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## **TITLE I OF THE ASSOCIATION: MAIN PRINCIPLES**

### **ART.1**

An association named "Società Italiana di Ortodonzia" (S.I.D.O.) has been constituted. The graduates in Italy in Medicine and Surgery are members, who have the right by law to practice Dentistry; the graduates in Italy in Dentistry and Dental Prosthesis; the graduates from foreign universities that attained a title which is legally recognized in Italy, that allows to practise dentistry in our territory; foreign colleagues that practice Dentistry abroad with recognized legal title in their home country.

### **ART. 2**

The Association has the aim to promote, diffuse, valorise Dentistry and its auxiliary disciplines, by carrying out cultural and scientific activities, collaborating with similar institutes and associations in Italy and abroad, and to represent the Italian Dentistry under a scientific and institutional profile, to support updating and education in order to stimulate the quality of the ethic and professional conduct of its Associates.

The Association can also:

- perform permanent professional and educational updating activities addressed to associates, with annual ECM educational activity programs;
- collaborate with the Ministry of Health, the Regions, Health Associations, and other public health organisms and institutions;
- elaborate guide lines in collaboration with the Agency for Regional Health Services (Agenzia per i Servizi Sanitari Regionali - A.S.S.R., F.I.S.M);
- promote targeted study trials and scientific researches and collaborations with other scientific companies and organisms.

### **ART. 3**

The Association boasts the following organs:

- a) Associates Committee;
- b) Board of Directors;
- c) Board of Auditors;
- d) Board of Arbitrators;
- e) Scientific Committee

A minimum of 12 regions and autonomous provinces have to be represented.

### **ART. 4**

By joining the Association, the associates do not renounce to any of their rights.

The admission requirements and exclusion conditions from the Association are regulated by the rules of this By-law, in compliance with current laws and S.I.D.O Regulation, that constitutes an integral part.

### **ART. 5**

The Association is non-profit, and has no political and union purposes.

Its duration is foreseen until 2088 and it can be renewed tacitly.

The Association finances social activities only through the contributions of the associates and/or public bodies and private subjects, with the exclusion of financing that create conflicts of interest with S.S.N., even if offered through related subjects; it finances ECM activities through self-financing and the contributions of the associates and/or public and private bodies, including the contributions of pharmaceutical firms and medical devices, in compliance with the criteria and limits established by the National Committee for Continuing Education.

The Association does not perform any entrepreneurial activities and does not participate to them, except for those needed for continuing education activities, if needed.

The Association adopts assessment systems according to the type and quality of the activities performed.

### **ART. 6**

The legal office of the Association is Milan, at the administrative premises.

## TITLE II

## OF THE ASSOCIATES

### Item I: Categories of associates

#### ART.7

The following are the members of the Association:

- a) Temporary Members;
- b) Ordinary Members;
- c) Active Members;
- d) Seniors Members;
- e) Honorary Members.

### Item II: Conditions for admission

#### ART. 8

Who wish to take part to Association in quality of Provisional Members must require admission by presenting or sending a written application to the Association's Secretary Office.

#### ART. 9

The admission application as Temporary Member must be accompanied by a presentation module that comes with:

- 1) certificate proving the inscription to the Order of Surgeons and Dentists; for applicants of foreign nationality, a similar certificate is required;
- 2) Admission fee.

Once the admission request has been received, the Board of Directors checks the legitimacy of the documents presented.

In case the admission request is accepted, the applicant becomes Temporary Member after having paid the relative yearly fee.

In case the application is rejected, the fee will not be refunded.

#### ART. 10

After two consecutive years since the admission date and with the title of "Specialization in Orthodontics (valid in Europe) or five consecutive years since the admission date without the title of "Specialization in Orthodontics", the Temporary Member that wishes to become Ordinary Member must participate at a Model Display, presenting at least three cases, with complete documentation (see S.I.D.O Regulation– Chapter Model Display).

A Scientific Committee appointed by the Board of Directors will evaluate the activity performed by the Temporary Member for the Model display,

The Scientific Committee notifies its evaluation to the Board of Directors which, if in turn it is favourable to the admission, will notify the name of the new Ordinary Members during the Meeting for ratification.

The Temporary Member must be available to the committee until appointed during the Meeting, in order for the result to be valid.

After 20 consecutive years from the admission date with Specialization in Orthodontics and 25 consecutive years from the admission date without Specialization in Orthodontics, the Temporary Member may request, without participating at the Model Display, the admission to Ordinary Member to the Board of Directors which proceeds to ratification during the Members' Meeting.

To go from Ordinary Member to Active Member (who can be elected to association's roles), the Specialization in Orthodontics is requested and 100 points must be reached (see SIDO Regulation Chapter I: Members Categories) with minimum 5 consecutive years as Ordinary member.

The Senior Members are Members of at least 70 years of age, who request such status to the Board of Directors and that prove to no longer exercise their professional activity. They will not pay the membership fee, but will not have right to vote.

The Honorary Members are members who belong to the Dentistry sector and particularly stand out in the discipline, but they are not Members of the Association. They have no right of vote, they must follow the indications and allegations set forth by art. 9 and they are relieved from paying the admission and membership fee.

**ART. 11**

All Temporary, Ordinary and Active Members must pay an annual membership fee by the 15th of January of every year.

The Treasurer, during the month of February of every year, sends a reminder through registered letter or email with receipt confirmation to the members who still have not paid the annual membership fee; if the money is not received by March, he will send names of the members who did not pay, who are in turn notified to the Board of Directors for being cancelled.

**ART. 12**

Any friendly suit relative to the problems arisen between the Associates or between the Associate/s and the same Association must be delegated to the Board of Arbitrators. The opinion of the Board of Arbitrators is final and definitive.

**ART. 13**

Upon proposal of the Board of Directors, the Ordinary Meeting can appoint the Honorary Members.

**Item III: Loss of the quality of member**

**ART. 14**

The Provisional, Ordinary and Active Member, who paid the membership fee and wishes to withdraw from the Association, must give written notification to the Board of Directors. The withdrawal declaration is effective at the end of the year in progress, provided that notice was given three months earlier. The member that has withdrawn and wishes to be readmitted in the Association, must present a new application to the Board of Directors, as set forth by art. 9.

In order to be re-admitted, a penalty is foreseen equal to the amount of the annual membership fee. The Ordinary Member keeps the qualification that he had when he gave dismissals, while the Active Member loses such qualification and becomes Ordinary Member.

**ART. 15**

The Board of Directors orders the cancellation of Provisional, Ordinary and Active Members that did not pay the annual membership fee within March of the year in progress or possible "Extra-ordinary Association Fees". The Member who has been cancelled from the Association for over one year, can be re-admitted after presenting a new admission request and after paying a penalty equal to the amount of the annual membership fee. The Active Member loses the qualification when he was cancelled, and becomes Ordinary Member.

**ART.16**

A member who commits serious infractions to the principles of professional dentistry is expelled, or that has a conduct such to cause serious prejudice to the Association and other members. Expulsion is proposed by the Board of Directors, who must previously listen to the opinion of the Board of Arbitrators who in turn listens the defence statements of the person involved. The expelling provision is decided by the Extraordinary Meeting with a secret ballot, with a majority of two thirds of the Members who have right of vote.

## TITLE III OF THE BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Item I: Members' Committee;

#### ART. 17

The Association Meeting, constituted by all members of the Association (Temporary Members, Ordinary Members, Active Members, Senior Members) is the supreme body of the same association. Only Ordinary Members and Active Members have right of vote. Proxies are not permitted.

#### ART. 18

The ordinary Meeting summons once a year by law, within four months before the year end, upon summoning of the President of the Association.

The ordinary Meeting is also summoned by the President upon deliberation of the Board of Directors, therefore upon formal request of one tenth of the Ordinary and Active Members or upon request of the Board of Arbitrators.

The notice to call letter - sent with 30 days' notice by certified e-mail to Members and by priority mail to Members without certified e-mail addresses - must indicate the day, time and venue of the meeting and the list of points to be discussed. The notice will also contain the details of the second call of the meeting which cannot be held on the same date as the first meeting.

#### ART. 19

The ordinary Meeting in first session is validly constituted when the majority of the members having right of vote is present. The deliberations are taken with the vote majority of the people present.

The ordinary Meeting in second session is validly constituted when at least one sixteenth of the members having right of vote is present and deliberates with the vote majority of the people present.

Deliberations with secret ballot are not admitted, except in case of election of association figures and in case the Meeting decides otherwise, considering the subject being discussed and except for cases expressly foreseen by this By-law.

ART. 19 bis - "The Ordinary and Active members can notify in writing, by fax, or email their impossibility to participate at the Meeting, with a justified reason. The justified absent members will lower the number of the people having right of vote and therefore the validity quorum of the same Meeting. Members cannot be represented through proxy at the Meeting".

#### ART. 20

The request to verify the legal number during the Meeting must be formulated prior to discuss a subject on the agenda. If the verification has a negative result, the President of the Meeting will adjourn the meeting.

#### ART. 21

The ordinary meeting:

- 1) deliberates on the initiatives to carry out in the interest of the Association;
- 2) examines and deliberates on the final annual balance sheet and on the provisional annual balance sheet, and also on the relative reports;
- 3) ratifies the result of the electoral ballot that took place a few hours before the same Meeting. The votes and the ballot are an integrative anticipation to the same Meeting (see SIDO Regulation - Chapter Electoral day);
- 4) ratifies the admission of the Provisional members according to the rules of this By-law: the list of the new Provisional Members with the indication of their home city, will be submitted to the Members attending the meeting.
- 5) ratifies if needed, the urgent deliberations of the Board of Directors;
- 6) determines the amount of the admission and membership fee for the following year, based on the Association's financial needs;
- 7) examines and deliberates on the topics on the agenda;
- 8) also deliberates on additional topics not included on the agenda but proposed by at least five Ordinary or Active members attending the meeting.

#### ART. 22

The extraordinary Meeting is summoned by the President of the Association after deliberation of the Board of Directors, therefore when request is made by one tenth of the Ordinary and Active Members, or after deliberation of the ordinary Meeting, or upon request of the Board of Arbitrators.

The summoning methods and constitution, deliberation rules and the verification rules to assess the legal number of the ordinary Meeting are also applied to the extraordinary Meeting, except in the cases expressly foreseen by this By-Law and for deliberations that require a valid majority. Deliberations are taken according to majority.

The summoning notice, sent through registered letter or email with receipt confirmation with 30 days notice, must indicate the day, time and place of the meeting and list the subjects that will be discussed. The details of the meeting in second session will be notified in the same notice, which cannot be held on the same day of the first one.

#### ART. 23

The extraordinary Meeting:

- 1) deliberates on the dissolution proposals of the Association and revision proposals of the By-law;
- 2) deliberates on the conferring of extraordinary powers to the Board of Directors;
- 3) deliberates on any other case foreseen by this By-law that does not fall in article 21;
- 4) the Meeting also deliberates on additional topics not included on the agenda but proposed by at least five Ordinary or Active members attending the meeting;
- 5) determines if needed, an extraordinary contribution fee;
- 6) deliberates on the provision against the members of the Board of Directors;
- 7) deliberates on the expulsion of the Members.

#### ART. 24

The ordinary and extraordinary Meeting:

- a) appoint a President and a Secretary, who must immediately proceed to the assessment of the regular constitution of the Meeting;
- b) deliberate on the motions brought forward with regards to the agenda presented by at least five members. Discussion on the motions brought forward with regards to the agenda, which were not previously included on the agenda or not approved by the Meeting according to the methods set forth by letter b) of this article is not admitted.

### **Item II: The Board of Directors**

#### ART. 25

The Board of Directors is constituted by 10 Councillors, elected according to the procedure and methods described in this By-law; the Board of Directors is made up by: President in charge, two Past-Presidents (junior and senior), three elected Presidents, the Secretary and Treasurer in charge, and the elected Secretary and Treasurer. The Editors or their representatives of SIDO's magazine participate at the activity of the Board, but do not have right of vote.

A compulsory requirement to elect the President is seniority of at least five years as Active Member, while for the Treasurer and Secretary, seniority must be of at least three years as Active Member.

#### ART. 26

The elected Presidents are part of the Board for six years, and cover the different roles foreseen in the previous article, each of which lasts one year. The President cannot be re-elected for a new mandate. The Secretary and Treasurer are part of the Board for four years and are in charge for two years. The Secretary and Treasurer cannot be re-elected for the same mandate, but can be elected President at the end of the appointment.

No Active Member can access elective appointments for more than three consecutive two-year periods. Legal representatives, directors or promoters have to provide a specific declaration of autonomy and independence of their organizations and legal representatives even if they do not perform business activities or take part in such activities, with the exception of activities carried out under the National Continuing Medical Education Programme (ECM). All those elected to an office declare on their own responsibility, from the moment they submit their candidacies, that there are no conflicts of interest in relation to the activities they carry out and will carry out in their management roles for SIDO; if necessary, Articles 2373 and 2391 of the Italian Civil Code will apply. They must also declare any relationships of dependency, collaboration or consultancy and any economic involvement with commercial companies operating in the health and/or industrial orthodontic fields. They also have to declare that they have not received any final convictions in relation to the activities of their companies or societies.

#### ART. 27

Each year, in view of the National Congress, a President is elected who joins the Board as elected President and will perform his presidential role after three years. Alternatively, each year, the Treasurer and Secretary are also elected.

- a) When the Association's appointments that expired must be renewed, the President in charge notifies the Members, with at least ninety-day notice that, the "election day" will take place during the next Meeting (see regulation) and invites all Active Members to present their candidatures for the appointments being renewed.
- b) Candidatures must be expressed singularly for each appointment: President, Treasurer, Secretary and they cannot be accumulated.
- c) Candidatures must be received by SIDO's Secretary office at least sixty days prior to the election day. The Secretary office will place the candidatures to the role of President and the Candidatures to the roles of Secretary and Treasurer in alphabetical order, in the involved run-off election.
- d) The Secretary office will send the list of all received candidatures to all the Members, together with the Meeting's summoning notice.
- e) The Junior Past President will plan the election day according to the regulation approved

by the meeting.

f) The votes will be valid provided that the validity quorum of the ordinary Meetings in second session is reached.

g) With regards to the methods according to which the electoral day will take place, see the specific chapter of SIDO regulation.

#### ART. 28

During the election day, the electing Members will indicate their preference for the candidate to be appointed President, Secretary or Treasurer. During the election day, the Members will also elect an Auditor and an Arbitrator every year, members of the relative bodies, as set forth by art. 40 and 42, choosing them from specific lists.

In case of equal votes between two or more candidates for the role of President, the candidate's seniority as Active Member will be decisive. In case of further equality, SIDO's membership seniority will be decisive. The same criterion will be applied for the other association's appointments.

#### ART. 29

The Board of Directors summons by law twice a year, after summoning notice of the President in charge via fax or email, with receipt confirmation, with at least eight-day notice, and with at least three-day notice in case of emergency.

The Board of Directors also summons when the President in charge deems it needed, or when request is made by one third of the Board's members, or by the Board of Auditors.

#### ART. 30

The Board is validly constituted with the majority of its members. Deliberations are taken with the vote majority of the people present. In case of parity of votes, the vote of the President in charge will prevail.

All Board members have to attend Board meetings.

In case of urgent call, Board members can take part in the meeting using technology. Remote attendance can be authorised by the President on a one-off basis upon request by Board members when they cannot attend the meeting in person because of health reasons or force majeure.

Whenever the Board meets remotely, the following requirements must be met:

- 1) The President and the Secretary must be in the same place and write and sign the minutes of the meeting which is deemed to be held in that place.
- 2) The President has to be able to check the identity of participants, chair the meeting, count votes and proclaim voting results.
- 3) For the purposes of the minutes, the person in charge of writing the minutes must be in a position to hear what is being said.
- 4) Participants attending the meeting remotely must be allowed to take part in the debate, express their vote about the items on the agenda and, whenever necessary, read, receive or forward documents/papers.

#### ART. 31

The Board of Directors, Association's body:

- 1) supervises the execution of the Meeting's deliberations;
- 2) deliberates in case of emergency, at its responsibility and without prejudice to the Meeting's ratification, on the subjects entrusted to the latter;
- 3) administers the assets of the Association, which must only fulfil the obligations set forth by the By-law; the Board of Directors can perform financial investments according to the regulation;

4) approves the budget and balance sheet and forwards them to the Meeting; the provisional balance sheet is published on SIDO website one month before the date of the Meeting that has to approve it. The budget is published on SIDO website once it is approved by the Meeting and remains there until the following budget is published. The final balance sheet is published on SIDO website after approval by the Meeting and remains there until the publication of the following balance sheet. All the relevant supporting documents shall be made available at the registered office so that interested Members can view them.

5) appoints the Editors, the coordinating Member of the administrative office, and possible representatives which are deemed essential for the operation of the Association. Proxies must be renewed annually;

- 6) supervises the operation of the administrative office, in collaboration with the coordinating Member;
- 7) ratifies the programs of the Association's cultural activities proposed by the elected Presidents, coordinating them with those held by other Italian and foreign Associations or similar Bodies and relative budgets; posts information on scientific activities on the SIDO website, that is regularly updated.
- 8) proposes the amount of the annual admission and membership fees based on the Association's financial needs;
- 9) has the power to institute *pro tempore* Committees with specific objectives, according to the annexed regulation;
- 10) fulfils all tasks attributed to it by this By-law;
- 11) deals with the promotion of the image of orthodontist. For this purpose, the Board of Directors is authorize to plan within the provisional balance sheet, an expense equal to 5% of the same balance sheet and anyhow with a maximum expense limit of 100,000.00 Euros in the two-year period, except in case of different authorization of the Meeting.
- 12) for each expense exceeding 50,000.00 Euros, the Board of Directors must acquire and examine three different estimates.
- 13) appoints, in the first meeting of the year, the Scientific Committee that has to assess and control the quality of the activities being carried out as well as the technical and scientific production. This assessment and control have to be carried out in line with the scientific and bibliometric production indices validated by the international scientific community; the Scientific Committee is composed of the President, or his appointed representative, and 4 other members appointed by the Board of Directors, who can also be members of the Board. The Scientific Committee is convened by the President and shall meet at least once a year. The Committee has to draw up a report on activities and scientific production to be published on SIDO website, subject to approval by the Board.

#### ART. 32

In case of dismissals or inability to complete the mandate of a Past President, the Board of Directors select the most recent of the Past Presidents to complete the mandate. In case of dismissals or inability to complete the mandate of a President in charge, his tasks are entrusted to the Senior Past President and the Board is integrated, selecting the Past President who was most recently dismissed by the Board. In case of dismissals or inability to complete the mandate of an elected President, the Board will be integrated during the following elections. The same procedure must be applied for the appointment of Treasurer and Secretary.

#### ART. 33

The members of the Board of Directors who do not attend two consecutive meetings without a justified reason, are referred to the Board of Arbitrators.

#### ART. 34

The President in charge has the legal representation of the Association and can attend trial if he disposes of a special proxy conferred by the Board of Director.

The President presides the Board of Directors:

- 1) he has the main mandate to plan cultural events relative to his presidential mandate and can appoint his organizational committee.
- 2) he manages the budget for the organization of cultural events, which is previously approved by the Board of Directors;
- 3) he summons the ordinary and extraordinary Meeting, according to the methods established by this By-law;
- 4) he calls for the election of association's appointments, once the mandates have expired;
- 5) he manages the relations with the Association with similar Italian and foreign Associations and Bodies;
- 6) he performs any other activity and task entrusted by the Meeting or anyhow assigned to him according to this By-law.

#### ART 35

The Secretary in charge performs the following functions within the Board of Directors:

- 1) he undersigns together with the Treasurer, the provisional and final balance sheet;
- 2) he hires, transfers and lays off possible staff employed by the Association;
- 3) he issues payments and collects money in favour of the Association, operating together with the Treasurer or alone;



4) he performs any other activity and task entrusted by the Meeting or anyhow assigned to him according to this By-law.

In case of absence or temporary unavailability of the Secretary, the Board appoints the elected Secretary to perform such functions temporarily.

#### ART. 36

The Treasurer in charge manages the Association's assets according to the methods and within the limits established by the Board of Directors and by this By-law.

1) he undersigns together with the Secretary, the provisional and final balance sheet;

2) he issues payments and collects money in favour of the Association, operating together with the Secretary or alone.

In case of absence or temporary unavailability of the Treasurer, the Board appoints the elected Treasurer to perform such functions temporarily. The Treasurer performs the functions assigned to him by the Board and by this By-law.

#### ART. 37

The Scientific Directors is the President of the Association in charge and is responsible for the Association's scientific publications.

#### ART. 38

The Editors deal with the Association's scientific publications under the management of the Scientific Director.

The appointment of Editor lasts three years, except in case of revocation or renewal by the Board of Directors.

#### ART. 39

The coordinating Member supervises the operation of the administrative office, in collaboration with the Board.

The coordinating Member participates when needed, to the meetings of the Board of Director, and he expresses an opinion, within the limits of his function.

The appointment of coordinator lasts two years, except in case of revocation or renewal by the Board of Directors.

### **Item III: The Board of Auditors**

#### ART. 40

The Board of Auditors is made up by three members, two of which are elected by the Meeting and one among those registered in the professional roll of Accountants is proposed by two elected Auditors and approved by the new Board of Directors. A temporary Auditor is also elected among Active members.

All Active Members are automatically candidate to such role: candidatures are therefore not needed.

In case of parity of the electoral result, the Associate with the greatest seniority as Active Member will be appointed Auditor.

The Auditors remain appointed for two years, and they cannot be immediately re-elected for the same appointment.

The belonging to the Board is not compatible with any other association's appointment.

The Auditors do not participate at the meetings of the Board of Directors as set forth by law.

The Board is validly constituted with the majority of all its members.

In case of dismissals or unavailability, the first one of the non elected associates automatically takes over.

The professional Auditors can be re-elected and will be compensated according to law.

#### ART. 41

The Board must summon at least once a year; it checks the regularity, even in formal terms, of the economic-financial management, conformity of the latter to the provisional balance sheet approved by the Meeting and conformity of the final balance sheet to the activities performed, and it draws up a specific report which is submitted to the members' Meeting.

#### ART. 42

In case the Board finds some irregularities when performing the aforementioned checks, it will ask clarifications to the Board of Directors and will notify the members' Meeting if needed.

### **Item IV: The Board of Arbitrators**

ART. 43

The Board of Arbitrators elected by the Meeting according to the methods indicated in this By-law (see also SIDO regulation - Chapter election day), is made up by three members selected among the Association's Past Presidents, who are not member of the Board.

The Arbitrators remain appointed for three years: they cannot be immediately re-elected for the same appointment.

A new Arbitrator is elected every year.

In case of parity of the electoral result, the most senior Arbitrator will be appointed Past President.

In case of dismissals or unavailability, the first one of the non elected associates automatically takes over.

The Board is validly constituted with the majority of all its members.

The Arbitrators do not participate at the meetings of the Board of Directors as set forth by law.

ART. 44

The Board of Arbitrators expresses its opinion with regards to disciplinary violations, according to the rules of this By-law and regulation.

ART. 45

Except for the refund of expenses and what foreseen by art. 40, the association's appointments are not compensated for the Auditor registered in the Roll of Accountants.

**Item V: Board of Past-Presidents**

ART. 46

All Past-Presidents are ex officio members of the Board of Past-Presidents. This office is compatible only with the elective office of member of the Board of Arbitrators.

ART. 47

The Board of Past-Presidents is an advisory body of the Board.

The Board of Past-Presidents meets at least once a year and is summoned by SIDO President.

The oldest Past-President is also Dean of the Board of Past-Presidents and chairs the meetings unless s/he resigns from this office.

The notice to call a meeting has to be sent by certified e-mail to Past-Presidents who have certified e-mail addresses and by priority mail to Past-Presidents without certified e-mail addresses.

**TITLE IV**

**OF THE ASSOCIATION'S ASSETS**

ART. 48

The assets acquired upon payment and free of charge, due to inheritance, constitute the Association's assets. The shares, ordinary and extraordinary contributions paid by the associates also constitute Association's assets.

ART. 49

The assets and amounts paid or anyhow due at any title to the Association are not repeatable, not even in case of dissolution of the Association.

ART. 50

In case of dissolution of the Association, the Ordinary and Active Members' Meeting will appoint a Board of three liquidators who, in compliance with law, define the pending relations and then liquidate the assets. The possible active residue is destined to the constitution of scholarships, as requested by the Meeting, in favour of Dentistry students, or to the constitution of a Dentistry Foundation.

**TITLE V  
OF THE BY-LAW REVIEW  
AND DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**ART. 51**

The proposals concerning the review of the By-law can be brought forward by the Board of Directors or ordinary Meeting. The proposal, after being approved by the Meeting, is transmitted to the President of the Association, who summons the extraordinary Meeting in the following fifteen months.

**ART. 52**

The proposals concerning the review of the By-law must be expressly indicated in the agenda and cannot be included in item "miscellaneous" or be object of procedural motion.

**ART.53**

The majority of two third of the votes of attending Ordinary and Active Members is required to modify the By-law.

The procedure indicated cannot be applied in case of changes to the Association's premises.

**ART. 54**

The Association is dissolved:

- a) for willingness of the majority of Ordinary and Active Members
- b) due to the impossibility to attain the association's purposes;
- c) in any other case foreseen by current laws.

**TITLE VI  
REFERENCE RULES**

**ART. 55**

With regards to what has not been expressly foreseen in this By-law, please refer to the laws and uses on the subject, which are applicable to recognized Associations.

## PROVISIONAL AND EXECUTORY PROVISIONS

### ART. 1

This By-law will come in effect at the moment of its approval.

### ART. 2

Elections of the Members of the Board

The first Board in charge with the new By-law will be the 2010 Board.

The following provisional regulation is issued in order to constitute it.

1. In view of the 2008 Florence Convention, an election day is established, which foresees – with different votes – the election of the President in charge in 2010 and the election of the President in charge in 2011. During the same election day, the Treasurer and Secretary will be elected who, only in this occasion, will remain in charge for the three-year period 2010-11-12, in order to proceed during the following years, with the elections of the Treasurer and Secretary every two years.
2. In view of the 2009 Congress, an election date is established which foresees - with different votes – the election of the President in charge in 2012 and the election of the President in charge in 2013. During the same election date, the Treasurer will be elected. The Past President for the two-year period 2006-7 joins the 2010 Board with the title of Senior Past President, completing his mandate at the end of 2010.
3. The Past President of the two-year period 2008-9 joins the 2010 Board with the title of Junior Past President. He remains in the 2011 Board with the title of Senior Past President, completing his mandate at the end of 2011.
4. In view of the 2009 Congress, the three Arbitrators are elected, whose mandate starts with the 2010 Board. The third elected one remains in charge for a year and is substituted by the elected Arbitrator, according to the normal run-off election, in the 2010 Congress. The first of the elected ones remains in charge for three years and is substituted by the elected Arbitrator, according to the normal run-off election, in the 2012 Congress.
5. In view of the 2009 Congress, the two Auditors are also elected, whose mandate starts with the 2010 Board. The second elected one remains in charge for a year and is substituted by the elected reviser, according to the normal run-off election, in the 2010 Congress. The second of the elected ones remains in charge for two years and is substituted by the elected reviser, according to the normal run-off election, in the 2011 Congress.

### ART. 3

New Associates' legal order

The following temporary regulation is issued based on the new Associates' legal order.

1. All the Associates who belong to the category of Extraordinary member, automatically become Provisional Members upon the approval of the new By-law. They can apply to become Ordinary Members through the Model Display up to 31/12/2010.
2. All Ordinary Members up to 31/12/2000 automatically become Active Members, even without Specialization in Orthodontics.
3. All Ordinary Members can become Active members after 31/12/2000 if they acquire 100 points within 31/12/2010, established as follows:

Criteria	Points
Seniority as Ordinary member with frequency verified at the Meeting and at a SIDO event	10 per year
Specialization in Orthodontics	60
I.B.O.	40
Official SIDO report*	20
Presentation of SIDO Communication*	10
Presentation of SIDO poster*	3
Publication of PIO articles*	10
Publication of ORI articles*	5
Publication of articles on specialized foreign magazines	15 subdivided by the number of authors

\* maximum two names, otherwise the score will be divided

# SIDO REGULATION

## Chapter I: Associates' categories

1. Provisional Members: just registered, they pay the membership fee but have no right of vote and they cannot be elected for association's appointments;
2. Ordinary Members: they pay the membership fee, have right of vote and they cannot be elected for association's appointments;
3. Active Members: they pay the membership fee, have right of vote and they can be elected for association's appointments;
4. Senior Members: they are members of at least 70 years of age who no longer practice the professional activity, they do not pay the membership fee, they have no right of vote and they cannot be elected for association's appointments;
5. Honorary Members: they are not SIDO's members who particularly stood out in their discipline, they do not pay the membership fee, they have no right of vote and they cannot be elected for association's appointments;

To go from Provisional Member to Ordinary Member:

A Provisional Member may request to become Ordinary member, by sending a specific request to the Secretary, indicating what required in art. 10 of this By-law.

To go from Ordinary Member to Active Member:

An Ordinary Member may request to become Active member, by sending a specific request to the Secretary, indicating what required in art. 10 of this By-law.

To go from Ordinary to Active Member (who can be elected for association's appointments), the Specialization in Orthodontics is required, as well as a seniority of 5 consecutive years as Ordinary Member and 100 points must be reached according to the following criteria:

Criteria	Points
Seniority as Ordinary member with frequency verified at the Meeting and at a SIDO event	10 per year
I.B.O.	40
Official SIDO report*	20
Presentation of SIDO Communication*	10
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## Chapter II: Model Display

Validity and confirmation is given to the "Guide to the documentation of the orthodontic case" of October 2007 which can be modified later on by the Ordinary Meeting. The Committee which will evaluate the Model Display, will be appointed by the Board of Directors in charge.

## Chapter III: Election day

- 1) The election date is instituted: it is the same day of the Meeting, and it takes place a few hours before the same Meeting. Refer to the Meeting summoned in view of the National Congress. In case it is not possible to hold the election day, SIDO's Board of Directors will summon a new Meeting as soon as possible for the relative election day, in view of one of the following events open to all SIDO's Associates.
- 2) With regards the summoning of the Meeting/election day, refer to the current By-law.

3) With regards to the Board of Directors, a new elected President must be appointed every year. The Secretary or Treasurer will be appointed through votes every two years. Who wishes to candidate for one of these appointments, must submit their candidatures in writing or via email with receipt confirmation to SIDO's Secretary office, sixty days prior to the election day. Candidatures for more than one appointment are not valid.

4) With regards the two elective members of the Board of Auditors, the appointments do not need prior candidature since all Active Members are automatically candidates for said appointment.

5) With regards to the Board of Arbitrators, an Arbitrator is elected every year. All Past Presidents are candidates for the appointment by law, except for the Past Presidents who still join the Board and of the Past President who is being dismissed from the Board of Arbitrators.

6) An election room will be instituted, which will guarantee the vote privacy. The opening time of the room will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The ballot will take place immediately after.

7) In the election premises, the names of the candidates for the different association's appointments will be displayed in a suitable place, one day before.

8) Possible cancellation requests must be presented by the subjects in writing to SIDO's secretary office, before the opening of the elections.

9) The electoral Committee will be made up by six members: the Junior Past President, the Secretary in charge and four Active Members with the role of tellers selected by the Board of Directors.

The Junior Past President takes up the role of President of the electoral Committee. During the elections, the Junior Past President can alternate with the Secretary and the four tellers can alternate in couples.

10) All voters must be identified and must sign a specific registry.

11) During the ballot, the vote-opinion of the Junior Past President will be decisive in case of arguments on the vote validity.

12) The Arbitrators and Past Presidents have the right to attend any phase of the election day.

13) At the end of the ballot, a report will be drawn up which will be signed by the Junior Past President and will be read during the Meeting.

14) All newly elected will receive a notice signed by the President. The text will contain the result of the elections. All newly elected will immediately reply in writing to accept or renounce.

#### **Chapter IV: Eligibility and Re-eligibility**

With regards to eligibility and re-eligibility, the rules of the Association's By-law are applied. The Past Presidents cannot any longer candidate themselves for another elective association's appointment, except for the automatic candidature for the role of Arbitrator.

#### **Chapter V SIDO's sponsorships and benefits for the Associates**

The contacts and agreements with sponsors who do not belong to the sector must be clearly identified in the reports of the Board of Directors. A similar procedure must be followed for possible conventions for Associates' benefits.

#### **Chapter VI: Financial investments**

The Board of Directors administers the Association's assets, which merely fulfils the obligations taken up according to the By-law; the Board of Directors can make financial investments exclusively on Italian or foreign bonds, or state titles, of AAA, AA, A RATING or similar rating (Standard type and Poor or Moody's type).