

Bylaws of Asian Pacific Society of Prion Research

Chapter I Name and Secretariat

Article 1 This society shall be named Asian Pacific Society of Prion Research, which shall be abbreviated as APSPR.

Article 2 This society shall have a secretariat for the time being in Division of Microbiology, Department of Infectious Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, University of Miyazaki, 5200 Kiyotake-cho, Miyazaki 889-1692, Japan

Chapter II Aims and Activities

Article 3 This society shall aim to advance of prion disease research, education, diagnosis and medical care and to enhance public health.

Article 4 This society shall conduct the following operations to achieve the purpose in Article 3:

1. To hold a meeting of Asian Pacific Prion Symposium (APPS)
2. To set up and run various committees
3. To exchange knowledge internationally
4. To do other activities necessary for this society

Chapter III Membership

Article 5 This society shall have the following four kinds of members:

1. Full member
2. Student member
3. Corporate member
4. Honorary member

Full members and student members should be engaged in prion or prion disease research and agree to the aims of this society.

Corporate members should be organizations and groups which agree to the aims of this society and pay the membership dues.

Honorary members should be people who are recommended for membership because of their special contribution to this society's activities and should be approved in the general meeting.

Article 6 Applicants for membership should send an application form with address, name, professional affiliation, and membership fee to the president.

Article 7 Members must pay a membership fee, except for honorary members and student members. Paid fees shall not be refunded.

Article 8 Members who hope to cancel membership shall notify the society about it. The president may expel members who are delinquent in their payment by more than two years, with approval by the executive board.

Article 9 Members who violate the bylaws or ethical codes of this society shall be given a warning, suspension or expulsion of membership through a conference by executive board members.

Article 10 All members shall be able to participate in the general conference. Furthermore, they shall be able not only to propose a paper presentation but also participate in various activities or receive a report on them. Honorary members shall participate in the general conference and give appropriate advice.

Chapter IV Officers and their Duties

Article 11 This society shall have the following officers:

Several members of the board of trustees (among whom one is president and one is vice-president)

One congress president of APPS
One congress president-elect of APPS
Several APSPR councilors

Article 12 Members of the board of trustees shall be recommended by the board, approved by the general conference, and then asked by the president. A single president shall be chosen by the members of the board. The president shall appoint a single vice-president from the others.

Article 13 The president shall organize the board of trustees to make discussions and decisions on project planning, mandate tasks, financial management, and emergency responses.

Article 14 The president shall be the director of APSPR, council, and board of trustees, serve as the chairman of the board of trustees and sign, especially international agreements, if necessary.

Article 15 The congress president of APSPR shall be chosen based on recommendation by the board of trustees and approved by the general conference.

Article 16 The congress president of APSPR shall preside over the academic meeting (APPS) and sum up the works of the society.

Article 17 The congress president and congress president-elect shall finish out their term from the end of the conference at which they are elected to the end of the academic meeting of which they are in charge. The terms of the president, trustees, and auditors shall be two years, which shall start from the end of the general conference in which they are chosen. The officers' re-election shall not be forbidden. However, no officer over 65 years old shall be chosen.

Article 18 In absence of the president, the vice-president acts as president for the remainder of the term.

Article 19 This society shall have councilors. Their election and duties shall accord with the internal rules.

Chapter V Meetings

Article 20 The general conference shall be held annually in principle.

Article 21 A meeting of the board of trustees shall be held once or more times each year. The time and place shall be decided by the president.

Article 22 The board of trustees shall make discussions of the following matters:

1. Election and recruitment of congress president and congress president-elect
2. Report of the performance and financials of the previous year
3. Planning of the business project and budget of the next year
4. Other necessary matters

Article 23 The president shall hold APPS. The paper presentation in APPS shall be exclusive to the members, in principle.

Article 24 The board of trustees shall be able to organize various committees to help perform the duties and projects suited to the objectives of the society.

Article 25 In the general conference, the president shall be chairman and approve the officer election, financial and business reports, etc.

Chapter VI Accounting

Article 26 The fiscal year of this society shall start on April 1 and end on March 31.

Article 27 The expenses of this society shall be paid by membership fees and donated funds. Some participation fees shall be collected at the general conference.

Article 28 The subsidies of a fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount of the annual fees of the APSPR, in principle.

Article 29 Two auditor secretaries chosen from the members, except for trustees, shall compile auditor reports.

Chapter VII Change of bylaws

Article 30 To change the bylaws of this society (except for additional rules), more than five members shall make a proposal for deliberation, which must then be approved by more than two thirds of the members who attend the general conference.

Additional rules

Article 1 Meetings (the board of trustees and the general conference) shall allow participation by writing.

Article 2 The quorum shall require participants of more than two thirds of the fixed number including writing or e-mail.

Article 3 Decisions of each meeting shall be made by the majority of voters who attend it.

Article 4 Annual fees of this society shall be 8,000 yen for trustees, 5,000 yen for councilors and 3,000 yen for other members.

Article 5 The president shall certify honorary members and foreign trustees and members.

Article 6 Members who have specially contributed to the society or excellent academic contributions shall be able to receive awards.

Article 7 In terms of group participation, a corporate member shall be regarded as only one representative.

Article 8 When the congress president has difficulty fulfilling duties for disease or other reasons on a tentative basis, the president shall appoint a president *pro tempore* to support the duties.

Article 9 The bylaws of this society shall be executed on July 12, 2011.

Article 10 The bylaws of this society shall be executed on July 31, 2012.

Article 11 The bylaws of this society shall be executed on July 23, 2013.

Article 12 The bylaws of this society shall be executed on September 5 in 2015.

Article 13 The bylaws of this society shall be executed on October 22 in 2017.

Article 14 The bylaws of this society shall be executed on October 30, 2019.

Article 15 The bylaw of this society shall be executed on February 1, 2023.

The secretariat shall be transferred from the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, Nagasaki University Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, 1-12-4 Sakamoto, Nagasaki City to Division of Microbiology, Department of Infectious Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, University of Miyazaki, 5200 Kiyotake-cho, Miyazaki.

Dr.Ryuichiro Atarashi shall take over the President of APSPR from Dr.Noriyuki Nishida.

Asian Pacific Society of Prion Research's internal rules (July 30)

The rules shall be points decided in compliance with the bylaws of APSPR. Change and addition of the rules shall be put before the board of trustees and shall require approval from two thirds of the trustees.

1. The councilors of the Asian Pacific Society of Prion Research (APSPR) shall be decided according to the following:
 - 1) The councilors shall be chosen by the board of trustees and appointed by the president.
 - 2) The councilor qualifications shall be as follows:
 - (1) To have credentials as a prion researcher for more than five years.
 - (2) To be expected to make a remarkable future contribution to the prion research society.
 - (3) To have some other qualification to be approved by the president.
 - 3) The councilors shall organize the council, accept the request for council from the president, and advise the president and the board of trustees about the considerations which they find necessary.
 - 4) The councilors must hold a council when the president or more than ten councilors request that a council be convened.
 - 5) The chairman of the council shall be chosen by the members who are attending it each time.
 - 6) The term of councilors shall be two years, but re-election shall not be forbidden.
2. The internal rules shall be executed on July 31 in 2012.