

Constitution of the International Society of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine (ISPPM)

ISPPM Announcements

'At the 9th International Congress of the International Society of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine (ISPPM), the revised Constitution of the ISPPM has been approved and a new Executive Board of the ISPPM elected, both of which will be reprinted on the following pages'.

Article 1 Name and Legal Status

The name of this interdisciplinary society is the 'International Society of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine' (ISPPM), hereinafter called 'the society'. This Society has been established and registered as a non-profit association in Bern, Switzerland according to article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code.

Article 2 Objectives

The purpose of the Society is to join together groups and individuals in an international organization in order to attain the following objectives:

- a) To promote the scientific and humanitarian approach to human development which is seen as a continuum from conception through the prenatal, perinatal and postnatal stages of life.
- b) To stress the indivisible entity of the human being continuously integrating all the biological, psychological and social aspects of life.
- c) To encourage and promote research in the fields of prenatal and perinatal psychology, medicine and allied disciplines.
- d) To apply this knowledge especially in developing comprehensive concepts for primary prevention, in the fields of psychotherapy and in education and training of all professionals concerned.
- e) To encourage the creation of national chapters of the Society.
- f) To organize national and international meetings and congresses on subjects of prenatal and perinatal research and practice.
- g) To promote and facilitate the dissemination of knowledge and information in all the fields mentioned above especially by scientific publications, including the 'International Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Studies' as the official journal of the Society.

Article 3 Membership

With world-wide membership, the Society incorporates the following disciplines (in alphabetical order): anthropology, biology, birth education and preparation, endocrinology, ethnography, genetics, gynecology and obstetrics, midwifery, neonatology, pedagogy, pediatrics, philosophy, psychiatry and child psychiatry, psychoanalysis, psychology and psychotherapy, reproductive physiology and pathology, sociology and others.

a) Individual Membership

Any individual who supports the goals and purposes of the Society and who works and acts according to Article 2 can become a member of the Society.

b) Associate Membership

Any group, society, organization or institution which supports the goals and purposes of the Society and which works and acts in accord with Article 2 is eligible for associate membership of the Society. Associate members have access to all information and services of the Society, but they have no voting status.

c) Approval of Membership

The applications for individual or associate membership of the Society shall be generally approved by the Executive Board of the respective national chapter or by the Executive Board of the Society.

Each member of a national chapter is a member of the Society as well.

d) Resignation from Membership

Members who wish to resign from the Society's membership may formally do so by informing the Executive Board of that intention. When a member chooses to resign, all monies due to the Society must be paid. The resignation will be acknowledged at the end of the current year.

e) Honorary Members

Individuals who excel in the fields of interest of the Society may be suitably honored by nomination to Honorary Membership of the Society.

Honorary members are nominated by the Executive Board of the Society and approved by the General Assembly.

f) Membership fees

The Executive Board shall propose the annual fees for membership in the Society.

The General Assembly shall approve of the annual fees proposed by the Executive Board.

Article 4 Budgeting and Fund-Raising

The Executive Board shall be responsible for drawing up and implementing appropriate budgets.

A fund-raising working group created by the Executive Board shall design and implement appropriate fund-raising programs to benefit the projects of the Society.
Answerability for any debts incurred by and on behalf of the Society shall be the responsibility of the Society as a whole and not any individual.

Article 5 Bodies of the Society

The Society has the following bodies:

- a) The General Assembly ,
- b) The Executive Board including, The Executive Business Committee
- c) The Advisory Board (Advisory Board),
- d) The Special Committees.

Addendum a) The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Society. It consists of all members of the Society. The General Assembly shall meet every three years during the International Congress. The General Assembly shall elect the Executive Board on the basis of a proposal drawn up by the previous Executive Board. The General Assembly shall approve the alteration of the constitution of the Society when proposed by the Executive Board. The General Assembly shall approve the annual fees proposed by the Executive Board. The General Assembly shall approve the reports, the accounts and the budget of the Society. Decisions made by the General Assembly are approved by a simple majority of that body.

In case of tie vote, the chairperson's vote shall constitute the tie-breaking vote.

Addendum b) The Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of:

1. The Officers: The President
The Immediate Past President
The President-Elect
The Vice-Presidents (two)
The Secretary General and Treasurer
2. The Members: The number and profile of the elected Members of the Executive Board shall vary according to the international and interdisciplinary character of the Society.
3. The Executive Business Committee: this body shall be composed of the Officers and in addition to them of at least three members of the Executive Board, appointed by the Officers.
4. The Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Studies, which is the official journal of the Society, shall be ex-officio member of the Executive Board without vote.

The Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly every three years during the International Congress.

The Officers of the Executive Board are elected individually or in a block by a simple majority of the General Assembly.

The Members of the Executive Board are elected individually or in a block by a simple majority of the General Assembly.

Addendum c.) *The Advisory Board*

The Executive Board may call upon individuals because of their specific qualifications to function as members of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board supports the Society in a consulting capacity in furthering the goals and tasks of the Society.

Addendum d.) *The Special Committees*

The Executive Board may appoint some temporary professional committees for special projects like research, congresses and meetings, etc.

Article 6 The National Chapters

According to Article 2. e.) the Society shall encourage and promote the creation of National Chapters of the Society.

The National Chapters shall adopt the Constitution of the Society in conformity with their national laws.

Article 7 Dissolution of the Society

The Society may be dissolved as an official society by a 2/3 majority vote of the General Assembly.

Article 8 The By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Society based upon and belonging to this Constitution shall be drawn up by the Executive Board of the Society.

This Constitution was approved at the General Assembly of ISPPM in Jerusalem, Israel on 29th March, 1989.

Appendix

Founder of ISPPM - Gustav Hans Graber

Past Presidents of ISPPM

1971-1976 Gustav Hans Graber, Psychoanalyst, Bern, Switzerland
1976-1983 Sepp Schindler, Developmental Psychologist, Salzburg, Austria
1983-Present Peter G. Fedor-Freybergh, Obstetrician and Gynecologist, Stockholm, Sweden

Honorary members

Amon, G.	West Berlin
Caruso, F.	(+)
Freud, W.E.	Bensberg, FRG
Graber, F.	Zürich, Switzerland
Hau, T.F.	Freiburg/Br, FRG
Kemper, W.	(+)
Kirchoff, H.	Göttingen, FRG
Raskovsky, A.	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Scarzella-Mazzocchi, F.	Milan, Italy

Officers

PRESIDENT:	FEDOR-FREYBERGH, PETER, G., Prof., M.D., Ph. D., <i>Obstetrician and Gynecologist, Psychiatrist and Child Psychiatrist, Sweden</i>
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