

Proposal for changes to the SSI Statutes to the SSI General Assembly June 14, 2022

Article I – IV no changes

Article V: The council

1. The executive body of the Society shall be its Council. **(no change)**
2. The Council shall consist of ten ordinary members, two from each country, (see article III). Among its members, the Council nominates a President, a General Secretary, an Educational Secretary and a Treasurer. In addition, the Meeting Secretary (see article VI) of the forthcoming Annual Scientific Meeting shall be an ex officio member of the Council. The National Societies are invited to participate with two national council members in the SSI Council meetings as ex officio members.

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3. Candidates for the Council shall be nominated by the affiliated National Societies and elected by the General Assembly, usually for a period of three years. Council members are eligible for re-election for another period usually of three years. **(no change)**
4. The work of the Council shall be conducted by the President. The President shall be assisted by the General Secretary, who shall be responsible for the routine business of the Council and keep its records. The General Secretary shall make minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the General Assembly. The Treasurer shall maintain proper records including a directory of members and accounts and arrange for such reports on the financial status of the Society as may be requested by the Council and by the General Assembly. The Meeting Secretary shall be responsible for the organization of the next Annual Scientific Meeting.

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5. A meeting of the Council shall be held whenever suggested by the President, or upon request of three of its members. The decision of the Council shall be made by majority vote. A quorum of the Council shall be five. In case of equal division of the votes, the President shall cast the decisive vote. The Council may transact and vote by mail when the President finds this necessary.

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A meeting of the Council **shall be held at least four times each year**, and whenever suggested by the President, or upon request of three of its members. The decision of the Council shall be made by majority vote. A quorum of the Council shall be five **ordinary members and at least one representative from each of the member national societies.** Ordinary Council members have the right to vote. **Ex officio members do not have voting rights. In case of equal division of the votes, the vote of the President**

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6. The Council shall conduct the activities of the Society according to article II and decide upon any steps necessary to promote the aims given therein. An Educational Committee shall be appointed, which shall promote education and training in immunology in the Scandinavian countries. Furthermore, the Council may nominate persons or committees to assist with the organization of scientific meetings, symposia and courses. The Council elects representatives to International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS) and European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS).

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Article VI: General Assembly

1. The functions of the Society shall be decided by the General Assembly of members, which shall meet once a year in connection with the Annual Scientific Meeting. Additional General Assembly Meetings may be arranged whenever the Council finds this to be necessary, or upon written request signed by at least 1/10 of the members of the Society. The Council shall prepare such a meeting according to what has been stated for the annual meetings. The announcement of an additional General Assembly shall be distributed to the members together with a statement of its purpose at least one month in advance.

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The functions of the Society shall be decided by the General Assembly of members, which shall meet once a year in connection with the Annual Scientific Meeting **or the 3-yearly ECI meeting**. Additional General Assembly Meetings may be arranged whenever the Council finds this to be necessary, or upon written request signed by at least 1/10 of the members of the Society. The Council shall prepare such a meeting according to what has been stated for the annual meetings. The announcement of an additional General Assembly shall be distributed to the members together with a statement of its purpose at least one month in advance.

2. The Council shall prepare the agenda for the annual General Assembly. The annual General Assembly Meeting shall: a) examine the activities of the Council based on the annual report of the Council; b) examine the financial situation of the Society and approve of the financial report prepared by the Council together with the report from the Auditor; c) decide upon the forthcoming fees and the budget, recommended by the Council; d) elect members to the Council according to articles II and V; e) elect the President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and Educational Secretary from members of the Council according to article V, paragraph 2; f) decide upon the disapproval of membership according to article III; g) elect Honorary Members of the Society in accordance with article III; h) decide upon the time and place of the Annual Scientific Meeting to take place following the forthcoming, and in connection herewith elect a Meeting Secretary from that country; i) elect an Auditor and Deputy Auditor who shall examine the accounts of the Society.

Subsection e) change to:

e) elect the President, Secretary General and Treasurer from members of the Council according to article V, paragraph 2;

3. The General Assembly is conducted by the President or another council member in his absence. The meeting shall follow the agenda prepared by the Council. Other subjects may be added to the agenda upon request from any members, if so decided by a majority vote of the members present. All decisions shall be made by voting, where each member present has one vote. A simple majority vote is required for all decisions with the exception of decisions concerning Articles IX and X. Minutes of the meeting shall be made available to all members within two months.

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New article:

Article IX: SSI Young investigator Award

In connection with every Annual Scientific Meeting, each National Society shall nominate one candidate to be awarded an SSI Young Investigator Award, to be approved by the SSI council. There will be up to five awardees per year. The nomination must be submitted to the General Secretary latest 6 months prior to the meeting.

Qualifications: Candidates (up to 10 years post PhD not including parental leaves, sick leaves or other leaves of absence) must be members of SSI and have made a significant contribution in the field of immunology and/or in promoting immunology in Scandinavia. National societies should provide justification for their nomination, to be approved by the SSI council.

Award: The recipients of the awards will receive diplomas and give invited lectures at the upcoming Annual Scientific Meeting. Registration fees, travel and accommodation expenses will be covered.

Previous Article IX Change of statutes will be Article X

Previous Article X Dissolution of the Society will be Article XI