

BY -LAWS OF the INTERAMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY

CHAPTER 1

NAME, NATURE, MISSION, HEADQUARTERS, and OBJECTIVE

ARTICLE 1st

NAME

The Association will be named Interamerican College of Radiology followed by the words Asociación Civil (Civil Association), or the initials A.C.

ARTICLE 2nd

NATURE

The Interamerican College of Radiology, Asociación Civil simply identified by the initials CIR hereafter, is a non profit Organization established in the performance of the second resolution of the last record of the First Interamerican Congress of Radiology, celebrated in 1943 in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina acceptor of national Scientific Radiological Associations and other types of diagnosis by representation, (societies, associations, federations, colleges, and others), hereafter National Associations, associations from the American Continent and from other countries outside the same, connected by science, language and cultural ties. CIR is, in its totality, a non-political body, and will not discriminate against any economic, ethnic, religious or any other kind of nature that offends human dignity.

Associations bound to the areas of diagnosis by representation, radiology techniques, radiant therapy, physics, biology, etc. may affiliate themselves to the CIR with the rights and duties noted by the Assembly and without being entitled to vote.

National Associations located outside the American Continent that meets the contents of Clause 1, may be fully incorporated to CIR and may acquire the authority to speak and vote, with previous Approval from the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 3rd

MISSION

The Interamerican College of Radiology, assembles Radiologists and Specialists, for the benefit of health, through the academic, scientific and professional quality and excellence of its associates.

ARTICLE 4th

CIR will have its headquarters in Mexico City, Mexico.

ARTICLE 5th

CIR's objectives are:

a) To promote the affiliation of all National Associations and scientific and technological exchange between them.

b) To promote the foundation of National Associations in countries where they do not exist.

c) To promote, support and stimulate the development and perfection of the specialty in all its aspects, contributing to the integral improvement of health.

d) To establish curricular criteria, to promote the development of postgrade programs, and propitiate the accreditation and certification of the specialty in each member country, by the competent authority.

e) To promote and defend the interests of the National Associations and their members based on ethical principles.

f) To promote the development of their own publications or of each of the National Associations', by exercising any form of methodology that contributes to the exchange and transfer of knowledge and information.

g) To celebrate Interamerican Congresses, and promote national, regional, international congresses and other activities.

ARTICLE 6th

To accomplish CIR objectives the following is proposed:

a) To work in a coordinated manner with the affiliated National Associations, respecting their autonomy.

b) To act as an adviser, orientator and normative agent, taking up on issues of interest whenever it seems necessary or when required by its members.

c) To promote acceptance, cooperation and exchange agreements with medical, scientific or technical entities.

CHAPTER 2 OF THE MEMBERS ARTICLE 7th

The CIR: is integrated by the National Associations mentioned in Article 2, of this CIR By laws. Each country will be represented by one entity. Countries that count with more than one association will decide among them who will obtain the national representation. Whenever accordance can not be reached, the situation will be exposed to the CIR's Executive Board, which will present it before the General Assembly for its resolution.

In countries where a National Association is not existent, and if in existence is not affiliated to CIR, individual members may be accepted.

ARTICLE 8th

CIR members may be:

a) Active: Active members are the founder associates and the National Associations affiliated to CIR that comply with this statute and maintain their quota up to date and the specialist members affiliated recognized by the Associations.

b) Associates. Associated Members are specialists related to areas of imagining diagnostic, radiology technicians, radiant therapies, physics, and biologists etc, that request it through National Associations affiliated to CIR. They will not have the right to vote or hold a position in the Board of Directors and they must pay a fee as individual members.

c) Honorary. Honorary Members are those professionals that by their scientific merits or outstanding contribution to the development of radiology will merit this distinction. The election of the Honorary Members is a privilege of the Board of Directors. The former CIR presidents, with prior approval of the Board of Directors, may be promoted to this category. Those who receive this recognition maintain their rights and will not have to pay a fee.

d) Individual. Individual Members are the specialists from countries where a National Association does not exist and are accepted as individual members by the Board of Directors. They will not have the right to vote or hold a position, but they may participate in the Committees and Commissions, and they must be up to date with their fees.

e) Benefactors. Benefactor Members are the legal or natural persons who give technical and/or financial support to the CIR. Their designation requires the Board of Directors' approval.

ARTICLE 9th

National Associations that request to become CIR members and to remain in it must fulfil the following requirements:

a) Have common goals with CIR.

b) Must accept the CIR By Laws in writing.

c) Name a Counselor and an alternate Counselor correspondent to the CIR By Laws.

d) Make a formal conveyance to the General Secretary of the affiliated member directory and keep an updated database.

e) Contribute with its ordinary annual fee defined by the Assembly according to the number of active members; fulfill the By Laws, and the extraordinary fees the Assembly may vote for.

f) Present an annual calendar of its scientific, social and cultural events to the CIR Secretary, for the CIR knowledge and give support to spread the word.

g) Offer permanent space in its publishing instrument to publish CIR information.

h) Assist through their Counselors' to the Ordinary and extraordinary Sessions, convoked by the Council Members or the General Assembly.

i) Inform their members of the CIR Activities and the resolutions taken at the General Assembly.

j) The affiliated National Society may print, in all their official documentation, its condition as member of the CIR.

CHAPTER 3

OF THE GOVERNMENT, ORGANIZATION AND DIRECTION

ARTICLE 10th

The organization and direction of CIR corresponds to the General Assembly and the Council Board as follows:

a) The Board of Directors is the main organism of the Association and is constituted by its founder associates and a Counselor of each of the National Societies admitted. The National Association of each country has the right to one vote.

b) The General Assembly will have at least one ordinary meeting per year and when necessary, in an extraordinary manner.

c) Every two years, during the Inter-American Congresses of Radiology, an Ordinary General Assembly with electoral character will be held, it must have at least two sessions and will be the one in charge to choose the Elect President and the new member of the meeting. In addition the new Board of directors will take possession of their new charges. The place and date will be communicated to the Advisors at least forty five days before their accomplishment.

d) By request of the Board of Directors, the majority of the Assembly, or a group of five National Associations, may convoke to an Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting. It must be announced at least sixty five days prior to the meeting; and place, date, time and agenda must be given.

d) The *quorum* for an ordinary or extraordinary session requires the presence or duly proven representation of half of the advisors plus one. In case there is no *quorum*, a second summon will be hold an hour later, with those advisors present.

e) The founder associates and the national associations that may not be present, in Ordinary or Extraordinary sessions, may delegate their vote to an official counselor like a member of the Board of Directors or the CIR President; the member unable to attend shall complete a Transfer of Proxy form provided by the Secretariat. The Secretariat must receive this document prior to the beginning of the session.

f) At the Ordinary and Extraordinary Sessions the following will be present: Board of Directors members, Advisors of the National Associations, Coordinators of the Commissions, convoked Committees and Departments, administrative and support personnel indicated by the Board of Directors and guests previously authorized by the General Assembly or the Board of Directors.

g) Alter Advisors may attend the Assembly and may vote only when they attend in the absence of the Official Counselor and are previously authorized with a Transfer of Proxy and received at the Secretariat prior the beginning of the Assembly.

h) Sessions of the Ordinary General Assembly, which include election matters in the Agenda, will occur at least twice, and will be held in the following way:

In the first session the Agenda will be:

I. The Secretary will inform if there are enough quorums according to section "e" of Article 10, if there is enough, the Session will be held and the Agenda will be submitted into the Assembly's consideration.

II. Presentation and approval of the Treasury, Commissions, Departments and President's reports to the Board of Directors must be included.

III. The Secretary will inform on the candidacies received for the position into elect president and new member into the meeting.

IV. To select the Electoral Committee which will be formed by three elected members of the assembly and only for this purpose and which function will be limited to validate or impugn the nominations of the candidates if they meet the established requirements, and will study the eligibility of the candidates and present their report in the second session.

V. The secretary will inform about the applications received from the National Associations to hold the next Congress and an alternate place. The applications must fulfil the Congresses Rules.

In the second session the agenda will be:

I. The Secretary will verify if there are enough quorums in agreement with letter "e", Article 10. If sufficient, the Assembly is opened and the Electoral Committee is read about the eligibility of the candidates.

If there are not enough quorums, a second meeting will be convoked half an hour later, carrying out the meeting with those present.

II. The counselors vote to choose the elected president.

When there is more than one candidacy, elections by secret ballot will take place.

If there is equal number of votes, a second voting will take place between the first two who obtained the majority votes, without taking into consideration the other candidates. If equal number of votes arises, voting will continue until a majority results.

III. The advisors vote for the new member of the board of directors. If there is a tie a second voting will proceed with those who obtained majority, without considering the other candidates. In case of persisting tie, voting will continue until securing majority.

IV. Votes to choose place and dates to hold the next Congress take place and an alternate place.

V. The new Board of Directors takes charge.

ARTICLE 11th

The General Assembly will have the next functions:

- a) Watch over the fulfillment of CIR's By Laws and objectives.
- b) Promote and approve the incorporation of new members.
- c) Approve and modify the agenda and procedures of the Ordinary and extraordinary Sessions.
- d) Vote to elect the President-elect.
- e) Nominate members for the Electoral Committee.
- f) Study and approve the reports from the Presidency, Treasury and Secretary's office.
- g) Propose and approve By Laws.
- h) Approve the budget and any other extraordinary expense requested by the President.
- i) Any other matter of its competence.

Article 12th

Of the Advisors.

a) Each country will name two advisors, one nominal and a substitute. The nominal counselor will preferably be the President of the National Association and the substitute will preferably be the President-Elect or the Vice-President.

b) The Nominal Counselor will carry this responsibility, during the time in which he/she holds the function of President of the National Association. The substitute Counselor may become nominal Counselor in case he/she rises to President of the National Association. If by reasons of the National Association's By Laws the charge falls on another person, the maximum length of his/her representation before CIR will be of two years, renewable only once.

c) The nominal and substitute Counselors duly appointed, will last two years in their charge, this will be composed between one Interamerican Congress and the following.

d) The Board of Directors may request the Counselor's substitution that does not attend the meetings or to their judgement is not interested in the Colleague's issues.

The Counselor's rights and obligations are:

I) Participate, with voice and vote, in the CIR Assemblies and may be elected to direction positions.

II) Perform the Charges and Commissions the CIR Assembly or the Board of Directors inutes.

III) Be a CIR representative in his origin country and before the National Association.

IV) Guarantee the requests of recognition for the members of their countries.

V) Send professional scientific works of their countries to the diffusion instruments.

VI. Annually send the calendar of the activities of its National Association to the CIR Board of Directors.

VII. It is responsibility of the advisor to look after the annual fee of the National Association represented before the CIR Treasury no later than March thirty first of every year.

VIII) Send annually, to the Secretary, the updated directory of the people who comprise his membership.

CHAPTER 4th

OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Article 13rd

I. The Board of directors will be integrated by a President, an elect President, two members and five Vice-presidents. Its mandate will extend by a period of two years, between two Inter-American Congresses of Radiology. The positions of secretary and treasurer will be assigned to the members of the board of directors. Every two years an elect President and a member will be elected, who will be members of the board by two periods equivalent to four years. During the first period the elect President will act in this position with the functions and obligations that correspond to him in this regulation. During the second period he will carry out like President of the ICR with his duties and attributions. Each member will act for two periods of two years each, for a total of four years like member of the meeting. In each one of the periods he will be able to hold the positions of Secretary or treasurer, according to the assignments of the board of directors during the second election session.

TRANSITORY PARAGRAPH

For the implementation of the configuration of the new board of directors and its electoral mechanism it will be considered like transient period and by a single time, the first period of two years, immediate to the approval of this reform. During that period the board of directors will be constituted by the President, the secretary and the treasurer chosen in the assembly of year 2008 to assume their positions during period 2010-2012. In addition the elect President and the member elected during the 2010 assembly. Also the Vice-president elected will be part of the meeting term.

II. The Board of Directors and CIR Administration will meet at least twice a year to deliberate on the operation and all matters related to the CIR. The first will be obligatory in the days prior to the Ordinary General Assembly of the Radiological Society of North America. The site of the meeting and duration will be determined by the President, based on the necessities. The second one will coincide with the Interamerican Congress of Radiology in the even years and with some Course or Congress of the National Societies, where the members can relate to the local radiologists and increase the bilateral relations. The National Societies will facilitate and within their capabilities they will support these encounters. Per the President's judgement other meetings may be held as necessary.

Article 14th

Vice-Presidents will represent each of the five CIR's regions.

- a) Northern Region: Canada, United States of America and Mexico.
- b) Central American Region: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panamá.
- c) Insular and Iberian Region: Cuba, Puerto Rico, Haití, Dominican Republic and Spain.
- d) Bolivarian Region: Venezuela, Colombia, Perú, Ecuador and Bolivia.
- e) Southern Region: Argentina, Brasil, Paraguay Chile and Uruguay.

These regions may grow and allow the entry of other countries that may join the CIR in the future.

Article 15th

The postulation of candidates for Elect President and member will be done in the following form:

- a) The Secretary General, must inform to the members with one hundred and twenty days of anticipation to the date of the Ordinary session of the General Assembly, the opening of the electoral period and registry of candidates for the positions and to close this period and the reception of candidacies, forty and five days before the date of the Assembly.
- b) The nomination may be done by the Counselors of any of the CIR country members with the authorization, in writing, of the National Association represented, which must be updated in its obligations with the CIR.
- c). The candidate to become elect President or member of the meeting must be an active member of the National Association or Society that represents his/her country before the ICR and must have had collaborated previously with the ICR like Advisor, member of the Board of Directors, or in some

commission during at least two years.

d) The candidate to the position of President Elect will have to show his acceptance in writing, to enclose his plan of work and curriculum vitae.

e) The positions of Secretary General and Treasurer will be defined during the second session of the electoral assembly between the two members of the meeting different from the President, the elect president and the vice-presidents. The mechanism will be by agreement or decided by ballot; by voting among the members of the meeting different to the members.

Article 16th

Of the taking of possession and the Board of directors.

I. At the end of the second ordinary session of the General Assembly with electoral character, the salient President will impose Venera to the incoming President, make delivery of the ceremonial bow and will request to the members of the New Board of directors to take oath before the Assembly.

II. The salient General Secretary will make delivery of certainties of appointment to each one of the members of the new Board of directors.

Article 17th

Of the Consultative Council of Ex-presidents.

It will be formed by the five last active presidents and will coordinate with the former President. It will advice to the Board of directors of its requirement and will be able to carry out specific actions when the Board of directors or the Assembly requests it. They will be able to attend the Assembly and have voice, but non-vote.

CHAPTER 5

Of the Competence

Article 18th

It is competence of the Board of directors.

- a) To guard the fulfillment of the Statutes and Regulations.
- b) To execute the resolutions of General Assembly and its own ones.
- c) To present the General Assembly, complete information of its activities.
- d) To guard the due operation of the College and to hire the necessary personnel to achieve this.
- e) To cause the development of agreements with international organizations, societies or federations, with objectives similar to the College and as a result obtain mutual benefits for the development of the specialty. These agreements will be refrained by the General Assembly at the correspondent moment.
- f) To evaluate and to determine sanctions.
- g) To use and to watch the good march of the contracted administrative services.

Article 19th

It is competence of the President.

- a) To supervise the activities of the College, according to its statutes, to guard by its development and to even represent it in all its acts in legal processes.
- b) To administer the patrimony of the CIR.
- c) To summon for Ordinary and Extraordinary sessions.
- d) To preside over the General meetings of Board of directors and Assemblies.
- e) To represent the CIR, being presided over Congresses, seminars, conferences, solemn sessions or scientific events, when he/she is invited by the sponsored organizations.
- f) To sign with the Treasurer, all economic and financial documents.
- g) To coordinate with the General Secretary the administrative part of the Board of directors.
- h) To grant, when it is necessary, representation for specific aims.
- i) To inform the President Elect, of all the activities that the College makes.
- j) To prohibit to the members of the Board of Directors, to solicit in the CIR's name, banking credits and sign bonds or guarantees to their own benefit or third parties.
- k) To stay in permanent contact with the services that had been contracted to administer the CIR, to order the actions that procede for the performance of its functions, to meet with the necessary regularity and to

permanently evaluate the results of the undertaken actions.

l) To guard so that the expenses of the CIR adjust to the authorized annual budget by the Assembly.

m) The President will be granted the following powers and faculties:

A. General Power for Lawsuits and Collection, in the terms of Article two thousand five hundred and fifty four, paragraph first of the Civil Code for the Federal District and its correlative of the Civil Codes of the other Federal Organizations, reason why declaratively and not limited, but without being able to make cession of goods, will have the following faculties:

I. To try and stop all types of procedures, inclusively Corpus Juris.

II. To settle disputes.

III. To compromise in adjudge.

IV. In order to articulate and to answer interrogatories.

V. Decline admission.

VI. To receive payments.

VII. To foretell complaints, in legal matters and to cease them if the law allows it.

B. Power of attorney for acts of administration in the terms of the paragraph second of the mentioned Article two thousand five hundred and fifty four of the Civil Code of reference and its correlative of the Civil Codes of the other Federal Organizations.

C. Power of attorney in labor matter with expressed faculties to articulate and to answer interrogatories in agreement with Article seven hundred and eighty six of the Federal Working law, with faculties to administer the labor relations and to conciliate in agreement with Articles eleven and eight hundred and seventy six fractions first and sixth of the mentioned law, as well as to appear in judgment in the terms of the fractions first, second and third of Article six hundred and ninety two and eight hundred and seventy eight of the mentioned law.

D) Power to grant and subscribe credit titles, under the terms of Article ninth, of the General Law of Titles and Credit Operations.

E. To be able to grant general or special powers and to revoke others.

F. The faculties referred to in the previous clauses will exercise before individuals and all class of Administrative or Judicial Authorities, including Federal or Local condition, and before the Meetings of Conciliation and Arbitration, Local or Federal Working Authorities.

Article 20th

It is competence of the President Elect.

a) To assist the President in all matters required.

b) To take the President's representation whenever it is required, in case of permanent disability to finish the period of his mandate.

c) To assume the Presidency of the period for which he was elected, whenever it has fulfilled his functions and the Assembly ratifies it.

d) If there were impediments so that President Elect took possession: The President in function will continue exerting the position, and summoned to extraordinary session, in a nongreater term of ninety days, to choose the new President.

e) President Elect will enjoy the following powers and faculties:

A. General Power for lawsuit and collection, in the terms of Article two thousand five hundred and fifty four, first paragraph of the Civil Code for the Federal District and its correlative ones of the Civil Codes of the other Federal Organizations, reason why declaratively and not limitatively, but without making cession of goods, will have the following faculties:

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ARTICLE 21st

It is competence of the Vice-presidents.

- a) To represent and help the president in his activities in the corresponding regions.
- b) Carry out specific attributions and functions that are requested or granted by the president.
- c) To serve as a link between the National Associations, which comprise their region, to the CIR's Board of directors.
- d) To attend the Meetings of the Board of Directors and to participate actively in them in the subject that is incumbent on to their respective regions.
- e) To execute the charges of the President.

Article 22nd

It is competence of the General Secretary.

- a) To supervise and to orient the activities of the secretariat or the administrative office of the CIR particularly the effectiveness of the process of communication between the members and the correct file of documents and correspondence.
 - b) To elaborate with the President the report of activities of the Board of Directors to be presented before the General Assembly.
 - c) To sign with the President, Acts of Ordinary or Extraordinary Sessions.
 - d) To sign with the President, diplomas extended to its members.
- e) To receive, to register, to give the correct direction and to give pursuit to the information coming from the Board of Directors, the Commissions, Committees and Departments, until the conclusion of the processes referred to safe guard the correct file of the documentation.

ARTICLE 23rd

Of the Treasurer.

- a) To supervise the financial currency of the CIR and to promote the increase of its capital.
- b) To sign checks and financial documents that the President authorizes.
- c) To coordinate the economic-financial relationships between CIR and affiliates Associations, looking for the best fulfillment of the annual fees.
- d) To prepare an annual financial report of the college's movement, to be presented to the Executive Board and the Board of Directors.
- e) To elaborate with the Administration and the President the annual budget of income and disbursements and present it for its approval to the Assembly.
- f) To put under the consideration of the Assembly the amount of the annual fee of the National Associations and the individual partners.
- g) To safe guard the convenient payments of the annual fees of the National Associations, to emit the necessary requirements for its collection and to inform the President in case irregularities arise.

CHAPTER 6

Electoral Committee and Elections.

Article 24th

The Electoral Committee will work between the First and Second session of the Assembly, will be

designated by the Advisors during the first Session and will be constituted by three members that represent the regions of the CIR, excluding the regions from the National Associations to which the aspiring to the presidency belong.

Its function will be to analyze the candidacies for the election of the elect President and the new member and to give a report on the eligibility of the candidates during the Second Ordinary Session. The elections will proceed immediately.

CHAPTER 7th Of the Commissions and Departments

Article 25th

The Commissions of the CIR may be permanent or temporary. These last ones created with specific aim and limited, agreed duration with the necessities of each Board of directors.

The permanent commissions are:

- a) International relations.
- b) Statutes and regulations.
- c) Publications.
- d) Education.
- e) Prizes.
- f) Bioethics.

The commissions will be governed by an Internal Procedure approved by the Assembly, will be presided over by a coordinator named by the Board of Directors and a maximum of four members, proposed by the coordinator and approved by the Board of Directors. The Coordinator is responsible for the management of his commission. During three years in their positions, being indicated in their appointment the year of completion of their charge and they could be re-elected or be replaced, at any time, by resignation or to the criteria of the Board of directors. They will have to present an annual report of their activities and they will not be able to subscribe agreements of any nature, in name of the CIR without the approval of the Board of directors unless considered necessary, by the General Assembly.

The Commissions that to criterion of their coordinator require it, will be able to propose additional people to carry out specific tasks, their appointment and duration will be subject to what is established in the previous paragraph.

ARTICLE 26th

Commission of International Relations

The Commission of International Relations, will advise the Board of Directors in this respect, and to its specific request, will be able to represent the CIR, before private international or governmental organisms.

ARTICLE 27th

Commission of Statutes and Regulations.

The Commission of Statutes and Regulations will guard the fulfillment of these principles and will evaluate possible modifications.

ARTICLE 28th

Publication Commission.

The Publication Commission will be in charge of spreading the scientific production of the CIR members and of the official information authorized by the Assembly and/or the Board of Directors, by means of magazines, bulletins or electronic means available and will propose to the Board of Directors the pertinent mechanisms of action and will ask for the necessary budget. To accomplish this, additional committees may be created, one for each publication. The Director of each committee will be named Editor and the members will be able to be appointed as copublishers.

ARTICLE 29th

Commission of Education

The Commission of Education will take care of all subjects related to education, criteria, norms,

certifications and accreditation of programs of continuous medical education in the different specialties.

It will have to look for means to facilitate the training and exchange between students and professionals, having to:

- a) Maintain updated census of training centers
- b) Manage the obtaining of scholarships
- c) Develop body of professors' lecturers, ready to travel to all the countries that form the CIR.
- d) Elaborate a minimal curriculum, for the education of the specialty at level of pre and post degree promoting, by means of National Associations its use in all the training centers.
- e) Elaborate and to spread, minimum norms of radiological safety and to impel its knowledge and use.
- f) Support the Board of directors in the planning, organization and execution of all type of scientific activities, including, congresses, courses, meetings, etc.
- g) Evaluate, coordinate and distribute educative materials and cause its elaboration.

ARTICLE 30th

Commission of Prizes

The Commission of Prizes will inform in detail to the members on the prizes that the CIR offers, and will invite to propose candidates.

When receiving proposals, within the parameters established in the specific regulation, will evaluate them, judge them and will present them to the Board of Directors, who will in turn present them to the General Assembly for approval.

ARTICLE 31st

Commission of Bioethics

It is its competency to watch over the development of the international norms for the good practice of general medicine and of radiology particularly, to elaborate norms, recommendations and codes of Bioethics destined to the members of the CIR, which will have to be put under consideration of the General Assembly and those that are approved will acquire the status of norms, recommendations and official codes of the CIR.

ARTICLE 32nd

Of the Departments

The CIR will be able to create departments that have the objective to favor the development of specific areas in the different specialties of radiology or for administrative aims or of diffusion.

The Departments will be constituted by a Coordinator named by the Board of Directors and four members named by the Coordinator. Its function is to propose to the Board of Directors useful actions to develop the task for which they were created, to put under their approval the plan of annual work, to implement the actions and to manage the sponsorships that are approved to them, and will be able to propose and to select the necessary collaborators. The Coordinator will have to attend all work related meetings to which he/she is summoned by the Board of Directors and every six months he/she will inform in writing to the General Secretary the results obtained. The Board of Directors will offer the logistical support and necessary budget according to the technical and economic possibilities.

CHAPTER 8

Of Prizes and Honorary Titles.

ARTICLE 33rd

The CIR grants the following distinctions.

- a) Gold medal

The Gold medal will be given to a member of the School, by valuable contribution to the CIR and/or the development of the specialty.

- b) Diploma to the Academic Merit

It will be given in each Congress to one or several CIR members that in Opinion of the Committee of Prizes have developed excellent academic actions in the education, the investigation field or in the diffusion of radiological sciences.

This distinction may also be attributed to the authors of the best works presented in the Interamerican Congresses of Radiology in opinion of the Organizing Committee.

c) Honorary Member of the CIR

The CIR may grant the distinction of Honorary Member to any who accomplishes a work that expands CIR in the field of science, education or the well being and/or the progress of the specialty.

d) Benefactor's Diploma

The Benefactor's Diploma will be awarded to that natural or legal person who contributes with quotas, economic aid, and human technology or in benefit of the CIR.

The proposals for the delivery of prizes and diplomas will be presented to the Commission of Prizes by the Board of Directors according to a regulation.

The prizes and diplomas will be given in a Solemn Session at the Interamerican Congresses of Radiology. For an exceptional reason and previous authorization of the Assembly, prizes may be given in another forum, the President or his official representative ought to do this and endow the site with the temporary site designation of the CIR, this must be recorded for the Assembly's knowledge.

CHAPTER 9

Of the Congresses

Article 34th

a) The Interamerican Congress of Radiology will be carried out every two years, between a presidency and the other. They will be supported by the CIR, but the responsibility of its accomplishment and financing will be of the national grouping of the host country. The Board of Directors, will be able to modify the Congress date if necessary, requiring for it simple majority. The official languages of the congresses will be for all the effects, Spanish, English and Portuguese.

b) The Interamerican Congresses of Radiology will govern according to the Regulation of Courses and Congresses of the CIR.

c) The Interamerican Congresses of Radiology will be presided over by the President of the Inter-American College of Radiology and the President of the National Association of the host country, will head the organized meetings that are necessary and the social and official acts with equal rank and representation.

d) For the organization of each congress, the Board of Directors of the CIR will name a President of the Scientific Committee who will work jointly with his counterpart of the organizing Committee of the host National Association of the Congress, following the regulation of congresses of the CIR. Both Associations will designate in common agreement to a relator of the congress.

e) The National Association that is elected as site of the next Interamerican Congress, will have to present eighteen months prior to said Congress, a preliminary program with subjects and conferences, which will have to fulfill the established requirements by the commission of education of the CIR,

concerning with accreditation and the continuous medical education. The definitive program will have to be approved and to be disseminated twelve months prior to the accomplishment of the event.

f) If the Host National Association did not fulfill the terms and conditions above indicated and if the Board of Directors considered that significant delay could exist nonsolutionable, with an anticipation of no less than eleven months, could revoke the appointment to the Host National Association approved and to designate to the alternating host National Association to make the event.

g) The organizing committee of the Congress will provide funds so that two members designated by the Board of Directors attend the Host site to evaluate the facilities.

h) The approved Host National Association will be committed to contribute to the CIR's Educational Fund with a five percent of the gross income of the Congress, committing itself to present in a no greater period of ninety days after the finalization of the event, the financial report of the same. Otherwise a different agreement may be reached, never smaller from collected in congresses with similar characteristics and the similar number of assistants. This needs approval of the Board of Directors and has to adjust to the regulation for such aim. During the congress the Organizing Committee will reserve adequate schedules and spaces for the fulfillment of the CIR Board of Directors its ordinary meetings and Prizes Ceremonies.

i) The Host National Association will provide, during the dates of the congress, the necessary funds for the trip and accommodations for the President, President Elect, General Secretary, Treasurer and President of the Scientific Committee. These officers could be incorporated to the scientific program of the event.

In similar conditions, preference should be given to Member Professors of the CIR to the general participation.

j) The Host National Association is committed to accept the content of the previous clauses by signing a contract with the CIR.

CHAPTER 10th

Publication Commission

Article 35th

The CIR might have publication organisms such as magazines, bulletins, electronic pages or any other type of information for its members that will be established in separate regulation and will be in charge of the Publication Commission.

CHAPTER 11

Estate and Funds

Article 36th

The patrimony and the funds of the CIR will be constituted by the predicted funds related later, as well as by all the goods, furniture and buildings, contributions, donations, subventions, inheritances or any other possible contribution.

a) The patrimony will be constituted by:

I) Annual fees of the members.

II) Income by subscriptions and announcements by the Publication Body.

III) Legally documented donations.

IV) By accomplishment of courses sponsored directly by the CIR in countries that are members.

V) The originating entrance of the Interamerican Congresses of Radiology.

Article 37th

a) The National Associations will pay a fee by each one of the people recognized in their membership or that are affiliated in the radiology societies and image methods represented in their country, the amount will be proposed annually by the Treasurer of the CIR and approved by the General Assembly.

b) Under the proposal of the Treasurer, the Assembly will be able to establish ranks of differential quotas, in agreement with the number of people affiliated in each of the National Associations with the intention to establish an annual quota of differential contribution that is proportional to the number of its affiliated members.

c) When monetary investment for scientific events exists, its recovery with the organizers of the event must be procured.

d) The individual partners will have a quota four times greater than the one of the radiologists affiliated with the National Associations and will have to personally clear accounts before March thirty first of every year.

e) The CIR will be able to establish an educative foundation that will be able to receive donations and quotas of the benefactor partners for that intention.

CHAPTER 12

Of the Penalties

Article 38th

The Board of Directors of the CIR and the Commission of Statutes, Regulation and Ethics will consider as reasons to sanction the following:

a) In the case of the National Associations: the lack of the annual fees payment according to the number of members in a period no larger to eighteen months will penalize with the suspension of its rights, including the right to vote and to even have representatives in the Board of Directors and the commissions and departments. The condition of member can be recovered asking for it to the Board of Directors and updating the pending quotas and the penalty that the regulation establishes.

b) In the case of individual members: all unsuitable conduct or outside the ethics and fundamental principles of the CIR and the interrelation between its members or acting against it in any way. Also the lack of payment of the quota is reason for sanction.

c) The CIR backs the sanctions that following the proper process, determine the National Associations to their members.

CHAPTER 13th

The Reformation of the Statutes

Article 39th

The reforms of these statutes must be done in an extraordinary session of the General Assembly summoned for this intention. The request of changes of statutes could be presented by the General Assembly, the Board of Directors or a minimum of five National Associations.

The President will send the proposals to the Commission of Statutes and Regulations, who will evaluate them and recommend if it proceeds. If it proceeds, the Board of Directors will summon an Extraordinary General Assembly.

CHAPTER 14th

College's Dissolution

Article 40th

The association may be dissolved by any of the following causes:

I. The dissolution of the CIR could only be effective by means of the express approval of two thirds of the totality of the General Assembly, in Extraordinary Session summoned for that aim. The General Assembly will decide the destiny of its assets.

II. Becoming impossible the accomplishment of the social aim.

III. By judicial resolution.

CHAPTER 15th

Article 41st

These statutes will be translated into English and Portuguese, and the correction of style is entrusted to the General Secretary.

Article 42nd

The duration of the Association will be indefinite.

Article 43rd

In terms of Article fourteen of the Regulation of the Law of Foreign Investment and the National Registry of Foreign Investments and to fulfill the condition authorized by the Secretariat of Outer Relations, the Associate formally commit that all foreigner that, in the act of the constitution or any other posterior time, acquires an interest or social participation in the Association, will consider itself by that simple fact like Mexican respect to one and another one, as well as respect to the goods, rights, concessions,

participation or interests of which gets to become a nominative of this Association, or of the rights and obligations that derive from the contracts in which it becomes part and therefore not to invoke the protection of his Government, under the pain, in case of failing to this agreement, to lose this interest or participation in benefit of the Mexican Nation.

Article 44th

The social exercises will last one year; they will begin on the first day of January and will finish on the thirty first of December of every year.

Article 45th

After the association is dissolved,
Dissolved the association, it will be in liquidation right away, the general assembly will name a liquidator establishing his faculties and duties.

Article 46th

The liquidator will practice the liquidation in agreement with the applicable laws and with the following stipulations:

- a) He will conclude the social operations that would have been left to the time of the dissolution in the most advisable way to the association, receiving outstanding debts recovered and paying the debts whose effect will be able to alienate the properties of the association that must be sold.
- b) He will formulate the final balance of the liquidation which will have to be approved by the general assembly.
- c) He will propose to the associates a project of destiny of the social stock ownership; the social credit could not be distributed until this project has been approved by the general assembly.

Article 47th

This association will be governed by that which is established in this writing, by the reforms that are legally made to the same, by the dispositions of the Civil Code for the Federal District and by the supplemental norms done to it.