

# CONSTITUTION

## GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR CONSENSUS IN PEDIATRICS (CIP)

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## Preamble

*“Whereas we believe that Children are the future of the World,*

*It is the duty of each generation to secure for its Children the optimal health care*

*Whereas the lack of global agreement, in basic guidelines concerning Child health are in some instances an obstacle in the way of improving Health conditions*

*Moreover, the way to achieve better Pediatric Health Care Worldwide is by establishing an academic platform looking for consensus and agreements on child health*

*The Contracting Parties, moved by sentiments of commitment, humanity and the desire to secure optimal Universal Pediatric Health Care, and with a view to attain the objectives set forth in this preamble, agree to the following Constitution of the Global Initiative for Consensus in Pediatrics”*

## **Article 1 – Establishment and Name**

1.1 A permanent organization is hereby established for the promotion of the objects set forth in the Preamble to this Constitution

1.2 The name of the Association shall be ‘Global Initiative for Consensus in Pediatrics (CIP).

1.3 CIP is a nonprofit, unbiased, *apolitical* and independent organization

## **Article 2 - Framework**

2.1. *Objective of the CIP:*

(I) to achieve better Pediatric Health Care by establishing a **Global academic *debate* platform *searching for consensus and agreements on main child health pathologies, difficulties and controversies***

2.2. *to achieve this objective, CIP will*

(I) Stimulate Consensus Framework, promoting collaboration of world’s pediatricians, pediatric surgeons, and other child health professions;

(ii) Undertake actions to recognize child health issues in which a controversy exists over preventive, therapeutic, or diagnostic options, including social and public interest dilemmas affecting health, demanding consensus agreement;

(iii) Appoint experts and technical committees to assess these issues

(iv) Organize congress, regional forum, workshops, and debates on consensus

(v) Assure wide circulation of the proposed consensus through both lay and medical media throughout the creation of a CIP website, CIP newsletters offering state of the art knowledge in approach, diagnosis and treatments, and publishing main reports in relevant journal (s)

### **Article 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

3.1. The CIP will recognize four types of members:

3.1.1 **Individual members of :**

- a. National Pediatric Societies worldwide
- b . Regional Pediatric Societies
- c. Pediatric Specialist Societies and Pediatric Surgical specialties societies
- d. Academic Pediatric Societies

3.1.2 **Individual members :** pediatricians, pediatric subspecialists and pediatric surgeons

3.1.3 **Affiliate members:** nurses, residents, physicians other than pediatricians, nutritionists, psychologists, and other pediatric related health professions

3.1.4 **Honorary Members:** in recognition for their outstanding professional contribution to Child Health and Pediatrics.

### **Article 4 - GOVERNING BODIES**

4.1. **Council (Executive committee)** The CIP is run by a Council accountable to the General Assembly which represents the membership.

All registered participants of the First congress will account to the GA

The General Assembly (GA) consists of full members as in 3.1.1 and 3.1.2

4.2. Members of the Council are voting members of the GA.

4.3. The President of the CIP shall preside over all meetings of the GA

4.4. The GA shall meet at the time of each International Congress.

4.5. The functions of the GA shall be:

- (i) to review the policies and strategic plans of the CIP
- (ii) to receive, review, and approve new membership applications .
- (iii) to approve the joint report of the President and the Secretary General;
- (iv) to receive, review, and approve the financial report and audit.;
- (v) to determine the location of the future Congress **ES?**
- (vi) to elect the President of the next Congress;
- (vii) to deal with any matter properly brought before the GA by a member

4.6. The Council shall consist of academic pediatricians and pediatric surgeons serving as the President, the Secretary General, Treasurer and the Scientific Coordinator and 5 or more council members.

In addition it will have two non voting members: the PCO ,the past President .and the next congress's President

In due time an Executive Director will be appointed and will join the Council together with representatives voted by full members in the GA

4.7 The council may invite to its meetings additional members in an advisory role representing health societies, associations and organizations of global importance in Child's Health (e.g. WHO, IPA, UNICEF). without voting right.

4.8. The functions of the Council shall be:

- (I) to elect the officers
- (II) to develop the programs and strategic plan of the CIP
- (iii) to establish priorities in accordance with the objectives of CIP
- (iv) to appoint advisors and advisory committees in each specialty or area for Consensus
- (v) to approve the budgets and operations .

#### **Article 5 - OFFICERS**

5.1. The Officers of CIP shall be the President , Secretary General, the Treasurer, the Scientific coordinator ,

5.2. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Council and the GA ,

5.3. Following a four year term, the President would be elected Executive Director (Future post), or to continue as President. In the case will be eight years in post, the President will continue in a non-voting advisory capacity for one more four-year term,

5.4. In the event of the President's temporary or permanent incapacity, the Secretary General shall serve as Acting President for the remaining duration of the period of incapacity.

5.5. The Treasurer is responsible for yearly budgeting, planning financial activities, and arranging year audits. Shall receive a half-yearly statement of accounts from the CIP Administrative Office which will be analyzed and then recommended, or not, for approval to the Council and GA. These financial statements of accounts must be validated by external audit prior to the Treasurer's evaluation.

5.6 Officers would be reelected to any position as Officers, or for the Council, for one more four years period.

5.7 The Executive Director would be elected, reelected or replaced, according with Council decision

#### **Article 6 - SITE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

6.1. The Council shall decide where the Administrative office and staff of the CIP is to be located .

#### **Article 7 - CIP CONGRESS**

7.1. The Council shall determine the location of the Congress, and ratified by the GA. The location should consider global rotation of Congress sites. The dates of the Congress shall determined by the President of the Congress after consultation with the Council, the Professional Congress Organizer (PCO), and ratified by the GA

7.2 : 7.1 is valid beginning at the second congress

7.3 CIP will have an International Congress every two years.

## **Article 8 - AMENDMENTS**

8.1. Any proposal to amend the Constitution or Schedules shall be sent to the President in a timely fashion

8.2. At the meeting of the GA, a proposed amendment may be accepted without change or may be further amended by proposal of the members by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Member Societies present at the meeting.

### **A. DUES**

A.1. Dues for Member shall be established by guidelines developed by the Council and ratified by the GA.

**For the first three congress's, membership dues will be included, without any additional payment, to the congress registration fees. All registered participants will became full members**

### **B. MEETINGS**

C.1. The GA shall hold meetings at the site and time of the Congress

C.2. In addition to the annual meetings, special meetings may be called by the CIP Coucil

C.3 General Assembly tasks will be applied after the ratification of the Constitution at the time of the second Congress

C.4 Council conference calls will be held at least once every year.

C5. The Council will have a face to face meeting at least once every two year

### **D. LANGUAGES**

D.1. The official languages of CIP shall be English, Spanish and French.

D..2. Contributions may be made and published in any of these languages.

D. 3. Provisions shall be made for simultaneous translations during the General Assembly

### **E. VOTING**

E.1. A simple majority of full members present at GA meetings shall be valid as long as a quorum is present. Proxy and fax voting shall not be allowed.

E.2. A two-thirds majority of Members present and voting at meetings of the GA shall be required for changing the Constitution so long as a quorum is present.

E.3. In the event that the vote is tied, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

## APPENDIX

The Constitution has to be ratified by the General Assembly during the second congress

First Executive Committee will be composed of

<b>President:</b>	Manuel Katz, Beer Sheva
<b>Secretary General :</b>	Andreas Konstantopoulos, Athens
<b>Treasurer :</b>	Jose Boix Ochoa, Barcelona
<b>Scientific Coordinator :</b>	Jose Ramet, Brussels
<b>Council member:</b>	Shimon Barak, Tel Aviv
<b>Council member:</b>	Stephen Berman, Denver
<b>Council member:</b>	Arnoldo Grosman, Buenos Aires
<b>Council member:</b>	Boris Kaganov, Moscow
<b>Council member:</b>	Frank Oberklaid, Melbourne