

Pursuant to Article 12 and 78 of the Law on Associations (Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, No. 51/2009), the Assembly of the Medical Society of Vojvodina - the Serbian Medical Society at the session held on February 16th 2011 passed the

## **STATUTE**

### **OF THE SOCIETY OF PHYSICIANS OF VOJVODINA OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF SERBIA**

#### **I Field of goal realization**

##### Article 1

The Society of physicians of Vojvodina of Medical Society of Serbia (hereinafter **the Society**) is an integral part of the Medical Society of Serbia founded as a non-government and non-profit association of medical doctors and dentists (hereinafter **doctors**), for an indefinite period of time in order to realize goals and improve the medical profession and science through the organization of expert and scientific conventions and publishing activity.

The Society operated on the territory of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina.

#### **II GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### Article 2

Name of the Society is: **“Društvo lekara Vojvodine Srpskog lekarskog društva”** (The Society of physicians of Vojvodina of Medical Society of Serbia)

Abbreviated name of the Society is **“DLV-SLD”**.

Head office of the Society is in Novi Sad, 9 Vase Stajića Street.

##### Article 3

The society is a legal entity with rights, obligations and responsibilities established by law.

##### Article 4

The Society has a seal and a stamp.

The seal is round, 45 mm in diameter, with the inscription The Society of physicians of Vojvodina of Medical Society of Serbia Novi Sad, written in Serbian, in Cyrillic letters, and in Hungarian, Slovakian and Ruthenian languages and letters.

In the middle of the seal is the medical sign Rod of Asclepius with a snake and the date 6<sup>th</sup> May 1872. The Society has a small seal as well. It is round with a diameter of 28mm with the inscription The Society of physicians of Vojvodina of Medical Society of Serbia Novi Sad, written in Serbian, in Cyrillic letters, In the middle of the small seal is the Rod of Asclepius and the number 1872.

The Society also has a stamp, rectangular in shape, dimensions 70 x 25mm, with the same text as the seal with additional space for the document reference number and date.

The Society has a symbol of visual identity (logo), round in shape, blue colour, containing the marks as on the seal of the Society and ears of wheat on the edges. Text of the visual identity is written in Serbian in Cyrillic letters.

#### Article 5

The Society has a current account kept with a commercial bank and a tax identification number.

#### Article 6

The Society is represented by the President.

### **III Aims and tasks of the Society – field of work**

#### Article 7

Tasks and aims of the Society is fostering and advancement of the medical profession and science in order protect public health, enable continuous education of doctors and protect the rights of patients on the territory of AP Vojvodina.

With the aim of implementing the health policies, the Society develops cooperation with other associations.

#### Article 8

Common tasks and goals of the Society and the Medical Society of Serbia are:

- Organizing activities for the advancement of medical and dental science and profession in order to apply them and further them on the territory of AP Vojvodina.
- Organizing continuous professional development of members and with that end organizing scientific and professional conventions, conferences, symposiums, congresses.
- Organizing and facilitating trainings independently or in cooperation with other organizations, associations and institutions
- Preserving ethical values of members.
- Inciting scientific-research work in all forms and fields of medical and dental science.
- Giving opinion on certain issues from the area of medical and dental profession and science, as well as legislative, at its own initiative or at the request of the competent authorities and institutions.
- Connecting work and cooperation of organizational units of the Society.
- Establishment of relations and cooperation with domestic and foreign medical and dental associations, institutions and individuals
- Organizing regular issuing of professional publications, collections of works from professional conventions, other publications of interest to the Society, as well as forms which the Society issues
- Ensuring regular maintenance of its property which may be used only for the realization of its statutory goals.

## **IV Association**

### Article 9

The Society may become a member of appropriate international associations and organizations via the Medical Society of Serbia (hereinafter: SLD).

Cooperation with organizations in country and abroad is realized by the Society as a whole.

Plan and program of cooperation with international associations and organizations is registered with the Committee for International Cooperation of SLD.

## **V Membership**

### Article 10

Members of the Society may be regular, associated, honorary and donors.

Any doctor may become a regular member of the Society provided they fill in the membership form, accept the Statute of the Society, regularly pay the membership fee via their subsidiaries and contribute to the realization of goals and tasks of the Society.

Acceptance of a member by the Society is done through subsidiaries and records are kept on this and delivered to the Society, which keeps a centralized record on this.

Regular members of the Society have the same rights and obligations.

Regular members of the Society are at the same time regular members of SLD.

A regular member is entitled and obliged to take part in the operating of the Society, to be informed, has the right to appoint and to be appointed in the bodies of the Society, and via Society's bodies in the bodies of SLD.

Foreign citizens may be regular members of the Society provided:

- they completed medical or dental studies in the Republic of Serbia
- they are employed or doing their residency on the territory of AP Vojvodina and
- that they have place of residence on the territory of AP Vojvodina

An associated member is a medical associate who participates with his/her work and supports the work of certain specialized section of the Society.

Any doctor, scientist and teacher, citizen of the Republic of Serbia and foreign citizen, may become an honorary member of the Society, if he/she contributed to the development of the medical profession and science and health culture of the people, or contributed to the Society in another way.

The President of the Society selects the honorary members.

Donors may be individuals and legal entities who support the Society by bequeathing movable, immovable property or financial assets.

Decision on accepting a donor for the Society is made by the Presidency and the Assembly is informed of this.

### Article 11

Membership in the Society ceases:

- by leaving the Society
- on account of unpaid membership fees for 1 year

- By expulsion on account of a final court verdict which induced a revocation of the licence.
- by expulsion due to failure to uphold the decisions of the Assembly and Presidency
- by expulsion on account of detrimental effect on the reputation of the Society

Procedure for expulsion is initiated by the Presidency, and the final decision on the expulsion is passed by the Assembly.

A Society member is entitled to an appeal before a Committee within 15 days from the day of receiving the decision.

## Article 12

For results achieved during the realization of the tasks and aims of the Society, prizes and recognitions are awarded to individuals, in the manner and according to procedure established in the Rulebook on Awarding Prizes and Recognitions.

## VI Society's Bodies

### Article 13

Society Bodies are:

- **Assembly**
- **Presidency**
- **Supervisory Board**

Society's bodies report to the Assembly of the Society.

Society's bodies are appointed for a mandate of 4 years with the possibility of one more consecutive appointment.

In case a position is vacated during an ongoing mandate in the Society body, appropriate subsidiary selects another delegate, according the procedure for the appointment of the previous delegate, but the mandate lasts until the expiry of the mandate of the previous delegate.

## Assembly of the Society

### Article 14

Assembly is the highest body of the Society.

Assembly comprises all members of the Society represented by their representatives.

Assembly of the Society is formed based on the principle – one representative from each Subsidiary of the Society, but Subsidiaries which count more than 20 members, may propose another representative for each additional 20 members.

When appointing a representative in the Society Assembly, subsidiaries making the appointment must ensure proportional representation of medical and dental professionals.

## Article 15

The Assembly of the Society:

- passes the Statute as well as the amendments and supplements to the Statute
- passes rules of procedure for all the bodies of the Society
- establishes general directions for the program of work and financial plan
- considers basic issues from the scope of operations of the Society
- decides on associating into Alliances
- decides on the status changes
- decides on the cessation of the Society
- appoints and dismisses members of the Presidency, and based on the proposals of the subsidiaries
- appoints and dismisses the person authorized to represent the Society
- appoints and dismisses members of the Supervisory Board
- appoints the chief editor for the publishing activity
- appoints and dismisses members of the Committee for annual prizes of the Society
- adopts a report on the work of the Presidency, financial statements of the Society, report on publishing activities
- appoints members of the Society's bodies
- determines the level of the membership fee as suggested by the Presidency
- performs other jobs established by the law and Statute

## Article 16

The Assembly works in sessions and its work is managed by the President of the Assembly.

Regular session of the Assembly takes place once a year. Presidency can at all times call for an extraordinary meeting of the Assembly if there is a need or if at least three subsidiaries or three specialized sections or one third of Society's members suggest this.

Members of the Assembly must no later than 10 days prior to the holding of the session of an Assembly be duly informed on the holding of the Assembly's session.

The Assembly makes final decisions if more than half of the delegates attend the session.

A decision may be passed at the Assembly's session when more than half of the present delegates express their position on it.

Minutes shall be kept on the course of the session. The minutes shall be signed by the chair person, minute-keeper and verifiers of the minutes. Minutes contain as a minimum: time and place of the session, number of present delegates, results of the votes and passed decisions and conclusions for certain points from the agenda.

Decisions of the Assembly of the Society are mandatory for all members of the Society.

Work of the constitutional Assembly is managed by an acting presidency headed by the president as a chair person.

Manner of the Assembly's work, as well as other issues related to the work of the Assembly, shall be regulated in more detail by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

## Presidency of the Society

### Article 17

The Presidency is the executive body of the Assembly.

The Assembly selects from its members, as nominated by the subsidiaries, the members of the Presidency of the Society, as the executive body which manages activities of the Society between two sessions of the Assembly.

One representative is appointed in the Presidency per every 180 members, though all subsidiaries must be represented by at least 1 (one) representative, ensuring the proportional representation of medical and dental professionals.

#### Presidency of the Society

- executes the decisions and conclusions of the Assembly
- defines the proposal of the Statute of the Assembly
- ensures the realization of the activities program of the Society
- prepares sessions of the Assembly and reports to it
- proposes the passing of the Society's acts
- realizes cooperation with the SLD, Medical Academy and Chambers of Health Care Professionals
- appoints an executive board
- appoints the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary of the Society
- ensures that all organizational structures of the Society implement an optimal number of accredited trainings and give guidelines to subsidiaries and sections
- establishes a financial plan and annual account statement and passes the decisions which refer to obtaining and spending of financial means of the Society
- suggests members for nominations in SASA and the Medical Academy SLD
- selects a manager of the Professional Service, at the suggestion of the President and pursuant to the law
- suggests to the Assembly selection and dismissal of the person authorized to represent the Society
- appoints Editor and Chief of the magazine at the justified suggestion of the President and verifies members of the Editorial Board at the suggestion of the Editor and Chief
- appoints Committee Members for the normative activity, Committee Members for Prizes, Committee Members for Appointing Chief Physicians, Board Members for Continuous Medical and Dental Education and other committees and boards if necessary, ensuring the representation of all regions and specialties
- passes the decision on awarding recognition, at the justified proposal of the President of the Committee
- decision on the distribution of the basic membership fee for 2011 will be passed by the Presidency of the Society
- appoints honorary members, donors of the Society
- approves normative acts of its organizational units
- appoints members of the Assembly and Presidency of the Serbian Medical Society

Presidency works in sessions, which are held when needed, at least 3-4 times a year. It makes final decisions if more than half the members attend the session. Decisions of the Presidency may be passed when more than half of the present members of the Presidency state their position.

Minutes are kept for each session of the Presidency. The minutes are signed by the secretary and the minute-keeper.

In case there is a need to urgently take certain steps which are in the Assembly's domain of responsibilities, the Presidency is authorized to take only such steps, and to submit a report on that at the first next session and request the Assembly's approval.

Decisions of the Presidency are mandatory for all members of the Society.

## Article 18

The Presidency has a President, 2 Vice-Presidents and a Secretary.  
The President of the Presidency is the President of the Assembly.

Only those members of the Society who have achieved significant results in terms of realization of goals and tasks of the Society through their years-long work in the Society through specialized sections and subsidiaries of the Society may be nominated for president, vice president and secretary of the Society.

Nominee for the president of the Society is responsible for presenting its activities program to the Presidency.

The President is appointed in a public election provided one person is nominated. In case there are several candidates, the vote is done in secrecy.

If no candidate secures the necessary majority of votes, the vote is repeated for the two candidates with the biggest number of votes. In case both candidates get the same amount of votes in the repeated vote, the secret vote is repeated until one candidate gets more votes.

President of the Society:

- represents the Society with all the rights and authorizations awarded by the Statute of the Society and the law
- schedules sessions of the Assembly and the Presidency of the Society and manages their operations
- signs all the decisions and other acts passed by the Assembly and the Presidency and ensures their execution
- signs financial documents
- proposes appointment and dismissal of vice-presidents, the secretary and managers of the Professional Service
- supervises the activities of the Professional Service

The President may assign certain authorizations from his/her scope of work to the vice-presidents and the secretary of the company.

In the absence of the President, i.e. in case of inability, one of the vice-presidents performs his/her duties and obligations, as authorized by the president.

The Society has two vice-presidents and a secretary, who are appointed in the procedure and in the manner as the President of the Society.

## **Supervisory Board**

### Article 19

The Supervisory Board performs control over the material-financial operations of the Society and supervises the application of the provisions of the Statute which refer to financial operations.

The Supervisory Board has a president and two members, who are appointed from the lines of the delegates from the Assembly of the Society.

Rules of Procedure are passed on the manner of work of the Supervisory Board.

## **Working bodies of the Society**

### Article 20

The Society has:

1. a Committee for Statutory and Organizational Issues
2. a Committee for Elections and Appointments

Committee for Statutory and Organizational Issues monitors the realization of the Statute, considers organizational issues and prepares proposals for the Statute, i.e. proposes its amendments and supplements.

Committee for Elections and Appointments implements the procedure of electing bodies of the Society.

Rules of Procedure are passed for the work of the Committee for Elections and Appointments.

The Committees from Parag. 1 of this Article have a president and two members.

## **Executive Board of the Presidency**

### Article 21

With the aim of higher operational efficiency, the Presidency selects an Executive Board from its members, which acts as its executive body.

The Executive Body in cooperation with the Professional service executes decisions and conclusions of the Presidency and establishes proposals on which the Presidency decides.

Executive Board of the Presidency has 7 members; their functions include the president, vice-president and secretary of the Society, members of the EB.

Mandate of EB members lasts for 4 years, with the possibility of a re-election.

Executive Board is managed by the President of the Presidency.

Rules of Procedure of the Presidency define in more detail the jobs and tasks of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board works in sessions and makes final decisions if two thirds of its members attend the session and decisions are passed by a majority of those present.

The Secretary of the Society participates in the preparation of material for the session of the Assembly, Presidency and the Executive Board. As instructed by the President of the Society, the Secretary prepares reports and analysis of the completed works in sections and subsidiaries. They take care of all records and minutes from sessions of the Assembly, the Presidency and the Executive Board. He/she is responsible for administrative duties.



## **Election of Society's Bodies**

### Article 22

The Presidency is obliged to announce to the Assembly possible candidates for the president, vice-president and secretary, members of Presidency and Supervisory Board members and members of Committee for Election and Appointment and Committee for Statutory and Organizational Issues two months prior to the expiry of the mandate. Subsidiaries, which may propose other candidates as well, state their position on the candidates.

### Article 23

Mandate of members of Society's Bodies ceases:

- with the expiry of the mandate;
- submission of a resignation – on the day of submission of a letter of resignation;
- inability of performing the function due to illness or permanent inability;
- cessation of membership in the Society;
- revocation

## **Information and publishing**

### Article 24

Informing members of the Society, as well as the public on its work and activities, is done via the internet, by facilitating expert meetings and other events, and through the media, realizing the principle of public operating.

With the aim of informing the medical and general public on their operating, scientific and professional results of their members and other scientific and expert professionals, the Society organizes its own publishing activity.

The Society issues a magazine "*Medicinski pregled*" (*Medical Review*), supplements of the magazine "*Stomatološki informator*" (Dental information brochure), collection of works, etc.

Publishing activity of the Society is regulated by the by special Rules on the Publishing Activity, which are passed by the Presidency of the Society pursuant to the law, specifying the number and structure of the editorial board and the scope of activities pursuant to the provisions of the Statute.

## **Prizes and recognitions**

### Article 25

The Society awards annual prizes to its contributing years-long members for exceptional contribution in the area of medical and dental profession and science, and in the scientific and research work as well as primary health care.

The Society awards to its members recognitions, at the proposal of its organizational units.

Provisions and manner of awarding annual prizes and recognitions are regulated by a special rulebook.

## Committees

### Article 26

Presidency of the Society forms committees such as bodies of the Presidency. In accordance with the goals and tasks of the society, they realize their activity in the area for which they have been formed. They raise certain questions and initiate the resolving of certain issues.

The Presidency forms the following committees:

1. Committee for Awarding the title of Chief Physician
2. Committee for Continuous Education of Doctors
3. Committee for International Cooperation

Committees operate pursuant to the Statute and the Law.

Committees from Parag. 2 of this Article have a president and 2 members and operate in the manner and procedure established by the rules of procedure.

## VI Organizational forms of the Society

### Article 27

Organizational forms are:

- **subsidiaries**
- **specialized sections**
- **teams within subsidiaries and specialized sections.**

### Article 28

**A subsidiary** is the basic organizational unit of the Society, which is formed on the territory of one or more municipalities.

On the territory of AP Vojvodina, the following subsidiaries have been formed: in Novi Sad, Sremska Mitrovica, Ruma, Inđija, Pančevo, Kovin, Kikinda, Senta, Bečej, Vrbas, Kula, Sombor, Odžaci, Bačka Palanka, Temerin, Bačka Topola, Subotica, Zrenjanin.

### Article 29

Subsidiaries founded pursuant to the Statute of the Society which is registered in the Ministry of Interior under the number 498 dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2002 do not lose their status of a legal entity. Subsidiaries which will be founded after this Statute comes into force do not have the status of a legal entity, pursuant to the Law on Associations.

### Article 30

The highest management body of a subsidiary is the assembly.

Assembly of a subsidiary which has fewer than 100 members comprises all members of the subsidiary.

A subsidiary which comprises over 100 members may constitute an assembly on the delegate principle – election of representatives.

Mandate of assembly members of a subsidiary which has been formed on delegate principle lasts for 4 years with the possibility of consecutive choice.

Instead of members who are prevented to perform their function by the end of their mandate, new members of the subsidiary with a mandate up to the next constitutional assembly are co-opted.

- Subsidiary adopts its legal acts which must be coordinated with the Statute of the Society.

- Notification on the holding of the assembly session must be in due time, no later than 10 days in advance prior to the holding of the session. The Assembly makes a final decision if more than one half of Assembly members attend, and the decisions are passed by a majority of votes of present members of the Assembly.

### Article 31

Bodies of a subsidiary are: assembly, presidency, supervisory board and committee.

Statute of the subsidiary regulates the procedure of appointment, mandate, goals and tasks of the subsidiary and manner of operating of the bodies of the subsidiary.

The assembly of the subsidiary elects from its members the Presidency, as its executive body, and other bodies with a mandate of 4 years with the possibility of another consecutive appointment, ensuring proportional representation of medical and dental professionals.

The presidency of the subsidiary appoints from its ranks the president and secretary of the subsidiary. Presidency works in sessions which are held at least 3 times a year. It can pass final decisions if the more than half of members attend the session, and the decisions are passed with a majority of votes of present members.

Interrelations of the subsidiaries and the Society are established in a special act and Rulebook on the Distribution of the Membership Fees.

Subsidiary which has more than 200 regular members may establish teams based on the territorial principle or based on specialization in order to achieve better goals and tasks of the subsidiary.

### Article 32

**Specialized sections** are founded in order to gather members around certain branches of medicine and dentistry, around specializations with the aim of better professional-educational activities, in the field of medical disciplines or inter-disciplinary activities.

Specialized sections do not have the status of a legal entity.

Bodies of specialized sections are: assembly and presidency.

Assembly is the biggest body of the section and it is composed of all members if the number of members is lower than 100, while bigger sections with more than 100 members, may organize an Assembly based on the delegate principle – appointing representatives.

Assembly of a specialized section appoints from its member the Presidency as its executive body, and with its constitution, the president and secretary are appointed. Mandates of the bodies of specialized sections last for 4 years with the possibility of one consecutive appointment.

### Article 33

At the proposal of at least 20 members, a new specialized section may be formed. The proposal is delivered to the Presidency of the Society with justification and the Presidency then considers it.

The decision on the forming of a new specialized section is made by the Assembly of the Society.

Section stops being active:

- due to inactivity (failure of the members to convene, to hold meetings, to file report on activities)
- due to disobeying of the Society's acts

The decision on the cessation of the work of a section is passed by the Assembly of the Society at the proposal of the Presidency of the Society.

### Article 34

Tasks of the bodies of the specialized sections are:

- to uphold the rules of procedure for the specialized section pursuant to the Statute of the Society which is adopted by the Presidency of the Society
- passing of a plan of activities and educational programs for continuous education
- coordination of activities with the activities of specialized sections of SLD
- suggesting to the Society prizes and recognitions for its active members
- keeping records on members
- suggesting to the Assembly of the Society rules of procedure for the section

### Article 35

The Assembly of the specialized section is held once a year, and the session of the presidency of the section is held at least three times a year. Bodies of the section make final decisions if the session of the section is attended by more than half of members, and the decisions are passed by a majority of votes of present members.

Specialized section which has more than 200 regular members may found teams based on interests for certain narrow medical and dental disciplines or based on the regional gathering. Teams are organizationally related to sections and financially which are specified in the Rules of Procedure of the section.

## **Property and material – financial assets of the Society**

### Article 36

Property of the Society consists of movable and immovable property. Property of the Society is managed and taken care of by the Assembly, Presidency, President and Manager of the Expert Assembly of the Society.

Material-financial assets of the Society comprise regular and extraordinary income.

Regular income is:

- membership fees
- income from performing its activities (fee for participation on congresses and professional conventions)
- income from forms for doctor's certificates

- income from sales of its own publications
- income from interest
- other income

Extraordinary income is:

- support from organizations interested in the Society
- income for services rendered and jobs based on contract
- income from professional meetings

Annual accounts with the report on material-financial operations for the past year are submitted for adoption to the Assembly.

Financial means obtained from regular and extraordinary income may be spent solely on realization of goals and tasks of the Society pursuant to the Statute.

Decision on payments of current costs is passed by the manager of the Professional service as an authorized issuer of financial orders, as instructed by the President.

## **Professional service of the Society**

### Article 37

For performing professional, legal, financial, publishing, general, administrative, technical and other activities, the Society forms a Professional Service, comprising employees who have an employment contract with the Society.

Work of the Professional Service is managed by the Manager of the Professional Service.

Manager of the Professional Service is appointed by the Presidency of the Society at the proposal of the President, who is at the same time the president of the competition committee.

Manager of the Professional Service reports to the Presidency and President of the Society.

Decision on the internal organization and systematization of Professional Service of the Society is passed by the Presidency at the proposal of the manager of the Professional Service.

In specially justified situations, and especially with urgent and emergency jobs, the Manager of the Professional Service, with the consent of the President and the Presidency, may hire persons for a limited period of time taking care of the financial plan of the Society.

Work, mutual rights, obligations and responsibilities of the Professional Service of the Society and Presidency are realized pursuant to the provisions of the Statute, Labour Law and other regulations.

## **Society's Representative**

### Article 38

President of the Society is the Society's Representative.

President may authorize certain persons for representation of the Society in specific actions.

Representative of the Society is responsible for observing authorizations established by the decision of the Assembly and the Presidency of the Society.

## **Liability for damages**

### Article 39

Members of the Assembly and the Presidency of the Society are jointly liable for damages caused by their decisions to the Society, if such decision has been made through gross negligence or with intent of causing damages.

Procedure of reimbursement is started based on the decision of the Presidency of the Company.

## **Acts of the Society**

### Article 40

The Society passes:

- Statute
- Rules of Procedure
- Rules
- Decisions, Conclusions and Resolutions

Acts of the Society must be aligned with the acts of the Medical Society of Serbia.

General acts of the Society come into force on the eighth day following their announcement on the notice board of the Society.

## **Cessation of the Society**

### Article 41

The Society ceases to operate due to the decision of the Assembly of the Society and in other cases defined by the law.

Decision on the cessation of operations of the Society is passed by the Assembly on the session attended by at least two thirds of Society members. Decisions are passed by a qualified majority of votes of the total number of delegates of the Assembly.

Unless the Assembly decides otherwise, the Presidency of the Society performs the function of a liquidator of the Society.

In the event of cessation of the Society, the decision on its remaining property will be passed by the Assembly of the Society.

On the passing of the decision and cessation of the activities of the Society, the authority where the Society is registered is informed within 3 days.

## **Procedure for the passing of amendments and supplements to the Statute**

### Article 42

Initiative for the amendments and supplements to the Statute may be filed to the Presidency, the Supervisory Board or at least three subsidiaries. Decision on the initiation of the procedure for the amendments and supplements of the Statute is passed by the Presidency.

If the Presidency rejects the initiative, the filer of the initiative will be informed on the reasons due to which the initiative has not been accepted, within 15 days following the filing of the initiative.

When the Presidency accepts the initiative, the Committee for Statutory Issues prepares a Draft of the Decision on the Amendments and Supplements to the Statute. The Presidency stipulates the Draft of the Decision and refers it to the subsidiaries for public debate. After that, the Presidency defines the proposal of the Statute and delivers it to the Assembly for adoption.

### **Status changes**

#### Article 43

Decision on the acquisition, merger or division of the Society is passed by the Assembly of the Society.

President of the Society is obliged to submit a request for entering into the Register on the Status Changes to the Society.

### **Interim and final provisions**

#### Article 44

Interpretation of provisions of this Statute is provided by the Assembly of the Society. General and other acts of the Society passed prior to the coming into effect of this Statute, remain in force until alignment with the Statute.

Deadline for alignment is 30 days following the passing of the Statute.

#### Article 45

The rulebook on the distribution of the membership fee of the Society is passed by the Assembly at the proposal of the Presidency.

#### Article 46

When this Statute comes into force, the Statute passed on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2002 will become void. This Statute is entered in the Register of Social Organizations and Citizens' Associations under the Registry No. 478, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2002.

#### Article 47

This Statute comes into force on the eighth day following its announcement on the notice board of the Society, and it will be applied from the day it is entered in the Business Registers Agency.

In Novi Sad, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011

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