



## **AMENDED CONSTITUTION of RESEARCH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF DIABETES IN INDIA**

**As adopted in Annual General Body Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2015  
(MEMORANDA OF SOCIETY AND RULES)**

	<p>name of the society shall be `Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India'. It shall be referred to as RSSDI for purpose of abbreviation here in after.</p>
	<p>Registered office of the RSSDI shall be at New Delhi.</p>
	<p>Administrative office of the RSSDI shall be at the place where the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer reside.</p>
	<p>Aims and objectives of the RSSDI shall be:</p>
	<p>1. To function as a scientific body encouraging and assisting research as well as all other activities that are likely to benefit people with diabetes mellitus (DM) in India.</p>
	<p>2. To encourage, educate, update and train registered medical practitioners, nurses, dietitians, qualified nurses and other appropriately qualified paramedical personnel in the field of DM and expand knowledge on health care delivery through organization of lectures, continuing medical education programs (CME), seminars, symposia, conferences, update sessions, workshops, training camps, correspondence courses and any other method or measure that may be considered desirable from time to time for the purpose at local, regional, national and international levels.</p>
	<p>3. To promote exchange of knowledge and sharing of experience amongst specialists in the field of DM as well as any or all such specialty or sub-specialty that may be concerned with research and care of people with DM.</p>
	<p>4. To establish institutions so as to fulfill the goals as elaborated in 1.4.1 to 1.4.3 (supra).</p>
	<p>5. To establish reciprocation, exchange programs and collaboration with other scientific agencies, bodies or organizations engaged in similar activities either in India or abroad.</p>
	<p>6. To maintain a list of eminent members engaged in research and teaching in the field of DM to be designated as `FACULTY OF the RSSDI' so as to avail their assistance for fulfilling the aims and objectives as detailed in 1.4.1 to 1.4.5 (vide clause 1.4.5). The initial 25 faculty of the RSSDI shall be designated as Founder Faculty of RSSDI. The total number of Faculty shall not exceed 5 percent of the total RSSDI members.</p>

	<p>institute post-graduate studies in DM for medical practitioners in due consultation with the Medical Council of India and in accordance with the existing statutes, rules and regulations governing all such studies. To collaborate and associated with recognized Universities or autonomous Institutes and IGNOU for undertaking such courses.</p>
	<p>award prizes, certificates of merit and/or appreciation and other inducements for distinguished service or research publications in the field of DM.</p>
	<p>undertake or conduct such other activities as may be found incidental or conducive to the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the RSSDI.</p>
	<p>Funds and other properties, movable and immovable, shall be utilized solely for the promotion of its aims and objectives as set forth in this memorandum of the RSSDI and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to its members provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment of salary, gratification and other benefits to its employees or other persons in return of any service actually rendered by them.</p>
	<p>RSSDI YEAR : shall be as per English calendar i.e. from January 1 to December 31, of every year.</p>
	<p>RSSDI may be dissolved in the manner provided for in the rules framed hereunder.</p>
	<p>All affairs of the RSSDI shall be transacted under the rules framed here under.</p>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
<b>MEMBER</b>	<p>Membership of the RSSDI shall be open to any person possessing MB BS or equivalent qualification in allied sciences and interested in the field of DM. There shall be one category of such membership i.e. 'Life Membership' and the interested person has to pay the life membership fees, as decided from time to time. Every person shall here in after be referred to as 'Member'.</p>
<b>ASSOCIATED MEMBER</b>	<p>Persons who are not medical graduates or post graduates in allied sciences, but are sincerely interested in the field of DM may be allowed to become Associated - Life Members. No person shall be allowed to become such Associated - Life Member unless he or she possesses required graduate qualification in the concerned subject like Nutrition, Home Sciences, Medical Laboratory Technology, Bio-chemistry, Microbiology, Physiotherapy, Bio-Engineering etc. All such members have to pay the same membership fees as applicable to a member. Associated - Life Member shall be entitled to all academic, scientific and literary benefits offered by the RSSDI, when selected or offered may participate in all such activities and to all such extent as the Member is entitled to except that he or she will have no right to vote in the General Body nor get elected to the Executive Committee. Every such person shall here in after be referred to as 'Associated Member'.</p>
<b>ACADEMIC MEMBERS</b>	<p>Members having recognized teaching or research experience, academic affiliation, post-graduate medical or doctorate qualification with significant contribution in the field of DM may be nominated as Academic Members by the Executive Committee (EC). All such persons shall primarily be 'Member' of the RSSDI.</p>
<b>Member' or Associated Member' cease to be so of RSSDI,</b>	<p>By a letter addressed to the Honorary Secretary of the RSSDI a member shall terminate his membership. A member is expelled by the EC consequent to activities detrimental to the interests of the RSSDI.</p>

	<p>on the demise of the member.</p>
<p>Privileges of a member</p>	<p>All members shall be entitled to receive a copy of the Journal of the RSSDI free of cost. Publications of the RSSDI shall be charged such rates as the Executive Committee (EC) may fix from time to time.</p> <p>All members shall have the privilege to attend and take part in all meetings, lectures, CME and all such programs and annual meetings on due registration for the same.</p> <p>All members shall enjoy all other privileges, facilities and advantages offered by the RSSDI from time to time.</p> <p>Privileges of an Associated Member see 2.1.2 as above.</p>
<p>CORPORATE MEMBERS</p>	<p>Corporate membership shall be open to pharmaceutical houses, institutions or any other organizations interested in the objectives of the RSSDI. The monetary contribution on becoming a corporate member shall be decided by the General Body (GB) from time to time, and the said contribution has to be credited to the RSSDI fund account. The Corporate Member may depute one person to attend the GB meetings but shall have no right to vote. All such Corporate Members shall be accorded similar privileges during the Annual conference of the RSSDI. Any such member shall have the privilege to make financial grants for any activity of the RSSDI subject to the approval by the EC. The organizer of such activity of the RSSDI will acknowledge receipt of the said financial grant made by the concerned corporate member and/or other pharmaceutical firms.</p>
<p>ELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>The RSSDI shall offer two types of fellowship.</p>
<p>ACCREDITED FELLOW (AFRSSDI)</p>	<p>A member having attended requisite hours of the RSSDI approved CME activity as decided by EC from time to time on the concerned year for five such consecutive years can apply to be designated as 'Accredited Fellow of the RSSDI'. The EC or subcommittee appointed by the EC shall review his credentials and may or may not give him as such. Vide clause ix under 'Powers of the Executive Committee', the standards for such credentials shall be fixed from time to time by the EC. On admission, the life member will have to deposit the necessary fees, as may be fixed from time to time by the EC, for being admitted to such fellowship and then shall submit the necessary documents of proof jointly signed by the Honorary Secretary and President of the RSSDI.</p>
<p>HONORARY FELLOWS (FRSSDI)</p>	<p>The EC may admit any academically outstanding member as Honorary Fellow. In any year not more than five members shall be admitted as such. The credential committee constituted for the purpose (see infra) shall scrutinize the names of the persons and recommend to the EC for approval.</p>
<p>PATRONS</p>	<p>Some eminent founder members and three members of eminence with unflinching support and services to the RSSDI for long years have been designated as 'Patrons for Life'. The EC may nominate further members who have and have given unflinching support and services to RSSDI, as 'Patrons for Life'.</p> <p>It is decided that no member shall be nominated to be a Patron for Life unless he has been a member of the RSSDI for a period of at least twenty years.</p>

	ded further that there shall not be more than ten members designated ons for Life’ at any given point of time.										
ERAL BODY	GB of the RSSDI shall constitute of all Members and shall be the supreme rity to take any decision in the matters relating to any affair of the RSSDI. It exercise its power through the EC and its office bearers.										
ERS OF THE ERAL BODY	There shall be an annual general body meeting (AGBM) at the time of annual rence of the RSSDI generally in November. The Honorary Secretary shall notice three weeks in advance. He shall specify the time, date, venue and la of the meeting to all eligible members. Minimum fifteen percent of the membership shall form the quorum. The muster book has to be circulated to any meeting and every member should be issued an entry pass, which d be verified, for participating in the GB. In the absence of quorum the lent shall adjourn the GB and business is carried on with the existing bers at the same place and same day. In the absence of President or Vice lent the members present shall choose one among themselves to preside over GB. The Honorary Secretary shall place his report before the GB. The rary Treasurer shall place the accounts duly audited by an authorized ered Accountant of the RSSDI as well as the budget proposal for the ensuing										
RA ORDINARY ERAL BODY	Extra ordinary GB may be called by the Honorary Secretary in consultation the President or if one-third of the total number of members request for such eting through a written request to Honorary Secretary and on a specific la. One week notice is to be given to the members and only the agenda oned in the notice shall be discussed in the extra ordinary GB meeting. No r DA will be given to the members attending extra ordinary GB meeting.										
NDMENT OF ONSTITUTION	Amendment has to be sent to the Honorary Secretary eight weeks before the al or GB and the Secretary shall circulate to the members three weeks before annual or special GB meeting. No amendment shall be adopted unless two of the members present at the said GB approve the same. Amendment if any come into force after minutes are adopted by the special GB meeting or the M.										
CUTIVE MITTEE (EC)	Day to day management of the affairs of the RSSDI shall rest with the EC. EC is subject to the directives of the GB and cannot take any decision nor act y way that is not contemplated in this memorandum of the RSSDI and rules.  In the event of any death, resignation or dismissal of any office bearer of EC, the lent in due consultation with the EC shall make appointment of such office r for the ensuing tenure of the EC.  EC shall constitute of the following:										
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	Honorary Joint Secretary	
	Honorary Treasurer	
	Honorary Editor	
	Executive Committee Members	

**QUORUM**

In all usual circumstances a minimum of ten members shall be required to constitute the quorum. However under emergency situations a minimum of five members shall make the quorum.

Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules the EC shall have the power to elect on its body such persons who in the opinion of the EC are considered suitable for promotion of the aims and activities of the RSSDI. The co-opted members of the EC shall have no right to vote.

It is decided that the number of co-opted members shall not be greater than one third of the total number of elected members of the Executive Committee.

**TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The term of office of the President Elect shall be one RSSDI year. At the end of the one year period, the "President Elect" shall be designated as the "President" for a period of one year. The "President" shall, after a period of one year, be designated as the "Immediate Past-President" for a period of one year.

The term of office of the two Vice Presidents, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Joint Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the six EC members shall be three RSSDI years.

The Headquarters of the RSSDI shall be at the place where the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer reside. Accordingly these two office bearers shall be from one place of residence.

The President Elect, the Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Executive Committee members shall be elected on an all India basis."

The remaining four EC members shall be elected one from each zone (North, South, West and East).

The Honorary Joint Secretary shall be nominated by the President in consultation with the EC.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Any person elected to the EC, one shall be a member of the RSSDI for at least five years. For the posts of the President Elect, the Vice President, the Honorary Secretary or the Honorary Treasurer, a candidate should have held an elected office in the EC for three years. Provided that no member shall be eligible to contest for the post of President / President elect, unless such member has served on the Executive Committee for at least two terms.

No EC member shall serve on the Executive committee for more than three terms.

	<p>ne years. However, in calculating the above period of three terms or nine the period of time served as President / President Elect shall not be included.</p>
<p>ERS OF THE CUTIVE MITTEE</p>	<p>management of the RSSDI shall be vested in the office bearers and members</p> <p>C. The Honorary Secretary arranges for the meeting of the EC with the permission of the President. There shall be at least three meetings in a year. Two of these shall be the annual scientific meeting. The first meeting is of the outgoing EC, and the second meeting shall be of the incoming. There shall be a third meeting in the year and at a place convenient to all within the year. There shall be at least three weeks notice for this meeting.</p> <p>EC member requiring travel assistance shall be entitled to Air Fare to and from any other emergency meeting).</p> <p>Members of the EC conducted during meetings, conferences or activities organized by pharmaceutical firms or organizations engaged in profitable business with pharmaceutical products, should be totally independent and discrete.</p> <p>Honorary Secretary shall convene a special meeting of the EC upon a resolution in writing signed by not less than five members of the EC on a specific agenda. If the meeting cannot be arranged physically the Honorary Secretary shall consult the members either by phone, fax or telegram and carry on the business on the agenda submitted for a special meeting. These measures of communication shall only be adopted in situations of extreme urgency.</p> <p>Emergency decision to be undertaken may be done so by the Honorary Secretary under the directions in due consultation with other EC members through the Honorary Secretary.</p> <p>Without prejudice to the general powers hereby conferred, the EC shall have the following powers.</p> <p>to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise for the RSSDI any property, rights or privileges which the RSSDI is authorized to acquire at such price and generally on such terms and conditions as they may be fit for the purpose.</p> <p>to enter into all such negotiations, contracts and executes in relation to any of the properties, rights and privileges for the purposes of the RSSDI.</p> <p>to borrow or secure the payment of any sum or sums of money for the purposes of the RSSDI.</p> <p>to institute, conduct, defend, compound or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the RSSDI or otherwise concerning the affairs of the RSSDI and to provide for payment or satisfaction of any debts due and of any claims or demands by or against the RSSDI.</p> <p>to refer claims or demands by or against the RSSDI to arbitration and observe</p>

perform the award.

to make and give receipts, releases and other discharges for money and all and other materials, articles and things that may be relevant for the RSSDI.

to incur all necessary expenses for the maintenance and carrying out of the trusts and intentions of these rules and memorandum of the RSSDI.

To appoint and at their discretion remove or suspend such managers, clerks, servants and attendants for permanent, temporary or special services as they may from time to time think fit, and to determine their powers and duties and fix their salaries or emoluments and to require security in such instances and to such extent as they may think fit.

to constitute Scientific Committee, Credential Committee, Award Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Fund raising Committee, Election Committee, Editorial Committee and any other committee that may be deemed necessary from time to time from amongst the RSSDI members. The chairperson of any such committee shall be a member of the EC. The Honorary Secretary shall be the Secretary of all such committees. Such Committee may co-opt any member considered necessary to its activity from the EC, GB or both. The deliberations and recommendations of such committees shall be communicated through the Honorary Secretary to the Executive Committee for its approval, action or implementation. President shall normally preside over such committees. No person shall be made a member of any such committee unless he is supposed to be an applicant or beneficiary except Scientific and Editorial Committee. These committees shall function for only one RSSDI year. The Scientific Committee, so nominated, shall choose its own Chairman and shall determine the academic agenda for the year including the annual scientific meeting for the corresponding year. Honorary Editor shall be ex-officio member of the Scientific Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to nominate an Honorary Editor of the Text Book Committee for one edition of the textbook.

It is provided that the Executive Committee shall have the power to revoke such nomination at any time if the progress of work on the textbook is not satisfactory or if the text book has not been published within the deadline prescribed by the Executive Committee.

to revoke any of the above and/or continue the same.

All the property movable or immovable belonging to the RSSDI shall vest in the

to sale, exchange, mortgage leases or other transfer of immovable property relating to the RSSDI shall be valid unless at least the President or one of the Presidents and the Honorary Secretary shall execute the document of

	er.
LECTION CEDURE	<p>Honorary Secretary shall adhere to the following calendar of events with d to election procedure.</p> <p>ly 1, invite nominations from among the members.</p> <p>ly 31, nominations for office bearers and EC duly proposed by a valid ber and seconded by a valid member accompanied by candidate's consent and ata should reach the Honorary Secretary.</p> <p>ugust 15, the list of candidates contesting are distributed to the candidates.</p> <p>ugust 31, any withdrawals should be sent to Honorary Secretary in writing.</p> <p>eptember 30, the Honorary Secretary shall send by certificate of posting the f the candidates contesting and their bio-data printed in a book-let for postal ing by all the eligible members of the RSSDI.</p> <p>ctober 15, the ballot papers are returnable.</p> <p>r of the above dates is a postal holiday, the next day shall be considered as ing day.</p> <p>s of the election shall be announced during annual scientific meeting, ew office bearers along with EC members installed.</p> <p>candidate, sending bio-data, indulging in any other form of canvassing ly to members (voters) or collecting ballot papers from voters, shall be alified. If any candidate or member is found indulging in the same, he or she be debarred from the election and shall be debarred from contesting elections xt three consecutive years.</p>
LOT PAPERS	<p>ld bear the signature of the Honorary Secretary or one of the members of on committee. The voting is by marking 'X' against the name of the person elected. The voter should not sign on the ballot paper. He puts his signature rites his address on envelop A which contains the ballot paper. The envelop sealed and put in envelop B and posted. The latter shall be pre-stamped and self address of the RSSDI.</p>
LECTION MITTEE	<p>Election Committee shall be composed of the past president currently serving e Executive Committee, the Secretary of the Executive Committee and any Member of the Executive Committee / Patron as nominated by the President. y of the Past President or the Secretary or the member of the Executive nittee/Patron are contesting the elections, then the President shall nominate ther member of the Executive Committee /Patron to take their place on the ion Committee. All the members of the Election Committee shall be ing officers. One of the returning officers shall be designated to sign the s. The list of successful candidates shall be signed by all the returning rs and submitted to the president. It shall be the discretion of the President to the payment of any allowance payable to the members of Election</p>



	<p>nittee for attending the counting of votes at a place other than the Annual ral Body Meeting subject to a limit fixed by the Executive Committee.</p>
ANCY ARISING OF ONTESTING	<p>positions may be filled in the AGBM by calling for nominations and by a ss of secret ballot, if necessary, during the annual scientific meeting. Nobody lected in absentia.</p>
CTION UTES	<p>rieved candidates or parties may approach the EC and ask for arbitration. Executive Patrons shall form the team of arbitrators. In the absence or al of an Executive Patron, any Past President may be nominated as an ator. Their decision is binding on both the parties. The Society shall not bear xpenses incurred by the aggrieved parties or candidates.</p>
<p>IES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE BEARERS</p>	
IES OF IDENT	<p>she shall preside and conduct all the meetings. Shall interpret and uphold the itution of the RSSDI.</p>
IES OF VICE IDENT	<p>rding to seniority shall preside in the absence of the President and conduct the edings. One of the Vice Presidents may be nominated by the President to the Credential Committee, the Election Committee or any other newly ituted Committee.</p>
IES OF ORARY RETARY	<p>all is in charge of the office of the RSSDI. He is the Chief Executive. He can the money for day to day expenses in running the office. He is responsible for rrespondence, preparing reports, maintaining minutes of the meeting, sending es of the meetings, conduct elections and implement policy matters of the DI. He shall assist the President in conducting all meetings. He shall also t applications for membership, grants etc. and put up the same for the val of concerned committee. He shall be the Secretary of any committee that stituted by the EC.</p>
IES OF ORARY JOINT RETARY	<p>assist and carry out the duties entrusted to him by the Honorary Secretary of nd discharge all responsibilities in the absence of the Honorary Secretary.</p>
IES OF ORARY ASURER	<p>tain the accounts of the RSSDI and present the account to the EC meeting and the AGBM. Shall prepare the budget of the forthcoming year and present at e the GB during the Annual Conference.</p> <p>Honorary Treasurer shall get the accounts audited by a Chartered Accountant, ncome Tax return on behalf of the RSSDI and present the same before the EC ll as GB for approval.</p>
IES OF THE ORARY OR	<p>be responsible for collection of scientific articles and their necessary scrutiny, poration of news and all facts relevant to the functions and activities of the DI in the Journal vide clause 5.2. Shall be responsible for periodic publication Journal. May open and operate a separate account in a Nationalized Bank for urpose of the Journal, the audited account of which shall be presented as ed below. Shall be responsible to the EC and Editorial Committee.</p>
AK ACCOUNT	<p>accounts shall be operated by two of the three Office bearers namely rary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and President where the Honorary</p>

	<p>urer has to be the mandatory operator of all such accounts. In case of the al it shall be Honorary Editor and Honorary Treasurer or any member of the rial Committee residing in the same city as that of the Honorary Editor.</p> <p>ot for impress amount all the finances should be kept in Fixed Deposit and/or gs accounts in Nationalized Banks or Nationalized Financial Institutions viz. is may be deemed fit from time to time.</p>
NCIAL YEAR	be as per the national fiscal year ie. April 1 to March 31 of the following
UAL NTIFIC TING	<p>resident and the EC installed in the current AGBM shall organize the next l scientific meeting a year later. Alternatively, the EC may favorably respond y invitation for organizing the annual scientific meeting by any member of the r the RSSDI. In either case, the annual scientific meeting and all scientific ties of the RSSDI shall be planned and executed by the EC through the man of the Scientific Committee and the Scientific Committee appointed by C for this purpose. The President and the local organizing committee / nittees shall be responsible for all organizational work of the annual scientific ng and other meetings and will work in full co-operation with the Scientific nittee. The organizer and the local organizing committee are obliged to it the accounts to the RSSDI and the savings are credited to the account of the OI.</p>
GNAL	<p>EC shall nominate one of the members with at least five years of membership onorary Editor to publish the Journal. The tenure of the Honorary Editor shall ree years subject to the limitation that no person may serve more than two as Honorary Editor.</p> <p>ication of the Journal shall be financially viable and self sustained. The rary Editor shall present the past year's accounts and the budget for the ng year in the AGBM. The EC shall form the editorial committee. The dent and the Honorary Secretary shall be the ex-officio members of the rial committee. The Journal shall be titled as 'International Journal for etes in Developing Countries' and abbreviates as 'IJDDC' from hence onwards l purposes.</p>
ternational nittee	<p>e shall be an International Committee composed of the President, who shall be hairperson of the International Committee, and the president elect, the past lent and the Honorary Secretary who shall all be Members of the International nittee.</p>
IPLINE	<p>member of the RSSDI may be disciplined or expelled for an undesirable act, by the discipline committee duly approved by the EC by two third ity.</p>
GATION	<p>ociety may sue or be sued in the name of the President within the jurisdiction appropriate court in the place from where the administrative office of the OI is functioning at that time.</p>
OLUTION OF SOCIETY	<p>proposal for dissolution shall be considered only in the AGBM. The notice of roposal should be given in writing to all the members four weeks before the of AGM. Seventy five percent votes of the total membership shall be required e resolution of dissolution to be passed. The Society shall not be dissolved if five per cent of the members dissent. In the event of dissolution the assets</p>

the Society shall by resolution of the AGM be transferred to one or more organizations having objectives similar to the RSSDI.