shall be Rumah Dermatologi and the postal address of The Society shall be Rumah Dermatologi, 2-16-2, 16th Floor, Block 2 (Remis) Pantai Panorama Condominium, Jalan 112 H, off Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur.
- b) The postal address and place of business of The Society shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies.

3. OBJECTS

The Objects of The Society shall be:

- a) To advance the knowledge and practice of dermatology;
- b) To promote research in dermatology;
- c) To promote regional and international co-operation in dermatology;
- d) To acquire and publish literature and scientific works;
- e) To organise clinical meeting, seminars, conventions and all such acts and things incidental or subsidiary to all or any of the above;
- f) To invest the funds of The Society in approved investments under the Trustee Act and to appoint Trustees to manage such investments;
- g) To vest the trustees with the fund or funds created under article 3 (f) and to empower the executive committee to utilise the income from the said fund

or funds in accordance with bye-laws approved by the general meeting of The Society.

4. MEMBERSHIP:

Members shall be of three (3) categories:

a) **Ordinary Members:**

1. Medical practitioners registered with the Malaysian Medical Council; and
2. Possess any of the following recognized postgraduate qualifications in dermatology:
 - 2.1 Advanced Master in Dermatology (UKM)
 - 2.2 American Specialty Board in Dermatology
 - 2.3 MACD or FACD (Member or Fellow of the Australian College of Dermatology)
 - 2.4 Any postgraduate qualification in Dermatology involving 3 years fulltime of Internal Medicine and at least 3 years of structured residency of diplomate study deem equivalent to 2.1, 2.2 or 2.3 by the Executive Committee of the Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia (PDM) with the concurrence of the Dermatology Specialty Subcommittee of the National Credentialing Committee (NCC);

OR

3. Possess a recognized post graduate qualification in medicine including:
 - 3.1. MRCP (UK)
 - 3.2 MRACP or FRACP (Australia)
 - 3.3. M. Med Internal Medicine (UM, UKM, USM)
 - 3.4 Any postgraduate qualification in internal medicine deemed equivalent to 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3 by the Executive Committee of the Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia (PDM) with the concurrence of the Dermatology Specialty Subcommittee of the National Credentialing Committee (NCC)

And in addition have

- 3.5 3 years of experience in internal medicine
- 3.6 3 years of full time training under a *Senior Dermatologist in an organized Skin Unit.
 - training should include clinical dermatology (with inpatient and outpatient care), venereology (sexually transmitted diseases) and leprosy.
 - the center should have supportive facilities in histopathology, immunology, microbiology and mycology, and library facilities.

*Senior Dermatologist refers to a Consultant Dermatologist with at least 5 years experience of Dermatology

3.6.1 Of the three years training, at least 1 year is to be done after obtaining the postgraduate qualification.

3.6.2 Those having in addition, the Diploma in Dermatology, can consider the course at the St. John's Institute of Dermatology, University of London, as 1 year of training

3.6.3 Recognition of training done overseas may be considered individually if the training is done in recognized centres.

OR

4. A medical practitioner who does not hold any of the recognized postgraduate qualifications stated in 2 and 3 above, may be considered a Dermatologist if all the following requirements are fulfilled up to 1st January, 1983 :

4.1. Possesses a Diploma in Dermatology

4.2. Has at least 5 years of experience in Dermatology (Diploma in Dermatology from St. John Institute of Dermatology shall be considered as 1 year of experience in dermatology

(This Clause 4 will be valid for 3 years from the inception of the National Specialist Register on 23rd August, 2006)

OR

5. For a grace period of 3 years from the inception of the National Specialist Register (NSR) on 23rd August, 2006, a doctor working full-time in the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) hospitals or public (Government funded) Universities who is gazetted or officially recognized as a Dermatologist by the MOH or the Public Universities may be considered as a Dermatologist for the registration with the NSR.

To maintain membership of the Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia, each member must within that year, either:

- i) publish a paper on dermatology in any one medical journal, or
- ii) present a paper at any one scientific meeting or
- iii) attend at least one Dermatological Scientific Meeting

b) **Associate Members:**

- i) Medical Practitioners with an interest in Dermatology, or
- ii) Scientific Workers in fields related to dermatology, leprosy and venereology, shall be eligible to become Associate Members.

c) **Honorary Members:** Honorary Members shall be distinguished persons who have rendered notable service to The Society or to the advancement of Dermatology in Malaysia and recommended by the Executive Committee and

elected by majority at a General Meeting.

Application for Ordinary and Associate Membership shall be made in to the Honorary Secretary on the approved form for approval by the Executive Committee.

- d) **Life Members:** Ordinary members in good standing with more than 10 years of continuous membership.

5. **SUBSCRIPTION:**

- a) The financial year shall start on 1st July and end on 30th June.
- b) The Annual Subscription for Ordinary Members shall be RM50.00 payable at the beginning of each financial year.
- c) The Annual Subscription for Associate Members shall be RM 30.00
- d) Honorary Members - Free.
- e) Life Members - Free
- f) The annual subscription for Ordinary and Associate Members shall be payable at the beginning of each financial year.

6. **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) Any member may terminate his membership by written notice to the Honorary Secretary. Membership shall be automatically suspended if a member's subscription has not been paid up within 3 months of the beginning of the financial year.

7. **RIGHT AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) Members are entitled to attend meeting of The Society. Members may introduce not more than two guests each to clinical and scientific meetings. Guests shall not attend business meetings of The Society.
- b) Only Ordinary Members and Life Members shall be entitled to hold office in the Executive Committee, and to vote thereat.
- c) Ordinary or Associate Members who have been suspended for non-payment can be restored to membership upon payment of all unpaid dues.
- d) Members whose professional or personal conduct has been detrimental to the interests of The Society may, at the Executive Committee's decision, be removed from the membership of The Society either temporarily or permanently. Such members may appeal at the Annual Meeting or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting which shall be final and binding.
- e) No appeal shall lie from any decision of The Society to any court of Law.

8. MANAGEMENT OF

- a) (i) The Society shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of:
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| President | (one) |
| Vice President | (one) |
| Immediate Past President | (one) |
| Hon. Secretary | (one) |
| Hon. Treasurer | (one) |
| Committee Member | (four) |
- (ii) All Members of the executive committee and every officer performing executive functions in The Society shall be Malaysian citizens.
- (iii) Minutes shall be kept by the Hon. Secretary of all meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall also keep membership register containing the following particulars:
- Name
 - Date of Admission
 - Date of Birth
 - Identity Card Number
 - Occupation and Address of each member

The Hon. Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and accounting of all funds of The Society, and shall issue receipts for all payments made to The Society. He may hold a petty cash advance not exceeding fifty dollars (RM50.00) at any time. All money in excess of this sum shall within seven days of receipt be deposited in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. The Bank Account shall be in the name of The Society. All cheques issued by The Society shall be signed by the Hon. Treasurer and by the President or Vice-President. He shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of the Audited Statement of Accounts at the Annual Meeting.

- v) “The Trustees shall be charged with the management of any surplus funds not required for the use of The Society and once so vested shall not be utilised by the Executive Committee without prior approval of two thirds of the members present and voting at a General Meeting. The Trustees may make available to the Executive Committee to utilise the interest or dividends of such surplus funds invested in accordance with the Trustee’s Act or any Statutory modification thereon solely for the advancement of Dermatological Research, Research in Venereal Diseases or Leprosy, provide scholarships or grants, give awards and sponsorships and make loans to students approved by the Executive Committee, undertaking research in Dermatology, Leprosy or Venereal Diseases and comply with the Bye-Laws prescribed by the General Meeting for the utilisation of Research Funds”.
- b) The General Meeting as proposed by the Executive Committee are empowered from time to time to make, alter and revoke bye-laws for the utilisation of income derived from Research Funds by the Trustees and for the internal management of The Society. All such bye-laws until revoked shall be binding on all members of The Society and The Society and the appointed Trustees as if they were contained in this Constitution.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS:

All members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting, to hold office for a period of one year. Vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring during the year shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

10. ELECTION OF AUDITORS:

At the Annual General Meeting of The Society, one member of The Society shall be elected as Auditor to hold office for one year, and he shall not be re-elected the following year.

11. POWERS & DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- a) The Executive Committee shall meet at least two (2) times a year. Notice of such meetings will be seven (7) days in advance.
- b) The quorum for Executive Committee Meetings shall be not less than one-half of members of the Executive Committee.
- c) The Executive Committee shall have the power to form Sub-Committees to deal with special matters.
- d) The Executive Committee can authorise the expenditure of not more than RM500.00 per month from The Society's funds for The Society's purposes unless such payment is to establish a Research Fund or add to a Research Fund under the Management and control of the Trustees or to disburse payments pursuant to Article 8a (iv).
- e) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management of The Society in all matters.

12. GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY:

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the close of each financial year but not later than the month of September. The business of each Annual General Meeting shall include:
 - (i) The Annual Report of the activities of The Society.
 - (ii) Presentation of the Balance Sheet and the Receipt and Payments of The society.
 - (iii) Election of Office Bearers.
 - (iv) Election of Hon. Auditor.
 - (v) Any other business of which seven (7) days' notice in writing has been given to the Hon. Secretary
- b) **Extra-Ordinary General Meeting:** The Executive Committee may convene an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting at any time for any special reason. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting on receipt of a written requisition signed by five (5) or more Ordinary Members.
- c) Notice of all General Meeting shall be given to members in writing at least two weeks in advance. The audited statement of accounts of The Society for the

previous year shall be sent to all members together with the notice of the General Meeting.

- d) The quorum for all General Meeting shall be twice the total number of executive committee members.
- e) In the event of the lack of quorum, the Chairman shall postpone the General Meeting to a day not later than fourteen (14) days. Should the members present at the postponed meeting be insufficient to form a quorum, those present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to make amendments to the Constitution or make decision affecting the whole membership.
- f) The President shall chair all meetings. In his absence the Vice-President shall be chairman. In the absence of both President and Vice-President, the members present shall elect a chairman for the meeting.

13. AFFILIATION:

The Society may seek affiliation with other medical bodies locally and internationally subject to rule 15 (c).

14. PROPERTY

The Society may acquire by purchase, hire, lease, grant or sell any moveable or immovable properties in furtherance of the objects of The Society. The Society may receive, borrow or invest monies for any of the objects of The Society. All property and income of The Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of The Society.

15. PROHIBITIONS:

- a) The funds of The Society shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in court.
- b) The Society shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and / or premises to be used for political purposes or illegal activities.
- c) The Society shall not have any affiliation or connection outside Malaysia without the prior approval from the Minister concerned.
- d) Neither The Society nor its members shall attempt to restrict or in any other manner interfere with the trade or prices or engage in any Trade Union activities as defined in The Trade Union Ordinance, 1959.
- e) All moneys and profits accruing to The Society from participation in any business shall be applied solely towards the furtherance, promotion and execution of the objects of The Society and no portion thereof shall be paid by way of dividend, bonus or profit to any member of The Society, provided that nothing herein expressed or contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration or expenses or both to any officer or servant of The Society, or to any member of The Society, or other person or persons for services actually rendered by him or them to The Society.

