“Portuguese Stroke Society”

STATUTES

Article 1. (Name and headquarters)
The name of the association is “Sociedade Portuguesa do Acidente Vascular Cerebral – AVC”, which is translated into English as “Portuguese Stroke Society,” and will hereafter be called by its abbreviation “SPAVC.” The headquarters of SPAVC is at Rua Cervantes, No. 388 –398, Porto, Portugal.

Article 2. (Nature and scheme)
SPAVC is a nationwide non-profitable organisation, created for an indefinite duration. SPAVC is governed by these statutes, by its bylaws, and by any other law applicable to associations.

Article 3. (Purpose)
The purpose of SPAVC is to act on a social level, particularly on the prevention and reduction of mortality, morbidity, and impairment caused by Stroke, and on the promotion of studies, investigation, and education about Stroke, by creating plans of action and support and identifying the most effective levels of intervention, with the final goal of helping to improve health in Portugal.

Article 4. (Membership)
SPAVC membership is available to every graduate of Medicine and any other health-care professional that is particularly interested in Stroke or that has participated in activities or conducted works on Stroke, in full compliance with the prevailing legislation, the Statutes, and the Bylaws.

Article 5. (Bodies)
1. SPAVC is composed of the following bodies:
   a) Board
      • General Assembly
      • Board of Directors
      • Audit Committee

   b) Expertise
      • Committee
2. The Board of Directors and the Audit Committee, as elected by the General Assembly, shall be composed of an odd number of members, of which one shall act as the corresponding president.

3. SPAVC is bounded by the signature of two members of the Board of Directors.

**Article 6. (General Assembly)**

1. The General Assembly is composed of every member in full enjoyment of their rights. The General Assembly meets by order of its President or by request from the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee, or at least ten percent of the members entitled to vote.

2. The General Assembly is convened by sending an email to each member's email address found in their record, with at least twenty-one days' advance notice.

3. Alternatively, the General Assembly might be convened by means of a registered letter or a post on the website of the Ministry of Justice, on the page specifically designated for that purpose.

4. In the latter case, the post must be published at least a month before the date of the meeting. In the case of the registered letter, there must be a period of at least twenty-one days between its issuance and the date of the meeting.

5. The notice must include the date, time, and place where the meeting will be held, as well as the corresponding order of business.

**Article 7. (Social revenues)**

The revenues of SPAVC include the members' fees, according to the terms established in General Assembly, as well as any other contribution, subvention, interest on deposits, donation, bequest and legacy and corresponding incomes, reserve fund and income from own assets, product from disposal of assets, income from every hereditary value, revenue from publicity and sponsors, as well as other potential incomes or revenues.