

METASTASIS RESEARCH SOCIETY

During the Conference on "TREATMENT OF METASTASIS: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS" held at the Strand Palace Hotel, London, 15-17 October 1984, a meeting was held to consider the formation of a **METASTASIS RESEARCH SOCIETY**. There were 79 present in the audience who voted unanimously for the formation of such a Society. Accordingly it was resolved *nem con* that:

1. A METASTASIS RESEARCH SOCIETY be formed.
2. That a Steering Committee consisting of:

<u>USA</u>	<u>UK/EUROPE</u>
Professor G.L. NICOLSON	Professor V. SCHIRRMACHER
Dr. G. HEPPNER	Dr. L. VAN PUTTEN
Dr. L. MILAS (Sec/Treasurer)	Dr. K. LAPIS
Dr. A. SARTORELLI	Professor T. GIRALDI
Dr. L. WEISS	Dr. S. ECCLES
Dr. L. LIOTTA	Professor K. HELLMANN
	Dr. M.-F. POUPON
3. should administer the affairs of the Society.
3. That the Committee remain in office until the first business meeting.
4. That there should be an annual or biennial meeting at which there would be general business meeting.
5. That there will be an official journal of the Society.
6. That of those who voted, four asked for a choice of journals and of the rest thirty seven were in favor of *CLINICAL & EXPERIMENTAL METASTASIS* as the official Journal of the Society and the remainder expressed no opinion. The Secretary will contact these thirty eight people and ask them to state their preference.
7. That a small membership fee will be required and the amount of that fee will be determined by the Steering Committee and ratified at a subsequent meeting of the Society.
8. That there would be one major meeting every one or two years on alternate sides of the Atlantic and possibly additional meetings if the membership agrees on specific topics. The Secretary will give at least six months notice of the meeting.

Constitution and Rules

Adopted: 1st November, 1984

METASTASIS RESEARCH SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. The Society shall be called the **METASTASIS RESEARCH SOCIETY** (hereafter referred to as “Society”).
2. The objectives of the Society shall be to promote the advancement of research into all aspects of cancer invasion, dissemination and metastasis by encouraging the exchange of information.
3. The members of the Society shall be: Ordinary members, Student Members, Postdoctoral Members and their Officers (hereafter referred to as “Board of Directors” or “Board”). They shall be elected in such manner and with such powers as the Rules may provide.
4. Save where otherwise provided by the Rules every Member shall pay to the Society a membership subscription of such amount and in such manner as may for the time be prescribed by the Rules. By simple majority vote, the Board shall determine the membership subscription amount and benefits afforded thereof.
5. Membership of the Society may be terminated in any of the following ways, namely:
 - a. by resignation, subject to such notice and other requirements as may be prescribed in the Rules
 - b. by default of the payment of the subscription of the notice as may be prescribed in the Rules
 - c. by the Committee, at its discretion, if such termination appears to it to be in the interests of the Society; provided that any person whose membership it is proposed to terminate shall have the right to be heard in his/her own defense
6. The Society shall hold a General Meeting to be held at such time and in such place as may be determined by the Board. The general meeting shall be held no less than once in every two calendar years, typically at the International Congress meetings.
7. The Society shall name the scientific journal *Clinical and Experimental Metastasis* as its official organ. Additional journals may be chosen and sanctioned by the Society as recommended by the Officers and approved by members as allowable by the rules.
 - a. Amendment (September 2000, London England) *Cancer and Metastasis Reviews* shall also be offered an official journal of the Society
8. Notice of Meetings: The Secretary shall give the following notice of meetings:

- a. Scientific and General Meetings, not less than four calendar months;
 - b. Extraordinary Meetings, not less than two weeks from the date of request;
 - c. Committee Meetings, not less than four weeks.
9. The Board shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and President-elect, and, insomuch as possible, four members from the Eastern Hemisphere and four from the Western Hemisphere, elected in such manner as the Rules may provide.
10. There shall be the following Honorary Officers of the Society, namely, a President, President-Elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. The Officers shall be elected in such manner and for such term and shall have such duties, powers and privileges as shall be determined from time to time in the Rules.

RULES

1. Ordinary Membership

- a. A candidate for Ordinary Membership shall be proposed by at least two Ordinary Members of the Society to whom he or she is known personally.
- b. The names and qualifications together with details of the professional experience of such candidates shall be sent to the Secretary.
- c. The Board shall decide eligibility for membership of such candidates. Members will usually be graduates or medically qualified persons who are, have been or who undertake shortly to be engaged in or directing work of the nature indicated in paragraph 2 of the Constitution. Other persons may be declared eligible for membership at the discretion of the Board.
- d. Separate membership categories for Student (pre-doctoral) or Postdoctoral members shall be offered. Special post-doctoral membership shall not last longer than three years following completion of M.D., Ph.D., D.V.M. or equivalent graduate studies. Any person desiring to become a Student or Postdoctoral member must provide written verification of eligibility from an appropriate institutional official. After the training period, pre- and post-doctoral trainees must apply for ordinary membership to the Society by the mechanism stated above for a minimum of one year.
- e. A list of names and professional affiliations of eligible candidates shall be reviewed by members of the board and shall, upon determination of the board, become members of the society. At the first Annual General Meeting following membership application, all eligible candidates' names shall be read or provided as a list and members present shall be asked whether it requires a ballot to be held. If at that time ten or more Ordinary Members rise in their places and demand a ballot, it shall be held for each and every name upon the list. Otherwise the persons named on the list shall be declared Ordinary Members of the Association.
- f. If a ballot were held, one adverse vote in ten recorded votes shall exclude.

- g. The Secretary shall send a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Association to each Ordinary Member, and shall offer him or her Ordinary Membership in the Society. Save as where otherwise provided membership shall not become effective until an appropriate payment of the subscription is received by the Treasurer.

2. **Finance**

- a. All Members shall pay to the account of the Society a sum to be determined, payable on 1st day of January each year. The amount shall be determined and recommended by a majority vote of the Board. All memberships will be valid for a single calendar year (January 1 to December 31) regardless of when the dues are paid.
- b. The funds and estates of the Society shall be derived from the annual subscriptions of members, grants, donations and other endowments accepted by the Board on behalf of the Society. They shall be administered by the Treasurer acting on instructions from the Board for the furtherance of the objects of the Association.
- c. The Society shall be a non-profit organization with all funds being used for the benefit of the membership by providing a forum for the exchange of scientific information.
- d. The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually and a report made by the Treasurer to the General Meeting of the Society.

3. **The Board of Directors (Board)**

- a. It shall be the duty of the Board to administer the affairs of the Society in accordance with the Constitution and Rules.
- b. Nominations for election to the Board, with the written approval of the nominee, may be made by the Board or by any two Members of the Society. Nominations by Members shall be received by the Secretary not later than four months before the date of the General Meeting. Should a ballot be required, not later than one month before the date of the General Meeting the Secretary shall send to all Members a ballot containing a list of names of the nominees. Voting for the election of Board members shall be by returning the ballot to the Secretary by post, or otherwise, to arrive no less than two weeks before the commencement of the General Meeting.
- c. Each year two members (one from each hemisphere), senior in order of election shall retire from office at the close of the General Meeting and shall not be eligible for re-election until the General Meeting, following that at which they retired from office.
- d. Any vacancy occurring in the Board other than by retirement shall be filled by another Member of the Society, to be elected by the Board, for the remainder of the term in office or until the General Meeting, whichever is less.

- e. Five members shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board, provided always that there are at least two members from each hemisphere.
- f. The proceedings of the Board shall not be invalidated by an accidental omission to give any notice required in the Constitution and Rules or by any vacancy amount its members or by any defect in the election or qualification of any of its members.
- g. The Board shall elect a President-Elect, the selected Chairman being eligible for office for a total term of up to three years. The President's term shall be two years, prior to which, he or she serves as President-Elect for two years.
- h. The Secretary and Treasurer
 - i. Nominations for the office of Secretary and Treasurer shall be made by the Board to the General Meeting of the Association.
 - ii. Election of the Secretary and of the Treasurer shall be by eligible Members present at the General Meeting.
 - iii. The term of office of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be until the close of the General Meeting following their election, but both these officers shall be eligible for re-election, up to a maximum of two consecutive terms of four years.
 - iv. A term shall be defined as the time between General Meetings.
- i. Vacancies in Office
 - i. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Secretary or of Treasurer, the Board shall appoint an Acting Secretary or an Acting Treasurer to carry out such duties until the close of the next General Meeting of the Society.

3. Alteration of Constitution and Rules

- a. Alteration of any part of the Constitution or any Rule of the Society shall be made only at a General Meeting of the Society provided that notice of such proposed alteration has been given in the announcement of the meeting and two-thirds or more of those voting on the alteration signify their assent. Notice in writing of any proposed alteration duly seconded shall be given to the Secretary of the Society at least six months before the meeting. No alteration may be made which would cause the body to cease to be charitable at law.