



**Swiss Society of Experimental Pharmacology (SSEP)**  
**Société Suisse de Pharmacologie Expérimental**  
**Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Experimentelle Pharmakologie**

**BYE-LAWS**

NAME	A society named “Swiss Society of Experimental Pharmacology (SSEP)” has been created according to Art. 60ff. of Swiss Civil laws. The creation of this society was decided at the general assembly of the Swiss Society for Pharmacology and Toxicology (SSPT) on February 17, 2005.
PURPOSE	The SSEP advances the topics of experimental pharmacology with respect to research, training, and exchange of information. It maintains the relation with corresponding societies abroad and with the other societies of the SSPT. It represents the interests of the experimental pharmacologists in Switzerland and keeps close contacts to the following international societies and associations, respectively: International Union of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR) and Federation of European Pharmacological Societies (EPHAR).
MEMBERSHIP	The regular membership can be acquired by scientists who support the purposes of the SSEP. Two references need to be provided in the process of application. The members are at the same time member of SSPT. The application has to occur via the secretary of the SSEP. The latter also maintains the member list. Regular members pay an annual membership fee.
MEMBERSHIP FEE	<p>The annual membership fee is determined at the general assembly, on proposition of the council. A part of this fee is paid to the SSPT, which maintains national and international relations also for the SSEP.</p> <p>Members, which have not paid 3 consecutive annual membership fees will be excluded from the SSEP.</p> <p>The liability of the SSEP is only guaranteed by its fortune; every personal liability is excluded.</p>
HONORARY MEMBERS	Persons of distinction in experimental pharmacology in Switzerland are eligible for election as Honorary Members upon nomination of the council. Honorary members do not pay a membership fee.
WITHDRAWAL	Withdrawal of membership of the SSEP is done by written notification at the end of the calendar year.

GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY

The primary organ of the SSEP is the general assembly, which normally takes place once a year. The agenda and electoral propositions have to be sent to the members 14 days prior to the assembly.

Extraordinary assemblies can be convened by the council or by the request of at least 1/3 of the members.

The general assembly elects the council and the revisers, and it confirms the reports of the president, the treasurer, the report of the revisers, and discharges the council.

COUNCIL

The council is elected by the general assembly. If a member is asking for it, the elections are kept secret.

The council is composed of the president, the past president, the vice-president (usually president elect), the secretary, and the treasurer. The president can invite additional individuals to participate in the work of the council. These guests may become full members of the council following election by the general assembly. The president and a second council member are also members of the council of the SSPT.

The council is responsible for the affairs of the SSEP, for the coordination with the SSPT and the other associated societies, organizes scientific events, and prepares or modifies continued training programs.

The former president remains in the council in the function of the past president, normally for 2 more years. The vice president should normally become president after 2 years, but must be confirmed as such by the general assembly.

REVISERS

One or two revisers are elected by the general assembly. They examine the annual report of the treasurer and report to the general assembly.

INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS

The SSEP is represented at the Federation of European Pharmacological Societies (EPHAR) and the International Union of Pharmacology (IUPHAR) by the president or a council member.

CHANGES OF  
BY LAWS

Changes of the by laws need the agreement of 50% of all members.

DISSOLUTION

The decision to dissolve the SSEP needs the consent of 50% of all members. In this case the fortune of the SSEP goes to the SSPT.