

CONSTITUTION (Version 2: 22/4/2002)
ACADEMIC DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
(ADASA)

1. NAME

The Association is a special interest group of the South African Medical Association (SAMA), an association incorporated under Section 21 of the Companies Act, 1973, registered No 05/00136/08 and its name shall be the Academic Doctors' Association of South Africa (ADASA) (hereinafter called "The Association").

2. OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 2.1. To promote and maintain the professional, academic and legitimate interests of doctors employed in the full-time academic sector (including those employed according to joint agreements between the Universities and other parties or those accredited for undergraduate and/or postgraduate training at a University).
- 2.2. To define and establish relationships amongst members and between them and other medical associated groups, hospitals, public and private institutions, government authorities, the medical profession in general and the public.
- 2.3. To promote the mission of the SAMA, viz., to serve the medical profession and to promote health for all by striving for an affordable, comprehensive, effective, unitary health system to which all have the right of equitable access.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 3.1. Any person who is registered as a medical practitioner by the Health Professions Council of South Africa and is working in the full-time health sector and is appointed in an academic capacity according to either the conditions of service of a University or on the joint establishment of a University and another institution or as a full-time employee of another institution, but accredited by a University for undergraduate and/or postgraduate training and who may or may not be a member of the SAMA, is *ipso facto* a member of the Association.
- 3.2. Every member shall remain a member until his/her membership is terminated by either resignation in writing addressed to the Secretary or by decision of the Executive Committee of the Association.

3.3. The activities of the Association shall be suspended if at any time its membership shall be less than eleven (11) members.

4. CONTROL OF THE ASSOCIATION

4.1. The general control and direction of the policy and affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee of the Association.

4.2. In exercising control over the Association, the Executive Committee shall at all times abide by the Articles and By-Laws of the South African Medical Association.

4.3. The Executive Committee shall hold office for three (3) years (coinciding with the term of the National Council of the SAMA) and shall consist of a member from each of the medical faculties in South Africa, elected by popular vote at each of their respective faculties, as well as the National Councilor(s), representing the Association at National Council.

4.4. These elections, as well as the election of the member(s) to represent the Association on the National Council of SAMA will coincide with the general election of National Councilors of SAMA.

4.5. The election of the National Councilors(s) will be by popular vote amongst all the members of the Association.

4.6. These electoral processes will be coordinated at national level by the Secretary/Treasurer of the outgoing Executive Committee.

4.7. A Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by popular vote at the first meeting of the Executive Committee at the beginning of its term of office.

4.8. A list of office-bearers, together with a complete list of members of the Association, shall be furnished to the Chief Executive of the SAMA within thirty (30) days of the election of such office bearers.

4.9. The Association will control its own financial affairs. A yearly financial report will be submitted to the Chief Executive of SAMA

5. MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

5.1. The Executive Committee will meet at least twice per year in conjunction with meetings of the Full Time Practice Committee.

5.2. A Special Annual General Meeting may be called if amendments to the Constitution of the Association are required.

6. ACTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 6.1. The Association may take such actions as may be deemed necessary in all matters affecting the legitimate interests of its members, provided that SAMA as a whole be not involved or pledged to any action and that any action contemplated by the Association be in conformity with the policy of SAMA.
- 6.2. Should the Association refer a matter affecting the interests of its members to the National Council or the Board of Directors of SAMA for action, it shall take no further independent action unless requested to do so by these bodies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may decide on further action to be taken should the action taken by National Council or the Board of Directors be unsuccessful.

7. ORGANISATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 7.1. It shall be competent for the Association to allow the formation of Sub-Groups of the Association within the framework of the Branches or Divisions of the SAMA or in such other manner as may be desirable.

Such Sub-Groups may be allowed powers of independent action in local matters provided that such action is not in conflict with the general policy and rules of the Association and of the SAMA in general.

- 7.2. Such Sub-Groups shall elect an Executive Committee annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Sub-Group.
- 7.3. Reports of local action taken shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Sub-Group to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.
- 7.4. Each Sub-Group shall have a minimum membership of four (4) full members of the Association.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association will collect additional subscriptions of its members and the SAMA will provide, in consultation with the Executive Committee, the additional funds necessary for carrying out the work of the Association.

9. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Secretary/Treasurer shall submit an Annual Report and an Annual Financial Statement to a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association. A copy of each shall thereafter be sent to the Chief Executive of the SAMA within thirty (30) days of the meeting

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the Constitution shall be effected only if passed by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a Special Annual General Meeting of the Association. The National Council or the Board of Directors of the SAMA shall approve any amendment to the Constitution of the Association before it becoming operative.

11. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations engaged in activities similar to those for which the Association was established.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for selecting the organisation or organisations in accordance with the stipulations of this clause provided that such organisation or organisations be a Group within the SAMA.

The assets may also be transferred or given to the SAMA.