

SCPRS Constitution 2018

Mission statement

- to promote excellence in practice, education, policy and research in cardiovascular prevention, rehabilitation and sports cardiology in Switzerland.

Objectives

Within the framework of the Swiss Society of Cardiology (SSC), the role of the SCPRS is to:

- Foster developments in cardiovascular prevention, rehabilitation, and sports cardiology in Switzerland.
- Accredite rehabilitation centres to assure a minimal standard in cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation in Switzerland.
- Provide or support educational programmes in cardiovascular prevention, rehabilitation and sports cardiology.
- Contribute to the SSC annual congress.
- Produce and promote professional standards and position papers, in partnership with other interested parties where appropriate.
- Represent the field of secondary prevention and rehabilitation in Switzerland and act as a contact organisation for medical, social, and political organisations, as well as health insurances.
- Participate in the committees of the SSC.
- Provide advice to the Board of the SSC.
- Cooperate with the other Working Groups and Associations of the SSC.
- Collaborate with other national and international organisations which promote the objectives of cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation.
- Promote research initiatives and collaborations in cardiovascular prevention, rehabilitation and sports cardiology.

Membership

- Is open to all health care professionals involved in cardiovascular prevention, rehabilitation and exercise, or sports cardiology who support the objectives of the SCPRS. The membership status follows the regulations of the SSC.

- Applications for membership should be submitted at the membership section of the SCPRS website, accompanied by a statement of recommendation of two active members of the SCPRS.
- The secretary/ president presents the applications from new members at the annual general SCPRS assembly for ratification or rejection.
- Only members of the SCPRS have the right to vote.
- No annual membership fee is required.
- Members may resign by writing to the president and the secretary.
- The Board may recommend the exclusion of a member from the Association during the General Assembly for activities, which may bring the SCPRS into disrepute.

Resources

The sources of revenue for the SCPRS include:

- Certification/ accreditation fees from audits of rehabilitation centres.
- Annual administrative fee for certified rehabilitation centres, based on the number of treated patients.
- Sponsoring from industry or public institutions.
- The Board of the SCPRS has authority to use available resources to cover the necessary expenditures for the activities of the SCPRS. Re-distribution of profit to the members is not envisaged. However, the SCPRS may award scholarships, awards or grants for education, training or research activities in its area of interest.

Association structure

Board

I. Executive committee

President
Vice president
Secretary
Treasurer
Past president

1a. Roles and responsibilities of executive committee

President

Strategy of SCPRS
Supervision of organisational structure and initiatives
Liaison with Board of SSC

Vice-president/ president elect

Will automatically become the next president
Support to president

Secretary

Maintenance of records of activities and membership
Organisation of meetings and elections
Agenda for meetings of board and production of minutes
Responsible for corporate communications and communication with the sections

Treasurer

Supervision of finances and membership subscriptions
Approval of expenditure
Supervision of awards and grants
Negotiations with possible sponsors and industrial partners
Preparation of budget reports for board and general assembly

Past president

Provide advice to the president and board of CPRS

II. Executive committee members

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Science

Coordination of research activities with involvement of SCPRS
Evaluation of applications seeking financial or institutional support from SCPRS within its field of interest
Coordination of joint research initiatives
Collect and prepare proposals for SSC annual meeting
Operates as member in the SSC scientific committee
Coordinate initiatives for production of position papers
Commissioning of position papers, supervision of process

Education

Commissioning and production of educational products
Coordination/ organisation of teaching courses

Quality

Coordinates audits of cardiovascular rehabilitation
Takes care of the process of data acquisition, evaluation, analysis and presentation of SCPRS statistics of cardiovascular rehabilitation centres

Sports Cardiology

Represents the interests and concerns of SCPRS members with a special interest and activities within the field of sports cardiology

General Assembly

Members of the SCPRS will meet usually once yearly for a general assembly during the annual SSC meeting. The general assembly is attended by the current board and SCPRS members.

Elections

General

The SCPRS aims to be a transparent and democratic organization whose leadership has the support and endorsement of its members for their activities. To reflect this, the President and committee members will be elected from the membership every two year, according to the SSC regulations.

Voting

All members of the SCPRS participating at the annual General Assembly are entitled to vote.