

# The Irish Gerontological Society

## Constitution

1. The name of the society is the Irish Gerontological Society, hereinafter called the Society.
2. The object of the Society is the study of ageing and related subjects and the promotion of a better understanding by the general public of ageing and related issues.
3. The object of the Society shall be attained by:
  - a) The presentation and discussion of the research of its members and the timely publication of such research.
  - b) Participation individually and as a body in international conferences on ageing.
  - c) Such other methods as may be decided by the Executive Committee and endorsed by the Society at its annual meeting.
4. The Society shall be composed of ordinary members and associate members
5. The following shall be eligible for ordinary membership:
  - a) Academic staff of universities or similar institutions involved in the study of ageing
  - b) Health and Social Care professionals engaged in service delivery to older people
  - c) Those involved in the promotion of advocacy for older people
  - d) Such other persons as the Society shall admit.
6. The following shall be eligible for associate membership:
  - a) Academic staff of universities or similar institutions, outside of Ireland and the UK, involved in the study of ageing
  - b) Health and Social Care professionals, outside of Ireland and the UK, engaged in service delivery to older people.
  - c) Students in health and social care professions engaged in service delivery to older people
  - d) Such other persons as the Society shall admit.
7. Candidates for ordinary membership shall be proposed and seconded by two ordinary members whose application shall be considered by the committee and if approved shall be submitted to the Society for election.
8. The Society shall have an Executive Committee and a Scientific Committee.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and four persons elected from and by the ordinary members. The membership of the Executive Committee should include at least one each of the following disciplines: Geriatric Medicine, Nursing associated with care of older people, Psychiatry of Old Age, Psychology of Ageing, Social Gerontology and the Therapies associated with rehabilitation of older people. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the members for the conduct of the affairs of the Society. Three members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum for its meetings. The

Committee shall be elected at the AGM. The maximum term of office shall be three years and the Officer elections should be staggered to ensure continuity in running the business of the Society.

9. The IGS Scientific Committee of the IGS will report to the Executive Committee and consist of the Honorary Officers ex-officio, three representatives of the host institution of the annual scientific meeting and up to three other members who can be co-opted. The Scientific Committee will be responsible for the planning and execution of the Annual Scientific Meeting and ensuring high scientific standards and timely publication of the abstracts.
10. The AGM of the Society will be held within one calendar month of 1<sup>st</sup> October each year. At least 2 weeks notice, in writing, of this meeting shall be given to each member by the Secretary. The Officers of the Society shall submit their reports to the members at this meeting.
11. The constitution can only be altered at an Annual General Meeting or at an extraordinary general meeting specifically convened on receipt of the written request of forty members of the Society. Any proposed alteration shall be circulated to all registered members of the Society at least 3 weeks before the meeting and shall not take effect unless approved by the formal vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.
12. An extraordinary general meeting shall be convened on the written request of 20 members of the Society for the purpose of discussing a particular subject or subjects, other than anything concerning the IGS constitution. At least fourteen days' notice in writing of an EGM shall be given to all registered members.
13. Ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held as decided by the Executive Committee. Fourteen days notice of such meetings shall be sent to every registered member by the Secretary.
14. The annual membership subscription shall be payable on or before the date of the AGM each year. Members who are more than two years in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned but may be reinstated on payment of arrears and the subscription for the current year.
15. The amount of the annual subscription shall be determined by the Executive Committee and endorsed by the Society at the AGM.
16. The amount of the registration fee for the annual scientific meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
17. The Society shall affiliate with national and international organizations dedicated to the study of ageing and advocacy for older people when this is recommended by the Executive Committee and endorsed by the Society at the AGM. The Society is a member of the International Association of Gerontology.