

The International Federation for Artificial Organs

Policies for Operation of the Federation from January 1st, 2004 to January 1st, 2010

(Transition Committee November 10th, 2002)

These outlined policies assume that the existing constitution of the International Society for Artificial Organs will be amended to the constitution of the International Federation for Artificial Organs at the annual meeting of ISAO held in conjunction with ASAIO in June 2003. These policies will guide the first six years of the functioning of the Federation beginning after the constitutional amendment is approved in June 2003 and will become effective on January 1st, 2004.

1. ISAO, presently based on individual members and companies, shall be transferred into a Federation formed by the three major regional societies in the field of artificial organs, the ASAIO, ESAO and JSAO.
2. The mission of IFAO shall be:
 - a. Hold biennial Federation Congresses in conjunction with the member societies. With ESAO in 2005, With JSAO in 2007 and with ASAIO in 2009 etc.
 - b. Foster international aspects in the field of artificial organs
 - c. Include the interests of the developing world
 - d. Extend its activities into new fields like tissue engineering and regenerative medicine and other upcoming areas.
3. IFAO shall have 10 members on the Board of Trustees, three members of each Founding Society and a Secretary Treasurer.
4. After the biennial meeting with ASAIO in 2009 these policies will be reevaluated by the Board of Trustees of IFAO based on recommendations from each of the member societies. Membership of other artificial organ societies will be considered at that time
5. Finances:

At the time of its formation in 2004 the IFAO have assets in access of 150,000 US dollars. These assets will be deposited completely into an endowment fund for IFAO. The primary financial policy by IFAO will be to use the interest from this endowment fund plus contributions from the member societies to support the biennial meeting.
6. Each member society will contribute 2,500 US dollars per year to the Federation that is 15,000 US\$ in 6 years.
7. For each biennial joint meeting, the host society will receive 25,000 US\$. These funds will be given to the host society within the year prior to the meeting. The Federation will have representation on the Program Committee. The funds can be used for any purpose that will enhance the internationality of the meeting. This includes but is not limited to invited speakers, travel expenses, awards, etc.
8. For each biennial meeting the host society will be responsible for all organizational and financial operations.
9. *Artificial Organs* will be continued to be published and will act as the official journal of IFAO but will be organizationally and financially freestanding. The individual members of the IFAO member societies may subscribe to *Artificial Organs* at a reduced rate from the subscription price.
10. IFAO will continue to serve the interest of artificial organs participants in areas of the world not represented by the three member societies by
 - Directing those individuals to the member societies
 - Encouraging the member societies to establish membership criteria, which would facilitate such membership applications and
 - encouraging the establishment of other regional artificial organs societies which could become members of the Federation in the future.