

STATUTES
of the Scientific Association
"Gruppo Tossicologi Forensi Italiani" (Italian Forensic Toxicologists Group)

PREAMBLE

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The GTFI Scientific Association is governed by its STATUTES and the Members must sign the CODE OF ETHICS upon joining and upon yearly renewal of membership.

WARNING

This is a non-official translation.

The original Italian version shall prevail.

STATUTES

The present statutes were drafted according to the relevant law, based on the first statute drafted in Pisa by notary Angelo Caccetta in 1986, as constitutive Act n. 6794 – (814)

NAME - SEAT - PURPOSE

Art. 1

The Scientific Association "Gruppo Tossicologi Forensi Italiani" (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), sister organization of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine and Insurance (SIMLA), is hereby established, with headquarters in the Association's Secretary's city of residence.

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Art. 3

The Association pursues the following purposes:

- Coordinate, promote and disseminate matters related to Forensic and/or Analytical Toxicology with forensic purposes;
- Promote and implement ongoing professional training and continuing education for the Members, in the field of toxicology, by means of educational programs, such as in the framework of the Continuing Medical Education (CME) accreditation program;
- Collaborate with the Ministry of Health, Justice, or other Ministries, with the Regional Administrations and their Health Authorities, and with other public health bodies and institutions, with regards to the specific field of Forensic Toxicology;
- Be the reference point as primary experts in toxicological issues for the institutional bodies responsible for the protection of human health;
- Produce and publish periodicals and other publications, also disseminate materials in digital form
- Promote Conferences, Meetings, Seminars about national and local scientific studies and research, and the collaboration with other scientific, national and international organizations
- Pursue the purpose of training and/or accrediting laboratories and analytical toxicology services (for forensic and medico-legal purposes), jointly with national or local institutions within the national health service framework.
- Protect the ethical-professional, deontological, cultural and legal rights of its members, when pertaining to Forensic Toxicology (excluding union and political activities).

RESOURCES

Art. 4

The Association's assets consist of membership dues determined by the Association Members Assembly, contributions, aid, donations, bequest, and proceeds from publishing activities.

To achieve its purposes, the Association also makes use of volunteers and third-party assistance.

The Association does not participate in entrepreneurial activities.

Sums from the alienation of social property, bequests and donations are to be used to increase assets and

must be used in the purchase of real estate, State or State-guaranteed or equivalent Securities.

MEMBERSHIP

Art. 5

Members are divided into Ordinary Members and Honorary Members.

Ordinary Members are:

- university professors of Forensic Toxicology or related disciplines within the ministerial classification of SSD MED43 (or that which includes or replaces it in subsequent legal redactions) with scientific curriculum in the field of Forensic Toxicology and documented experience in toxicological diagnostics for forensic and medico-legal purposes;

- graduates in scientific disciplines working for/with University Institutions, Public Bodies, facilities and areas of activity of the National Health Service in areas proper to Analytical Toxicology for forensic and medico-legal purposes;
- graduates in scientific disciplines possessing specialization in Forensic and/or Analytical Toxicology or possessing a diploma in postgraduate courses of the discipline or related disciplines;
- graduates in scientific disciplines with long-standing and documented scientific, teaching or practical experience in Forensic Toxicology and/or analytical or diagnostic toxicology for forensic/medical purposes;
- graduates in scientific disciplines who practice in public facilities, with current documented and extensive professional activity in fields specific to toxicological diagnostics for medical-legal purposes;

Graduates are defined as holders of a bachelor's or master's degree.

Honorary Members are:

- no more than 1/4 of regular members.

are appointed by the Ordinary General Assembly, upon proposal of the Board or at least 10 members, from among Italian or foreign individuals who have risen to particular renown in the field of Forensic Toxicology and who have achieved particular merits."

Ordinary and Honorary Members have:

- The right to participate in all membership activities;
- The right to vote for the approval of the annual statement of accounts;
- the right to vote for the approval of amendments to the bylaws, as well as for election to any office provided for therein, all without limitation.

The status of Ordinary Member is conferred by the General Meeting of the Society, upon proposal of the Board, by simple majority vote.

Membership applications, with educational, scientific and/or professional curriculum vitae, must be submitted by the interested party to the President who will bring them to the Board for discussion before the General Meeting, countersigned by two Ordinary Members. The Board shall communicate its assessment, which may or may not be ratified by the Assembly.

Article 6

Members are required to pay annual dues, the amount of which shall be determined by the Assembly upon the proposal of the Board.

The Board may resolve to exempt honorary members from paying annual dues.

The obligation to pay yearly dues expires on December 31; unless expressly waived prior to expiration the obligation shall be deemed renewed for another calendar year.

A member who, however charged, fails to pay dues for two consecutive years shall be considered delinquent, and invited to settle their outstanding dues, or, alternatively, to resign from the Association.

Corresponding scholars

Art. 7

Corresponding scholars, are appointed by the Board and ratified by the General Assembly, from among Italian or foreign individuals who have risen to special renown in disciplines related to Forensic Toxicology.

Corresponding scholars may participate in the Assemblies without voting rights.

SOCIAL BODIES

Art. 8

The organs of the Association are the Assembly, the President, the Board, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Art. 9

The Assembly shall consist of the members in good standing who have paid their dues.

The Assembly shall be convened by the President, in consultation with the Board, at least once a year within six months after the close of the fiscal year for the approval of the budget.

It is done by letter sent at least 15 days before the set date to the registered address as it appears in the membership book, or in the official membership list, maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer who is responsible for keeping it constantly updated.

Convocations are also valid if made by e-mail, telefax or telegram, or through notice on the website.

The convocation notice must contain the place, day and time of the meeting and the agenda.

In cases of urgency, notices may be given 5 days in advance of the date set for the Meeting.

The Assembly may also be convened without delay when a request is made by at least 20% of the Members and, in the request, agenda point to be discussed are indicated.

The Assembly is chaired by the President of the 'Association, and, in case of his/her absence or impediment, by the Vice-President and, following, by the most senior Councillor.

All resolutions of the Assembly are passed by a simple majority of the voting members present.

The Assembly is valid with the presence of at least half plus one of the Members entitled to vote. Also for resolutions having as their object amendments to the bylaws, the presence of said quorum is required. Voting for resolutions (excluding acts of election to the social offices) may also be expressed by ordinary or electronic mail, on precise questions indicated by the Board.

Ballots expressing the vote must be received unopened at the Association's headquarters or at the e-mail address of the Executive Board.

Resolutions must be reflected in the minutes signed by the President and Secretary.

Art. 11

All Ordinary Members may be elected as members of the social bodies.

The Assembly provides for the appointment of the social offices, and elects the President by secret ballot on a single ballot in which only one preference is expressed; it then elects the members of the Board by secret ballot on a single ballot in which 7 preferences may be expressed. In the absence of multiple nominations, the President and subsequently the Board members may be elected by acclamation of the Assembly.

The Assembly also provides for the approval of the budget and deliberates on other matters pertaining to its management and submitted for its consideration by the Board.

THE BOARD

Article 12

The Society is governed by a Board, consisting of the President (Chair) and 7 Directors.

The Board shall hold office for three years and its members may be consecutively re-elected not more than once to a specific office. In the event that one of its members resigns for any cause, the Board will co-opt the missing person by replacing him or her with the first of those not elected by the General Assembly.

The Executive Board shall be convened by the President whenever he/she deems it necessary or at the request of half of the Board members.

It shall be convened at least once a year for the preparation of the final balance sheet and budget. For the validity of Board meetings, a simple majority of the members must be present, and resolutions are passed by a majority vote of those present.

The Executive Board has all powers of ordinary and extraordinary administration, except the powers of the Assembly.

The Executive Board has, among other things, the authority to:

- appointing of the Vice-President from among its members, a councillor with the function of replacing the President in the event of his or her absence or impediment;
- appointment of the Treasurer from among its members, where this task is not expressly delegated to the Secretary
- deliberation on the convocation of the Assembly, the formal convocation of which will be provided by the President;
- implementation of initiatives to further the development and purposes of the society;
- determination of the amount of dues to be submitted to the Assembly;
- establishment of any sections of the Association to be submitted to the Assembly;
- drafting of any regulations of professional list or registers;
- adoption of measures to be taken against delinquent members to be submitted to the Assembly for approval.

Members of the Board are unpaid.

PRESIDENT (CHAIR)

Art. 13

The Chair of the Board has the legal representation of the society and has all powers of ordinary and extraordinary administration.

In case of urgency, he/she shall make any decision deemed appropriate, except to notify the Board at the first meeting.

The Chair of the Board, at the end of his three-year term, renewable once only, assumes the position of Past President and may attend meetings of the next Board of Directors with an advisory vote.

At the first meeting of the Board she/he shall appoint from among its members the Secretary.

TREASURER

Article 14

The Treasurer shall be vested with the broadest powers of ordinary administration to be exercised in deference to the directives established by the Board. May coincide with the figure of the Secretary appointed by the President.

BOOKKEEPING

Art. 15

The fiscal year shall close on December 31 of each year and the financial statements prepared by the Board shall be examined by the Auditors accounts and must be submitted to the Assembly for approval within six months after the close of the fiscal year.

For this purpose, the budget must be deposited at the headquarters of the 'Association and sent to the Members at least 15 days before the date set for its approval so that the Members may examine it.

Income from assets and any surplus shall be used in accordance with the provisions dictated by the Assembly.

The Association may be dissolved by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members in good standing.

In case of liquidation, the Assembly shall proceed to appoint liquidators and determine their powers.

The assets constituting the patrimony will be donated in full to other non-profit organizations with similar purposes.

FINAL RULES

Art. 16

For anything not provided for in these bylaws, the rules of the Civil Code shall apply.