International League of Dermatological Societies
Skin Health for the World

ILDS By-laws

Introduction

These By-laws ("By-laws") supplement the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) Articles of Association ("the Articles") and support its governance and administration. They shall be interpreted in accordance with the Articles of Association and applicable law. In the event of any inconsistency, the Articles of Association shall prevail.

These By-laws were approved by the ILDS Board of Directors on 26 October 2026.

Interpretation: Any word or expression referred to in the By-laws shall have the corresponding meaning outlined in Article 2 of the Articles.

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By-law 1: Votes per Class of Member

In accordance with Article 11 of the Articles, there are three classes of membership. No categories of membership classes have been defined by the Directors at present. The votes per class of membership are the following:

Membership Class Definitions	Voting Formula	Votes
Member Societies ***For the main/primary national society of dermatology within each country working within the field of dermatology*** *- representing members from its own (one) country (such as AAD or SIDEMAST). In countries where there is more than one national society, proof may be required that there is little/no overlap of members. 50% + 1 (majority) of its members MUST be dermatologists and the Society MUST have been established/ registered for more than 4 years.*	Based on the number of fee-paying members	1 to 10 maximum
Affiliated Societies ***For international or regional dermatological societies of dermatology or national specialist societies working within the field of dermatology*** *- representing dermatologists internationally or regionally (such as EADV, CILAD etc) OR national specialist societies of dermatology (such as the lymphoma, photodermatology or MOHS for example). 50% + 1 (majority) of its members MUST be dermatologists and the Society MUST have been established/ registered for more than 4 years.*	Entitled to one (1) vote	1
Observer Societies ***For other societies within the field of dermatology that are not yet eligible to become a Member Society or Affiliated Society*** *ie. those who meet the criteria but are under 4 years old. Also includes those who have applied for Member / Affiliated Society Membership and have been approved in the year preceding a World Congress of Dermatology (category changes following the WCD year).*	n/a	0

By-law 2: Number of Votes per Member Society

In accordance with Article 13 of the Articles, Member Societies are entitled to a number of votes based upon the number of fee-paying members. The number of votes allocated are outlined below:

Number of fee-paying members	Number of votes
0-100 members	1 vote
101-250 members	2 votes
251-500 members	3 votes
501-1000 members	4 votes
1001-2000 members	5 votes
2001-3000 members	6 votes
3001-4000 members	7 votes
4001-5000 members	8 votes
5001-6000 members	9 votes
6001 or more members	10 votes

Should there be more than one Member Society in a country, the cumulative total of fee-paying members across all Member Societies in that country shall be used to calculate the allocation of votes in accordance with the table above. The total allocation of votes shall be apportioned based on the ratio of votes each Member Society would have received if they had been a single Member Society in that country relative to the total number of votes allocated to the country with no Member Society receiving less than 1 vote. In the event of a split vote to be allocated following calculations in accordance with above, the Member Society with the highest number of fee-paying members shall receive the vote.

As outlined in Article 13.1 of the Articles, Affiliated Societies will have one (1) vote and Observer Societies do not have the right to vote.

By-law 3: Voting Procedures

In accordance with Article 17 of the Articles, a General Meeting may be held that includes special resolutions to be voted on by the Representatives.

3.1 Method of Notification

The Charity shall use its best endeavours to ensure that detailed guidance is provided to Representatives prior to a General Meeting regarding the voting process, and voting platform that may be used, no later than 28 days prior to the date of the General Meeting.

The information provided to the Representative shall include the name and contact email address of the voting platform provider, a unique link to access the voting platform, username and password for the Representative, and details of the resolutions to be voted on during the General Meeting.

The voting platform provider may need to make direct contact with the Representative on the Charity's behalf regarding their account on the voting platform. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Representative to ensure that the voting platform provider's email address is added to their contacts/safe list to guarantee receipt of all important communications.

3.2 Proxies

In accordance with Article 20 of the Articles, the Representative may appoint a proxy for a General Meeting at least 48 hours prior to the time of the General Meeting.

At least one week prior to the General Meeting, the Representative shall be notified by the Charity (or the voting platform provider on its behalf) that the proxy process is available via the voting platform.

Following this notification, the Representative will be able to access the voting platform and assign a proxy or submit their vote in advance, including in the case of a fully virtual General Meeting.

Where a proxy is appointed, the Representative shall provide the name and email address of the proxy and must provide specific voting instructions in advance through the voting platform for each applicable resolution. The proxy shall cast the Representative's votes in accordance with those instructions and shall not amend, override or otherwise vary any votes or voting instructions submitted by the Representative, except as expressly provided for subsequent elimination voting rounds under this By-law.

The appointment of a proxy shall not prevent a Representative from submitting votes in advance through the voting platform, subject to the provisions of this By-law.

3.3 Advance Voting and Allocation of Votes

Representatives may submit their votes in advance through the voting platform, including where they do not intend to attend the General Meeting or appoint a proxy.

Where the voting method for a resolution permits, Representatives may split or allocate their votes across the available voting options in accordance with the applicable voting rules and the functionality of the voting platform.

Any votes submitted in advance through the voting platform shall be automatically cast in accordance with the Representative's submitted voting instructions, subject to the provisions of this By-law.

Where a Representative has submitted votes in advance and subsequently attends the General Meeting, any votes submitted by that Representative during the General Meeting shall be valid and shall replace the corresponding votes previously submitted in advance. Any previous votes on the same resolutions shall be discarded and shall not be counted more than once.

Where a Representative has appointed a proxy and submitted specific voting instructions in advance, those instructions shall govern the proxy's voting on the applicable resolutions, subject to the provisions relating to subsequent elimination voting rounds below.

3.4 Virtual Voting

When voting is required for a virtual General Meeting, it is recommended that Representatives:

- locate themselves somewhere quiet without potential for interruption; and
- have access to a laptop/desktop computer to access the voting platform.

Prior to the start of a virtual General Meeting, Representatives will be required to access their account via the link provided. When voting opens, resolutions will be shown on the Representative's account and Representatives will be able to submit their votes accordingly.

Once submitted, votes may be changed until the vote officially closes, subject to the applicable voting rules and any restrictions imposed on the voting platform. Where a Representative has submitted votes in advance on the voting platform prior to the meeting butand also attends the meeting, any votes submitted during the meeting shall replace the corresponding votes previously submitted in advance. will be valid and any previous votes will be discarded.

Representatives who do not attend the General Meeting and have not appointed a proxy may rely on their advance votes submitted through the voting platform. Such votes shall be automatically cast in accordance with the Representative's submitted instructions. However, where a resolution involves subsequent elimination voting rounds, the provisions set out below shall apply.

The Charity will provide guidance prior to the General Meeting on how the Representative can request support if they have any issues accessing the voting platform or submitting their vote.

3.5 Elimination Voting

For voting processes involving successive elimination rounds, including but not limited to the selection of a candidate city for the World Congress of Dermatology ("WCD"), a Representative may submit an advance vote for the first round only.

Where a Representative has appointed a proxy, the proxy shall have discretion to cast the Representative's votes in any subsequent elimination rounds for which the Representative has not submitted advance voting instructions. The proxy shall exercise this discretion only in respect of those subsequent rounds and shall not amend or vary the Representative's submitted first-round vote or any other voting instructions provided in advance.

For the avoidance of doubt, any votes cast by a proxy at their discretion in subsequent elimination rounds shall not be counted towards the results of those rounds on behalf of the Representative who appointed the proxy.

Where a Representative neither attends the General Meeting nor appoints a proxy, only their advance vote for the first elimination round shall be counted. No votes shall be cast or counted on behalf of that Representative in any subsequent elimination rounds.

All advance votes, proxy appointments and voting instructions must be submitted through the voting platform in accordance with the applicable deadlines and procedures established for the General Meeting.

In the event of any inconsistency between this By-law and the Articles or applicable law, the Articles and applicable law shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

By-law 4: Membership Fees

For the purpose of calculating Membership Fees, each Member will be assigned to an income level based on the most recent classicifications on the World Bank website. Where countries indicated as Lower Income or Lower Middle Income will fall under 'Lower' and Upper Middle Income and High Income will fall under 'Upper' in the table below.

		Income Level	
Membership class	**Number of fee-paying members**	**LOWER**	**UPPER**
Observer Society	n/a	US$100.00	US$200.00
Affiliated Society	n/a	US$150.00	US$250.00
Member Society	Up to 100 members	US$150.00	US$250.00
	101 or more members	US$150.00 plus US$1.25 per member over 100	US$250.00 plus US$1.75 per member over 100

Membership fee invoices are raised in accordance with Article 14 of the Articles and sent to Members in January each year. Payment terms for all membership invoices are strictly 30 days from the date of invoice.

In accordance with Article 15.1.4 of the Articles, where payment is three months overdue, membership may be terminated. Upon an invoice becoming three months overdue, an official Notice of Non-Payment ("Notice") shall be sent to the Member and details will be shared with the Board. If fees remain outstanding one month after the Notice has been issued, the Board will vote to approve the termination of membership.

By-law 5: Cessation of Membership

Members wishing to cease their membership in accordance with Article 15 of the Articles, must submit notice of such in writing to the Company Secretary.

The Company Secretary shall confirm receipt of such notice in writing within 10 working days and, if clarification has not been provided by the Member in the notice, the Company Secretary may request a reason for the cessation.

By-law 6: ILDS Regions

There are six (6) ILDS regions as shown below.

Region
North America (excluding Mexico and the Caribbean)
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)
Europe
Africa
West, South and Central Asia
East Asia, South-East Asia and Oceania

By-law 7: Notification of Representative

All Members are required to inform the Company Secretary of the name and contact details of their nominated Representative for voting via the membership application form (for new societies) or, for existing Members, via the member renewal form sent to all Members in December of each year. If the Member wishes to change the name of the Representative, they must notify the Company Secretary in writing no later than 60 days prior to a General Meeting. If the Society fails to inform the Company Secretary of their current voting Representative, this may result in the Member not being able to vote at General Meeting.

By-law 8: General Meetings

In accordance with Article 19 of the Articles, where a General Meeting is cancelled, postponed or has a change of venue, the Charity shall use its best endeavours to provide at least 28 days notice to its Members. However, there may be circumstances beyond the Charity's control ("Force Majeure") which may affect this notice period. In such circumstances, the Charity resolves to notify the Members as soon as possible.

By-law 9: Election of the Charity's President

In accordance with Article 30 of the Articles, the President of the Charity is elected and appointed every four (4) years to coincide with the year of a World Congress of Dermatology.

Any current Director of the Charity, who has not previously been appointed as President and is not due to end their term on the Board, may self-nominate to be considered for the role of President-Elect of the Charity (hereinafter referred to as the "Candidate").

To be considered, the Candidate must complete a nomination form with four questions by an agreed deadline which will then be reviewed by the current President, Secretary-General and Chief Executive Officer of the Charity to ensure all required information has been provided.

At the Board meeting prior to a WCD, each Candidate will be invited to give an oral presentation to the Board consisting of one hour divided by the number of candidates (up to a maximum of 10 minutes) with the presentation addressing the four questions only. The presentation may be aided by a maximum of two (2) PowerPoint slides at the discretion of the Candidate.

Comments from the Board will be limited to clarification of a specific point or for a particular statement to be repeated. Otherwise, there will be no additional questions. Other Candidates will not be present in the room during the presentations.

Secret ballot papers are then distributed to all eligible Directors (excluding Associate Directors), including the Candidates. Instructions on the procedures and completion of the ballot papers will be made verbally before voting.

Directors eligible to vote who cannot attend the meeting in person can vote if they can hear all the presentations (teleconference or video-link). The Chief Executive Officer may then telephone these Board Members to obtain their votes.

The Charity's Secretary General, Chief Executive Officer and Membership Lead will collect the votes and move to a separate room for the count.

In any election where three (3) or more Candidates are standing, the successful Candidate must receive at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes cast to be declared elected. If no Candidate receives fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes in the initial ballot, the Candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated from consideration, and a new ballot shall be conducted among the remaining candidates. This process shall continue until one Candidate receives at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes cast.

The Secretary-General will announce the result of the ballot and the winning Candidate will immediately assume the role of ILDS President-Elect.

During the first meeting of the new Board of Directors that takes place during the WCD, the President Elect will be presented to the Board. At this meeting, the appointment of the President-Elect as President must be approved by the Board.

The President will then nominate the Secretary-General and the Treasurer from the remaining Directors, whose appointment must then be approved by the Board.

The new President is then officially announced at the closing ceremony of the WCD.

By-law 10: Regional and International Director Nominations and Elections

In accordance with Article 26 of the Articles of Association, this By-law establishes the procedures for the nomination, shortlisting and election of Regional Directors and International Directors to the Charity's Board of Directors.

Director nominations and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the ILDS Articles of Association, applicable charity regulations and company law, and this By-law.

The purpose of the election process is to identify and elect suitably qualified individuals to fill available positions on the Board, ensuring appropriate geographical representation, diversity, expertise and experience to support the activities and objectives of the ILDS.

The Board may approve supplementary guidance, administrative procedures and election timetables consistent with this By-law. Such guidance shall not override the Articles of Association or the provisions of this By-law.

10.1 Membership Eligibility and Voting Rights

Eligibility to nominate candidates and vote in Director elections shall be determined by the membership category of the relevant ILDS Member organisation, in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Member Societies may nominate candidates for Regional Director positions within their respective regions and for International Director positions. Member Societies may vote in the nomination and election stages applicable to both categories of Director.

Affiliated Societies may nominate candidates for International Director positions and may vote in the applicable Regional Director and International Director elections at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM"). Affiliated Societies shall not be eligible to nominate candidates for Regional Director positions.

Observer Societies shall not be eligible to nominate candidates or vote in Director elections. Observer Societies may nominate a non-voting delegate to attend the AGM in an election year, in accordance with the applicable procedures.

An ILDS Member organisation must have paid its membership fees in full and be up to date with its financial obligations to the Charity in order to be eligible to submit nominations.

The Charity shall determine the applicable membership category of each organisation and its eligibility to nominate or vote by reference to the Articles of Association and the Charity's membership records.

10.2 Composition of the Board and Director Terms

In accordance with Article 24 of the Articles of Association, the Board shall comprise of elected Regional and International Directors and Appointed Directors.

There shall be two (2) Regional Directors from each of the six ILDS regions, subject to the provisions of the Articles of Association:

- Africa;
- East Asia, South East Asia and Oceania;
- Europe;
- Latin America, including Mexico and the Caribbean;
- North America, excluding Mexico and the Caribbean; and
- West, South and Central Asia.

The Board may include up to four (4) International Directors, whose purpose shall be to provide an appropriate balance of expertise, experience, diversity and representation on the Board.

The Board may also comprise of the following Appointed (ex officio) Directors who shall be approved at the first meeting of the Board in an election year:

- Immediate Past President of the ILDS Board

- President of the next World Congress of Dermatology
- Immediate Past President of the last World Congress of Dermatology
- Chair of the International Foundation for Dermatology

An individual may be nominated for both a Regional Director position and an International Director position, subject to the applicable nomination requirements for each position.

In accordance with Article 28.2 of the Articles of Association, elected Regional Directors and International Directors shall serve a term of eight (8) years, subject to the Articles of Association and any applicable provisions concerning retirement, re-election or cessation of office.

The Board may also include appointed or ex officio Directors where provided for in the Articles of Association. Such appointments shall not form part of the nomination and election procedures established by this By-law unless expressly provided otherwise.

10.4 General Nomination Requirements

Nominations shall be submitted exclusively through the online nomination form designated by the Charity, within the nomination period and by the deadline communicated to eligible Member organisations. Late nominations shall not be accepted.

Each nomination must be authorised by the Board of the nominating Member organisation. The individual submitting the nomination shall provide their name and confirm, through the prescribed process, that the nomination has been submitted with the full authority of that organisation's Board.

The nominating organisation must ensure that each proposed candidate:

i. has agreed to be nominated;

ii. is willing and able to undertake the responsibilities of an ILDS Board Director; and

iii. meets the applicable eligibility requirements established by the Articles of Association and this By-law.

Each nomination must include:

i. the candidate's title, given name, family name, email address, telephone number, nationality, year of birth and address;

ii. a recent headshot of the candidate;

iii. a curriculum vitae not exceeding one (1) A4 page;

iv. a supporting statement provided by the candidate;

v. information about the candidate's memberships of dermatological and related societies, not exceeding 200 words;

vi. information about the candidate's offices held and committee service, not exceeding 200 words; and

vii. a statement, not exceeding 200 words, describing the candidate's relevant experience and knowledge and their potential contribution to the activities of the ILDS.

The Charity may prescribe the format and additional administrative requirements for nomination submissions, provided that these remain consistent with this By-law.

The Charity shall make the list of eligible nominated candidates available to ILDS Member

organisations as soon as reasonably practicable following the nomination deadline.

10.5 Regional Director Nominations

Only Member Societies may nominate candidates for Regional Director positions.

Each eligible Member Society may nominate up to two (2) individuals for each available Regional Director vacancy within the region to which that Member Society belongs.

For each regional nomination submission, at least one nominated candidate must be from a country other than the country of the nominating Member Society.

The requirement in clause 5.3 shall not apply to Member Societies in the North America region, which comprises only two countries under the ILDS regional classification. Member Societies in that region may nominate two candidates from their own country.

The countries assigned to each region shall be determined by the ILDS regional classification published by the Charity.

Regional Director nominations shall be submitted through the designated online nomination form within the period communicated by the Charity. Nominations received after the prescribed deadline shall not be accepted.

10.6. First-Round Voting and Shortlisting of Regional Directors

Following the close of the nomination period, the Charity shall make the list of Regional Director candidates available to eligible Member organisations.

Member Societies shall be invited to participate in the first-round voting process through the designated online voting form.

Each eligible Member Society may vote for up to three (3) candidates for each Regional Director vacancy, in accordance with the voting instructions issued by the Charity.

Where only three (3) nominations are received for a particular region, those three candidates shall automatically be shortlisted, without the need for a first-round vote.

Where more than three candidates are nominated for a region, the three (3) candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes in the first-round voting process shall be shortlisted for election at the AGM.

First-round votes must be submitted through the designated online voting form by the prescribed deadline. Late votes shall not be accepted.

The individual submitting the first-round vote on behalf of a Member Society must provide their name and confirm that the vote has been authorised by the Board of the relevant Member Society.

The Charity shall notify Member organisations when the shortlist of Regional Director candidates is available for review before the final election at the AGM.

10.7 International Director Nominations

Member Societies and Affiliated Societies may nominate candidates for International

Director positions. Observer Societies shall not be eligible to submit such nominations.

Each eligible Member Society or Affiliated Society may nominate up to two (2) individuals for each available International Director vacancy, with the candidates drawn from two different countries.

At least one candidate must be from a country other than that of the nominating Member Society or Affiliated Society.

All International Director nominations must be submitted through the designated online nomination form within the nomination period and by the deadline communicated by the Charity. Late nominations shall not be accepted.

Each International Director nomination must satisfy the general nomination requirements set out in clause 4 of this By-law.

Following the nomination deadline, the Charity shall make the list of International Director candidates available to ILDS Member organisations as soon as reasonably practicable.

10.8 Shortlisting of International Director Candidates

Following the election of Regional Directors at the first session of the General Meeting in an election year, the Board shall review the list of eligible nominated International Director candidates.

In selecting the shortlist, the Board shall take into account:

i. the skills, expertise and experience required to support the activities of the ILDS;

ii. the geographical representation of the Regional Directors elected at the AGM;

iii. the need for an appropriate balance of representation and diversity across the Board; and

iv. the overall composition and governance needs of the Board.

The Board shall select a shortlist of three (3) candidates for each available International Director vacancy.

The shortlist shall be presented during the second session of the General Meeting in an election year for the final election by eligible Representatives of Member Societies and Affiliated Societies.

10.9 Election of Directors at the General Meeting

The final election of Regional Directors shall take place at the General Meeting, following the completion of the applicable nomination and shortlisting procedures.

Eligible Representatives of Member Societies and Affiliated Societies shall be entitled to vote in the final election of Regional Directors, in accordance with the Articles of Association and the applicable voting procedures.

For each available Regional Director vacancy, the shortlisted candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to that position.

The final election of International Directors shall take place at the second session of the General Meeting following the Board's selection of the shortlist.

Eligible Representatives of Member Societies and Affiliated Societies shall be entitled to vote in the final election of International Directors, in accordance with the Articles of Association and the applicable voting procedures.

For each available International Director vacancy, the shortlisted candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to that position.

The conduct of voting at the General Meeting, including advance voting, proxy appointments, voting instructions and any applicable electronic voting arrangements, shall be governed by the By-law 3 Voting Procedures and the Articles.

Where two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes for a position and the equality affects the outcome of the election, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the Articles of Association or, where permitted, a procedure approved by the Board before the election takes place.

10.10 Candidate Eligibility and Responsibilities

In considering nominations, nominating organisations and candidates should take into account the candidate's international activities, reputation and experience, including international leadership, scientific achievement, experience in congress matters and contributions to dermatology.

Candidates must be able to understand and speak English, which is the official language of ILDS meetings.

Candidates must have the legal standing and capacity to fulfil the financial and fiduciary responsibilities of an ILDS Board Director.

Candidates must be able to commit the necessary time and effort to attend Board meetings and participate in the ongoing work of the ILDS, including committee work, conference calls and the preparation of position papers.

Successful candidates shall be expected to attend the first meeting of the incoming Board and other official ILDS meetings as scheduled.

Board Directors shall not receive remuneration for their service. Travel and accommodation expenses for attendance at one ILDS Board meeting per year shall be borne by the ILDS in accordance with the Board Travel and Expenses Policy. Other official meetings, vaccination costs, visa costs and insurance costs shall be subject to the applicable ILDS policies and arrangements.

Candidates must not serve on a WCD Bidding Committee for a candidate city while serving on the ILDS Board.

The Board should consider gender diversity, geographical balance, experience in WCD matters and the range of skills and expertise required to support the effective governance of the Charity when reviewing candidates and the composition of the Board.

On completion of a Director's term, the Director may be offered lifetime status as a member of the ILDS Emeritus Council at the discretion of the Board. The Emeritus Council shall serve in an honorary and advisory capacity to the Board.

10.11 Election Conduct and Communications

Individuals representing nominating Member organisations shall not directly contact

members of the Board regarding candidates or seek to influence the Board's consideration of nominees, except for communications concerning practical matters such as time commitments. Lobbying of the Board may result in the disqualification of a candidate.

During the nomination period, candidates shall not engage in election-related communications, except for individual personal communications with colleagues, until the Charity has announced the list of candidates.

Following the announcement of candidates, individuals may disseminate information in support of candidates, and candidates may participate in social media discussions, subject to this By-law.

Current Board Directors shall not participate in candidate-support communications.

All election-related communications must be respectful and must not criticise, defame or denigrate other candidates.

Candidates shall not fund, or request others to finance, election-related communications in support of their candidacy.

Candidates may include links to the official ILDS election webpage in their election-related communications.

Candidates and individuals supporting candidates shall not include electioneering content in educational, scientific or clinical presentations or interviews.

Candidates and individuals supporting candidates shall not distribute items intended to promote a candidate, including flyers, gifts or badges.

10.12 Compliance and Disqualification

By submitting a nomination, the nominating Member organisation and the candidate shall be deemed to accept and agree to comply with the applicable election procedures and conduct requirements set out in this By-law.

Failure to comply with the nomination requirements or election conduct provisions may result in a candidate being excluded from further consideration.

Any decision to exclude a candidate shall be made by the Board or another body authorised under the Articles of Association, in accordance with the applicable governance requirements.

The Charity shall communicate the applicable nomination and election requirements to eligible Member organisations and candidates and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that those requirements are applied consistently.

10.13 Election Timetable and Administrative Arrangements

For each election cycle, the Charity shall publish an election timetable specifying the nomination opening date, nomination deadline, first-round voting period where applicable, publication of shortlists and dates of the relevant General Meeting election sessions.

The timetable shall be communicated to eligible Member organisations with sufficient notice to allow nominations and votes to be submitted within the prescribed deadlines.

The Charity may establish online forms, voting platforms, candidate information pages and administrative procedures necessary to implement this By-law.

Election-specific matters, including the number of vacancies, the candidates eligible for each position and the applicable timetable, shall be published by the Charity for each election cycle and shall be consistent with the Articles of Association and this By-law.

By-law 11: Selection of the Host City for the World Congress of Dermatology

The location of the WCD shall be selected by the eligible voting Members of the Charity at the General Meeting that takes place during a WCD, in accordance with the Articles of Association, these By-laws and the WCD guidelines approved by the ILDS Board for that particular cycle.

The selection process shall be conducted fairly and transparently, with appropriate safeguards for the integrity and confidentiality of the ballot.

The ILDS Board shall establish and publish the detailed bidding, assessment and voting procedures in advance of each selection, provided that such procedures shall not conflict with the Articles of Association or these By-Laws.

By-law 12: Governance

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure all scenarios have been covered in the Articles and By-laws, the Charity recognises that unexpected situations may arise that may not have been explicitly addressed. In this instance, in order to maintain transparency and efficiency and provide a structured approach to discussion and decision-making, the Charity shall default to Robert's Rules of Order.