



**Swiss Society of Pharmacology & Toxicology (SSPT)**  
**Société Suisse de Pharmacologie et de Toxicologie**  
**Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Pharmakologie und Toxikologie**

## **BYE-LAWS**

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<b>NAME</b>	A society named “Swiss Society of Pharmacology and Toxicology (SSPT)” is created according to Art. 60ff. of Swiss Civil laws. It is a federation of various Swiss societies that include scientists involved in pharmacological and toxicological sciences.
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<p>The purpose of the SSPT is to encourage and support the development and the integration of pharmacological and toxicological sciences in Switzerland, by :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. ensuring communication and coordination between the member societies,</li><li>2. ensuring a common representation of member societies in selected national and international organisations,</li><li>3. organising scientific events,</li><li>4. organising other collaborative actions.</li></ol>
<b>MEMBER SOCIETIES</b>	<p>Membership is open to societies of experimental or clinical scientists interested in pharmacology and/or toxicology. Only the member societies are composed of individual members.</p> <p>The current members societies are :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Swiss Society for Experimental Pharmacology (SSEP)</li><li>2. Swiss Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology (SSCPT)</li><li>3. Swiss Society for Toxicology (SST)</li></ol> <p>These societies are grouped together in the SSPT. The SSPT is open to other societies, provided they serve also its purposes. Societies that want to join the SSPT have to apply to the council, which will consider the application. Acceptance requires unanimity of the council members.</p> <p>As well, an associated society can leave the Swiss Society of Pharmacology &amp; Toxicology, if it decides to do so.</p>
<b>FEES</b>	<p>Membership fees are collected from the member societies, to cover the national and international commitments of the SSPT. The contribution of each society to the SSPT is determined yearly by the council. The liability of the SSPT is only guaranteed by its own fortune; every personal liability is excluded. A financial report is presented every year by the treasurer to the council.</p>

COUNCIL	<p>The council is composed of 7 persons, namely 2 delegates from each member society and a treasurer :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of the SSEP</li> <li>• Council member of the SSEP</li> <li>• President of the SSCPT</li> <li>• Council member of the SSCPT</li> <li>• President of the SST</li> <li>• Council member of the SST</li> <li>• Treasurer/secretary</li> </ul> <p>A president of a member society may designate a delegate to represent him in a council meeting that he cannot attend.</p> <p>The office of the president rotates between the associated societies. One term is 2 years. The secretary is chosen by the acting president among the council members.</p> <p>The decisions of the council are taken at the majority, except for new member acceptance, bye-laws modification and dissolution, which require unanimity.</p>
REPRESENTATION	<p>The council of the SSPT decides upon membership in other national or international scientific organisations such as the Union of the Swiss Societies for Experimental Biology (USGEB) and the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT). The council is responsible of sending delegates into the organs of those federations. The delegates are in principle chosen among council members, but have to belong at least to a member society.</p>
SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS	<p>The SSPT organizes scientific meetings of general interest to all associated societies.</p>
BYE-LAWS MODIFICATION	<p>Any member of the council can propose a change in the Bye-laws; the council is entitled to accept it, provided the decision meets unanimity in the council members.</p>
DISSOLUTION	<p>The dissolution of the Swiss Society of Pharmacology &amp; Toxicology must be decided by the council at the unanimity. A motion to do so can be made by a president of an associated society, if he is legitimated by his society. In the case of dissolution of the Swiss Society for Pharmacology &amp; Toxicology, the fortune of the society goes to an institution that advances Pharmacology and Toxicology in Switzerland.</p>