

# Swiss Association of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anaesthesia (SACTA)

## Statutes

### Article 1: Name and Office of the Association

Under the name “**Swiss Association of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anaesthesia**” (**SACTA**) there exists an association within the meaning of Articles 60ss of the Swiss Civil Code.

The registered office of the Association shall be at the domicile of the chairman of the Association holding office from time to time.

### Article 2: Objectives of the Association

The Association is a non-profit organisation and shall not conduct a commercial business. It shall not promote the financial interests of the members. Its objectives are the following:

- to promote and support the good relations and information flow among its members;
- to promote the scientific and professional update among its members as well as provide and promote knowledge in the field of cardiovascular and thoracic anaesthesia within the Swiss Society of Anaesthesiology and Reanimation (SGAR – SSAR);
- to promote the professional interests of the category in close agreement with the Swiss Society of Anaesthesiology and Reanimation (SGAR – SSAR).
- to promote international relations with other associations in this field.

### Article 3: Members

There are two categories of members, which may apply for admission and which meet the requirements of the association: ordinary members and associate members.

#### a) Ordinary members:

Anaesthetists carrying the FMH title of the speciality and with a specific interest in this field, provided they are ordinary members of the SGAR/SSAR. Proposals for active membership shall be made by members.

#### b) Extraordinary members:

**SACTA may appoint honorary professionals not carrying the FMH title and /or not being a member of the SGAR/SSAR who have excelled or have a strong interest in this specific field.**

**c) Extraordinary members in training:  
Fellows in cardiac, thoracic or vascular anaesthesia with a specific interest  
in this field. Proposals for a fellow membership shall be made by members.**

Candidates for extraordinary membership may be proposed by any member of the Association.

Only ordinary members have the right to vote. Members who give notice of cancellation or no longer meet the membership requirements cease to be members of the association.

Article 4: Notice and reminders of membership dues

Each member has the option to forward his/her notice of cancellation to the President within the end of a current civil year.

One loses the statute of **SACTA** member when the financial obligations (membership dues) towards the Association are not met after two written reminders.

Article 5: Association body

- a) The Assembly
- b) The Committee
- c) The Auditors

Article 6: General Assembly

The General Assembly includes all members of the association and is called by the committee at least once a year (ordinary assembly).

For important reasons and if proposed by the committee or by 1/5 of the ordinary members, an extraordinary assembly may be held.

The assembly has validity regardless of the number of members in attendance. All decisions are met by a simple majority with double vote of the president in case of an equal number of votes. Only ordinary members are entitled to vote, all other members are free to express their opinion.

The members' meeting shall be called by the executive committee by written notice given to the members at least 15 calendar days before the date of the meeting. Such notice may be given by simple letter, stating the agenda of the meeting. Minutes will be held at each General Assembly.

The General Assembly appoints the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary. The President represents the association within SGAR/SSAR.

Article 7: The Committee

The Committee is composed by three members: the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary, which have been chosen among the ordinary members.

The President and the Committee are appointed by the ordinary assembly for four years and may be reconfirmed.

The Committee is the executive body of the association, meets when called by the President or upon request of one of its members, is in charge of the current business of the association and consults the assembly before taking principle or weighty decisions.

The Committee represents the association towards the outside.

The President together with the other Committee members supervises the proceedings and carries out the achievement of the aims of the association.

The Committee renders account of its activity to the assembly.

#### Article 8: The Auditors

The Auditors are composed by:

A member of the Society appointed by the members' assembly

An external accounting party chosen by the committee.

The Auditors shall examine the annual financial statements and shall submit a written report to the annual members' meeting based on the results of their audit.

#### Article 9: Finances

The annual membership dues are set by the Assembly: **CHF 50.00**

#### Article 10: Liability

Liability for the obligations of the Association is restricted to the Association's assets. The members of the Association shall not be liable personally for any debts of the Association, with the exception in penal cases.

#### Article 11: Signature rights

Bank signature rights are held by the President and the Treasurer.

#### Article 12: Change in statutes

Each change proposal of the present statutes must be addressed at the yearly Members' Meeting, indicating in written form the proposed change.

In order to change the present statutes, all resolutions shall be passed by a majority of at least two-thirds of all members in attendance at the Assembly.

#### Article 13: Dissolution

The dissolution of the Association must be approved at a members' meeting if at least two-thirds of all ordinary members are present or represented.

#### Article 14: Validity

These Articles of Association have become effective upon approval by the founding members' meeting held on the 4th of November 2010 in Lausanne **and was updated on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2018.**