

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DENTAL RESEARCH
(IRAQI SECTION)

Constitution and By-laws

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME: This organisation is named: Iraqi Association for Oral Research/International Association for Dental Research (Iraqi Section) herein referred to as the Section.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTIVES: This Section has been established to: Promote research in all aspects of oral and related sciences Encourage development of improved methods for prevention and treatment of oral and dental diseases Disseminate up-to-date information Foster networking, exchange of ideas and facilitate cooperation among investigators. Encourage communication of research findings and their applications.

ARTICLE III.

ORGANISATION:

Section 1.

CORPORATE STATUS: This Section is a non-profit corporation, which complies with the Constitution of the International Association for Dental Research. If the Section shall be dissolved at any time, no

part of its funds or property shall be distributed to its members; but, after payment of all the indebtedness of the corporation, its surplus funds shall be used for dental research in such manner as the then governing body of the Section shall determine.

Section 2.

MANAGEMENT: The affairs of the Section and Chapters shall be managed in conformity with the Constitution and By-laws of the Section.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP

Any individual without any considerations of colour, caste, race, religion, age, gender, national or ethnic origin, or disability, who is interested in Dental Science and Dental Research in Iraq shall be eligible for membership in this Section, as set forth in the By-laws, provided such person conforms to the recognized standards of professional ethics and By-laws of the Section. ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS The Officers of the Section shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Section and be a President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scientific Officer and four ordinary members. The Officers shall be elected from among the active members of good standing by ballot of the membership. The incumbent President-Elect shall be advanced automatically to the President office. The nomination, election, selection, appointment, succession, terms of office, powers and duties of the officers shall be provided in the By-

laws of the Section. ARTICLE VI. FINANCES Members of the Section may be assessed dues as provided in the By-laws. Money and property of the Section shall be collected, retained, managed, disbursed and disposed of as provided in the By-laws.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS: The Section shall meet for the exchange of scientific information at least once each year unless prevented by circumstances not under the control of members.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

Section 1.

PROPOSAL: A proposed amendment to the Constitution, formally endorsed by at least 10 members and accompanied by a statement of reasons for adoption, may be presented at any Annual Meeting of the Section, and thereupon becomes a special order of business for a vote of the membership by mail prior to the succeeding Annual General Meeting. Section 2. VOTING PROCEDURE The Secretary shall mail each member of the Section no less than one month before the next Annual General Meeting of the Section:(a) a copy of the amendment, (b) the stated reasons for its adoption, (c) the names of the sponsors, (d) a ballot for a vote on the amendment, and (e) a copy of this article VIII of this Constitution. The results shall be reported at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 3.

ADOPTION: A proposed amendment shall be adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members voting on the question, and shall become a part of the Constitution at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which it is adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

BY-LAWS

By-laws and amendments to By-laws may be proposed at any Annual General Meeting of the Section and may be adopted at the same meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the By-laws and amendments taking effect at the close of the Meeting. Proposed By-laws and amendments to By-laws shall normally be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Section.

BYLAWS

SECTION A.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Article IV of the Constitution shall be interpreted as follows: 1. Active Member: A person, who is conducting, has conducted, or who is interested in the furtherance of research in any branch of science or in fields related to dental science. Members shall have the full rights and privileges of membership and are eligible to vote in the Association. 2.

Affiliate Member: A person who is not involved in research but has an interest in keeping up with the latest research, e.g. a practicing dentist or a member of the general public. Affiliate members will enjoy all the benefits, rights and privileges of the Section and Association, but will have no vote.

3. Retired Member: A person who has been a member of the Section in good standing for at least 25 years, and no longer works on a full-time basis for remuneration. The Retired Member shall have all the rights and privileges of membership but shall receive the Journal of Dental Research only upon payment of the Journal Subscription fee.

4. Honorary Member: The Section may each year elect one Honorary Member who is not a member of the Section. Honorary Members shall normally be selected on the basis of the candidate's significant contribution to, or support of, dental research in Iraq or internationally. Honorary Members shall have the rights and privileges within the Section as determined by the Section. Honorary Membership shall not be conferred posthumously.

5. Student Member: A person who is an undergraduate or a postgraduate student currently enrolled in a recognised academic institution who does not hold an academic appointment and who is interested in dental research. Student members must become Members when eligible or be dropped from membership. Individuals may be classified at the Student level for no more than 8 years. The Student Member shall have all the rights and privileges of membership but shall have no vote.

SECTION B.

PAYMENT OF DUES 1.

All dues shall be collected on the Section's behalf directly by the IADR Global Headquarters along with IADR membership. 2. Exception to the payment of dues: Honorary Members shall pay no dues. Student Members shall pay the fees as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

SECTION C.

OFFICIALS¹.

Installation The President of the Section shall be installed at an appropriate ceremony at the time of the Annual General Meeting of the Section. 2. Duties The duties of the Officers shall be those ordinarily associated with the official titles, and such other duties as the Section or the Council may assign. The Treasurer shall maintain surveillance over the Section's finances and shall report annually to the Section on the finances of the Section. The President shall report annually to the Section on the nature and scope of the proceedings of the Section. The Section shall be represented on the Council of the International Association of Dental Research by the President and the Secretary of the Section or some other officer of the Section as approved by the Annual General Meeting. Persons who are officers of the Section may also be officers of the International Association for Dental Research. 3. Terms of officer. The terms of all Officers shall be four Section years. b. The Immediate Past President shall serve for a period of four years following the termination of office as President. c. Members of the Council shall be eligible for re-election. 4. Tenure of office Each Officer shall serve until the installation of his duly-elected successor. 5.

Vacancies In the event of the premature retirement of any officer, the Executive Committee of the Section shall be empowered to appoint a replacement by a majority vote, who will act until the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, at which time a successor will be elected to serve for the unexpired period of office. 6. Nomination for officers Nominations for all Officers shall be made in writing on request of the Secretary, at least six weeks before the Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be signed by the Proposer and Seconded and must be accompanied by a signed acceptance by the Nominee.7. Notice for nominations and elections Announcement of the nomination(s), accompanied by a ballot, shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Section not fewer than four weeks before the date of the next Annual General Meeting. Ballot papers shall be returned to the Secretary and shall be received until one week prior to the Annual General Meeting. 8. Announcement of the election results The results of the ballot will be announced by the President at the Annual General Meeting.

SECTION D.

COMMITTEES: The Executive Committee of the Section may designate membership for committees created by them for special functions.

SECTION E.

MEETINGS: 1. Annual general meeting The time and place of each Annual General Meeting shall be determined by the Executive

Committee. The President shall chair the Annual General Meeting.

2. Annual scientific meeting The Congress Convenor and Local Organising Committee shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the Section. The arrangements for the scientific program of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Section shall be made in accordance with the instructions from the Executive Committee of the Section. The Executive Committee of the Section shall determine the amount of the registration fees for the Annual Scientific Meeting. Members whose dues have not been paid through the current year will be required to pay the non-member fee. 3. Special meeting Special meetings of the Section may be called by the Executive Committee of the Section.

SECTION F.

FINANCES

1. Dues At each Annual General Meeting, the Treasurer shall announce the amount of the annual Section dues.

2. Expenditures Funds of the Section may be expended only on general or specific authorization of the Executive Committee.

3. Accounts all accounts of assets of the Section shall be audited annually.

4. Reports All Officers collecting, disbursing, or holding in trust assets of the Section shall report annually to the Treasurer in written form.

5. Authorised banks and expenditures Funds of the Section shall be deposited in a bank or banks, or invested in securities approved for the purpose of the Executive Committee.

SECTION G.

DEFINITIONS: Members of this Section, for purposes of notice or other communications or actions, are those persons who are members according to the latest information possessed by the Treasurer at the time of mailing of the notice or communication, or at the time of the action. Notice shall be considered to have been given to a member when written statement of the notice has been mailed (electronically or by post) to the member at the last address for the member known to the Treasurer at the time of the mailing.