

§ 1 - Name and location

1. The name of the Society is:
CSI Foundation e.V.
2. Domicile and place of fulfilment is:
Steuerbüro Müller, Alfred-Lippmann-Straße 6, 66386 St. Ingbert
3. The fiscal year is according to the calendar year.

§ 2 – Purpose of the Society

1. The CSI Foundation has been organized exclusively for public benefit scientific purposes in accordance with the chapter on tax-privileged purposes of the Fiscal Code of Germany.
2. The purpose of the CSI Foundation is education and medical research, in particular in the field of catheter therapy of congenital, structural and valvular heart disease.
3. The articles of the Society's purpose will in particular be realised by
 - a. organising conferences and educational meetings
 - b. executing and funding research in the field of acute stroke interventions
 - c. publishing appropriate research results
 - d. working with national and international foundations that have a similar purpose
developing interdisciplinary guidelines

§ 3 – Non-profit

1. The CSI Foundation is a non-profit organization; it does not primarily pursue financial purposes for itself.
2. Financial means can only be used in accordance with the purpose set out in the Articles of Society. Members do not receive shares of the profit and/or benefits from the Society's financial means. All roles within the Society are to be volunteer positions.
3. Nobody shall benefit from expenses different to the purpose of the Society or by disproportionately high gratification.

§ 4 –Society’s financial means

1. The Society will receive financial means for fulfilling its purpose through membership fees, donations and other grants.
2. Every member is required to pay a membership fee. The amount of membership fee is set by the general assembly, currently at 100 €/year.
3. Membership fee for a corporate body or juristic person is set as part of a special arrangement between them and the managing board.
4. If a member ends membership or is excluded, or in case of dissolution of the Society there will be no claim for paid membership fees, donations or other shares of the Society's assets.

§ 5 – Membership

1. The managing board grants membership based on a written application to the CSI Foundation.
2. Individuals who have become members before 1.11.15 are founding members.
3. Anybody, who wants to support the purpose and goals of the Society , can become a patron member. The managing board decides on the role/tasks of patron members.
4. The managing board shall, if they decide to refuse an application for membership, give the applicant their reasons for doing so in writing. The managing board’s decision to refuse membership is indisputable.
5. Membership begins when the managing board confirmation. Every new member receives a copy of the articles of the Society .
6. Membership of a corporate body or juristic person begins according to special agreement between them and the managing board. The managing board decides about content and form of the special agreement by voting majority.
7. Membership ends with resignation, exclusion, cancelation or death.
8. Resignation is subject to a 4 week notice period and the member must send a written resignation to the managing board by month end.

9. Membership exclusion is decided by the managing board if the member does not act according to the Articles of Society or in the interest of the Society, or does not follow instructions or decisions by elements of the Society.
10. Membership is cancelled if a member falls behind with the payment of membership fees or other financial commitments to the Society despite two written reminders.
11. Cancelled or excluded members lose all rights to the Society, but their liabilities remain.
12. Membership cancellation of a corporate body or juristic person will depend on the special agreement between them and the managing board.

§ 6 – Elements of the Society

Elements of the Society are:

1. The general assembly
2. The managing board

§ 7 – General assembly

1. The general assembly consists of all members of the Society and decides on long-term tasks and work plans.
2. The general assembly is responsible for:
 - a. Receipt of the statement of accounts and the managing boards report
 - b. Election and dismissal of managing board members
 - c. Amendments of the Articles of Society
 - d. Decisions on staff, property, rent or lease matters
 - e. Assessment of amount and frequency of membership fees
 - f. Decisions on applications or other agenda items
 - g. Decision to wind up or dissolve the Society

3. The ordinary general assembly takes place whenever required according to the interests of the Society. Every general assembly organised according to the Articles of Society has quorum.
4. The managing board can call for an extraordinary general assembly if required. An extraordinary general assembly is required if at least 1/3 of members apply for it in written form.
5. The managing board calls the Society's members for a general assembly in text form (e.g. e-mail), including an agenda, with at least 2 weeks' notice. The notice period begins from the date the invitation is sent to the last known email or postal of the member.
6. Every ordinary member has a vote. A substitute at the general assembly and for voting is not allowed.
7. Unless dictated otherwise by law or articles of Society all decisions are made with simple majority of the present or substituted members. Abstentions from voting will not be counted.
8. Decisions on matters of § 7, section 2 c, d and g will be made with $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the present or substituted members.
9. A member of the managing board leads the general assembly. Decisions of the general assembly are recorded in writing and signed by the general assembly leader.

§ 8 – Managing board

1. The managing board consists of 7 Society members, the chairman, the vice chairman, treasurer, secretary and at least 3 trustees.
2. The legislative period for managing board members is 4 years. The chairman remains in his position until a new chairman is elected. Re-election is allowed. If a managing board member retires early the general assembly will vote for a suitable replacement, which will stay in this position until the legislative period ends. Any natural person is eligible to become a member of the managing board.

3. If a member of the managing board retires early and no successor is elected by the general assembly for the remainder of the legislative period, the number of managing board members is reduced. This is also the case if it is not possible to fill all positions of the managing board during the election.
4. The chairman is authorised to represent the Society according to the German Civil Code § 26 BGB. The vice chairman is authorised to represent the Society on behalf of the chairman.
5. Election of the managing board members should be by separate ballot for every candidate. If the number of candidates is higher than the number of positions to be filled, the person with the most votes is elected.

§ 9 – Duties of the managing board

1. The managing board is responsible for all matters of the Society unless they have been assigned to another element of the Society. Primarily, it is the responsibility of the managing board to lead the Society in terms of organisation, and to execute the decisions of the general assembly. In particular, the duties of the managing board include:
 - a. The administration of the Society's funds
 - b. Preparation and organisation of the general assembly
 - c. Preparation of the statement of accounts and the managing boards report
 - d. Execution of the work plans set out at the general assembly

§ 10 – Amendments of the purpose and dissolution of the Society

1. The decision to amend the purpose or to dissolve the Society can only be made during a general assembly specifically called for this purpose.
2. Amendment of the purpose of the Society can only be decided with the agreement of all members.

3. In case of a decision to dissolve the Society the chairman and vice chairman shall act separately as liquidators on behalf of the Society according to the German Civil Code § 26 BGB.

In case of dissolution of the Society or in case of loss of the tax privileged purpose set out in the German Fiscal Code, the assets of the Society shall be transmitted to a juristic person or another charitable corporation and shall only be used for charitable or religious purposes, or for the purposes of medical education, science and research.

The Articles of Society for the CSI Foundation e.V. came into effect on 30.08.2015.