



# CONSTITUTION OF THE IRISH SOCIETY FOR IMMUNOLOGY

## General

1. The name of the Society shall be the **Irish Society for Immunology**
2. The object of the Society will be to promote knowledge and understanding of Immunology in Ireland. To this end, the Society will welcome and address the needs and interest of members from all fields.

## Powers of the Society

In furtherance of the above-mentioned objects but not otherwise the Society through its Council shall be empowered to:

1. Promote study and research into Immunology as it relates to health and disease by disseminating the useful results of such study and research.
2. Promote public awareness of Immunology as it relates to health and disease
3. Support, guide and inform the professions contributing to applications of Immunology in health care in Ireland.
4. Offer informed opinion on issues of public interest in relation to Immunology
5. Hold seminars, lectures, discussions groups, conferences and symposia.
6. Act as an authoritative body for the purpose of consultation in matters of public and professional interest.

7. Invite and receive contributions from any person or organisation by way of subscriptions or donations.
8. Borrow and raise money for the promotion of the objects of the society on such terms as the Council shall consider expedient and in the interests of the Society.
9. Undertake and execute charitable trusts that may be lawfully undertaken by the Society.
10. Invest the monies of the society not immediately required for working purposes in such investments as the Council shall from time to time determine.
11. Do all such things as shall further the above-mentioned objects or any one of them.

The income and property of the Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in the Constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit to Members of the Society. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the reimbursement of expenses or payment in good faith of proper and reasonable remuneration to any Officer, Member or Servant of the Society in return for services rendered to the Society, or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Society; but so that no any salaried office of the Society or any office of the Society paid by fees, and that no remuneration or other benefit in monies worth shall be given by the Society to members of such Council or governing body, except repayment of out of pocket expenses and reasonable and proper rent for premises demise or let to the Society.

#### **Council of the Society (Hyperlink?)**

The council shall consist of eleven members who shall elect from among their number a Secretary and Treasurer whom shall each serve a two-year term. The President shall be elected by the members of the Society and shall serve a five-year term. The remaining eight Ordinary members shall serve three year terms (with provision to co-opt)

Quorum for a Council Meetings shall be five (including a minimum of two officers). Council meetings will be held approximately six times per annum and will be preceded by a published agenda.

### **Membership of the Society**

The Society shall consist of Ordinary and Honorary members, Corporate Members and Overseas members. Only Ordinary members of the Society shall be entitled to vote in elections or at meetings of the Society, or to be elected as Members of Council or Officers.

The members shall be open to those with a professional interest in immunology.

Ordinary members shall be normally resident, or normally practice a relevant profession in Ireland. Persons may be nominated by two members of the Society for election as Ordinary members. Members may be accepted by the council.

Overseas members shall normally be resident outside Ireland and practising a relevant profession. Persons may be nominated in writing by two members of the Society for election as overseas members.

Persons of eminence who have contributed to the advancement of immunology shall be eligible for election as Honorary Members. They shall be elected to the Society on the recommendation of the Council and they shall pay no membership subscription.

Companies may on the recommendation of the Council be admitted to Corporate Membership of the Society on Payment of the Corporate Membership subscription.

Council will collate a membership directory, including contact details and immunological interests.

### **General Meetings**

An Annual General Meeting will be held during the Annual Scientific Meeting. Extraordinary General Meetings may be held either by decision of Council or when

the President is requested by 25 or more Ordinary Members in writing to convene such a meeting. At least 30 days notice of a General Meeting shall be given.

### **Scientific Meetings**

One main scientific meeting will be held each year. Additional workshops and symposia will be supported throughout the year.

Changes to the Constitution may be made when a two-third majority of those voting at a General Meeting agree. Proposals for changes to the Constitution may be notified in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days before a General Meeting.

### **Travel Bursaries**

Six Travel bursaries will be awarded to members each year, three in March and three in October, to graduate students whose work has been accepted for presentation at an immunologically relevant meeting. The Society aims to increase the number and size of Travel bursaries in order to promote exposure of Irish Immunology Research.

### **Newsletter**

A newsletter with items of interest and relevance to Irish Immunologist, notice of Vacancies, Workshops and Symposia will be e-mailed to members 3-4 times per year.