

Statutes

Cardio-Oncology Switzerland (COS)

Section of the Heart Failure Working Group (HF WG) of the Swiss Society of Cardiology (SSC)

Article 1 – Status and Affiliation

Cardio-Oncology Switzerland (COS) is a section of the Heart Failure Working Group (HF WG) of the Swiss Society of Cardiology (SSC).

The following documents are binding for COS:

- Statutes of the Heart Failure Working Group
- Statutes of the Swiss Society of Cardiology¹
- Regulations for Working Groups of the Swiss Society of Cardiology²
- Financial Regulations of the Swiss Society of Cardiology and its Working / Interest Groups³
- Regulations concerning obligations related to continuing education events and congresses of the Swiss Society of Cardiology and its Working / Interest Groups⁴

In the event of discrepancies, the statutes and regulations of the HF WG and SSC shall prevail.

Article 2 – Objectives and Tasks

COS deals with all aspects of the rapidly evolving field of Cardio-Oncology. Its main focus is on the management of the cardiovascular health of cancer patients before, during and after cancer therapy, including survivorship care. This encompasses, but is not restricted to, optimizing pre-existing cardiovascular disease and the management of cardiovascular side effects of cancer therapy. COS coordinates educational and research initiatives as well as training and continuing education programs in this area, promotes knowledge exchange and fosters collaboration with other stakeholders and actors, such as National Professional Societies for Oncology, Hematology and Radio-Oncology. Finally, COS serves as a focal point in coordinating and implementing international recommendations and projects of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC).

Article 3 – Membership

COS Membership is open to all members of the HF WG with an interest in the field of Cardio-Oncology. Members of a Swiss medical specialty organization other than Cardiology, Pediatric Cardiology or Cardiac Surgery are admissible for COS membership as associate members. The associate membership does not constitute SSC membership; rights and obligations are limited to those attributed by these statutes. Applications for membership must be submitted to the COS Board and supported by two existing members (sponsors). New members are admitted by the General Assembly by a simple majority of the voting members present. All members with a specialty degree in medicine have voting rights within the COS. The COS membership database is managed by the SSC office.

Article 4 – COS Board

The COS Board consists of the President; Vice-President; Past President; Treasurer; and up to five additional Board members. Representation of the five Swiss university hospitals Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Zurich should be sought whenever possible. Balanced representation of regions and language areas, genders, and different professional situations and interests is sought. The Board is elected by the General Assembly by simple majority for a two-year term. Board members are eligible for re-election, except for the President and Vice-President. Total board membership shall not exceed ten years. Candidates must be submitted to the Board at least six weeks before the General Assembly. All voting members are eligible. The new board members commit themselves at the latest upon election into the board, to apply for membership of SSC.

The President and Vice-President are elected separately by the General Assembly for a two-year term. Voting members that are ordinary SSC members are eligible. The Vice-President is generally proposed to the General Assembly as candidate for President following completion of his or her term.

Article 5 – General Assembly

The Board organizes at least one General Assembly per year. The agenda is prepared by the Board and circulated to members at least four weeks in advance.

Article 6 – Amendments to the Statutes

Amendments to these statutes require approval by the boards of the HF WG and SSC followed by approval by the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority of the voting members present. Proposed amendments must be communicated to members in writing at least four weeks before the General Assembly.

These statutes were reviewed by the HF WG Board on 09.06.2026 and SSC Board on 10.06.2026 and approved by the Inaugural COS Board on 05.06.2026.



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