



## INTERNATIONAL CIOMR CONSTITUTION

### I **NAME**

The name of the organisation is:

Confédération Interalliée des Officiers Médicaux de Réserve.

In English:

Interallied Confederation of Medical Reserve Officers.

For most general purposes the name will be used in the abbreviated form: "CIOMR".

### II **INTERPRETATION OF TEXTS**

1. The official languages will be English and French.
2. Both the English and French texts are equally official. If there is a difference or a doubt in interpretation, the text most consistent with the objectives of CIOMR shall prevail.

### III **STATUS**

CIOMR is an independent organisation recognised by NATO. In every way consistent with its mission it supports a close co-operation with the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR).

### IV **OBJECTIVES**

1. To contribute positively to the organisation and readiness of the military health services of NATO member nations, thereby enhancing their effective function both nationally and internationally. Further, to promote in every possible way the standardisation and interoperability of those medical services during peace or war.
2. To bring to the attention of the proper NATO authorities recommendations and suggestions which, in the opinion of CIOMR, will improve the effectiveness of medical services provided by and for NATO forces.
3. To stimulate esprit de corps and mutual understanding between the Regular and Reserve Medical Forces within NATO.
4. To maintain a close liaison with national and international medical organisations.

### V **MEANS**

To achieve the objectives of the Confederation, the following means, among others, may be used:

1. Exchange of information.
2. Organisation of scientific meetings.
3. Facilitation and promotion of attendance at courses and training programs organised within NATO countries.
4. Co-operation with the Commissions of CIOR on matters of mutual interest.
5. Liaison with NATO/COMEDS.
6. Liaison with the media.

## VI **MEMBERSHIP**

1. National reserve military medical associations or their equivalents as agreed by the board from all NATO member countries may become full members of CIOMR. They have no right to associate membership.
2. National reserve military medical associations or their equivalents from non NATO countries may be invited to become associate members of CIOMR.
3. Only one national association per country will be admitted to membership of CIOMR. Each national association must be approved by its Ministry of Defence.

## VII **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The governing body of CIOMR is its Executive Committee (EC). The EC consists of the National Delegations of the full member countries. Visiting and Associate member delegations may attend meetings of the EC. They may express opinions but have no voting rights.
2. Each full member delegation shall have one vote.
3. All former Presidents and Secretaries General are members of the EC in advisory capacity, whilst still currently serving officers.
4. The EC may permit former committee members or other persons to be invited by their national delegations to attend as observers.

## VIII **BOARD**

1. The EC shall choose from within the committee a Board comprising the following officers:
  - a. President
  - b. International Vice President (the term "international" as distinct from the national vice presidents)
  - c. President Designate
  - d. Secretary General
  - e. Assistant Secretary General
  - f. Treasurer
2. Board members must be actively training Officers
3. The posts of President and International Vice President shall be filled by the same nation following a rotation schedule as determined by the EC.
4. The post of President Designate shall be filled in the same manner by another nation.
5. The President, International Vice President and President Designate shall serve for two year terms.
6. The Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General shall be individually elected by the EC. They may but need not belong to the same member nation. They are elected for two years, and may be re-elected twice.
7. The Treasurer shall be individually elected by the EC for two years and may be re-elected twice.
8. Election to, or removal from office, shall be determined by a majority vote of the EC.

9. Duties of Board members:

- a. To take all necessary measures to ensure that the objectives stated in the Constitution are attained.
- b. To follow and implement the directives of the EC
- c. To organise the meetings of CIOMR in cooperation with the host countries and with CIOR.
- d. To maintain liaison with NATO
- e. To determine the ways and means by which co-operation might be established between CIOMR and other organisations.

**IX MEETINGS**

1. Meetings of CIOMR shall be held at such times, dates and venues as shall be fixed by the President, with the approval of the EC. These will normally coincide and be held in association with the mid winter and summer meetings of CIOR. Other meetings may be held in exceptional circumstances with the approval of the EC.
2. The EC shall meet at least twice each year, once during the annual summer Congress and once between two successive congresses. Its meetings shall preferably coincide with those of CIOR.
3. In urgent circumstances the President may consult directly with the National Vice Presidents of the full member countries, but decisions so reached must be submitted for approval at the next meeting of the EC.
4. The organisation of all meetings of the EC shall be the responsibility of the Secretary General in consultation with the President.
5. The President shall preside at all meetings of CIOMR and of the EC. In the absence of the President, the International Vice President shall preside. In the absence of the President and the International Vice President, the President Designate shall preside. In the absence of all three of the above named officers, the EC shall select one of its members to preside at the meeting concerned.
6. The authority of the President may be temporarily delegated by the President to the International Vice President or the President Designate.

**X VISITING DELEGATIONS**

1. NATO member countries which are not yet members of CIOMR may send a visiting delegation to a maximum of two summer and one winter meetings. Having attended three meetings the country has no further right to attend as a visitor, but may at any time exercise its right to take up full membership.
2. Non NATO member countries may be invited to send a visiting delegation. The initial invitation shall be approved by the EC. Subsequent invitations are at the discretion of the Board. Such invitations shall not continue for more than three years, after which a period of three years shall elapse before further invitation. It would be the norm after three years for a visiting country to accept an invitation to associate membership.

**XI FINANCES**

1. Ultimate responsibility for the financial affairs of CIOMR rests with the president. He is supported in this by the Board, the Audit Committee and the EC. The treasurer is

responsible for the administration of the accounts and is the advisor to the President, the Board and the EC on the Organisation's finances.

2. Financial support will be derived from:

- a. Dues paid by the National Associations
- b. Subsidies
- c. Gifts and legacies without any constraints as to their use, as accepted by the EC
- d. Sale of CIOMR memorabilia

## XII **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

1. The Executive Committee shall determine the full membership fee, which will be due annually.

2. The penalty for non-payment of the full membership fee shall be:

- a. After 2 years loss of voting rights and eligibility to stand for board appointments.
- b. After 4 years loss of membership.

These rights once lost shall only be reinstated on full Payment of the arrears.

3. Associate members shall pay 50% of the full Membership fee.

4. The penalty for non-payment of the associate Membership fee for 2 years shall be loss of membership. Membership once lost in this way shall only be regained by invitation of the EC after full payment of the arrears.

## XIII **COMMITTEES**

1. In accordance with Objective 1 of CIOMR, three permanent committees shall be established:

a. The Scientific Committee shall be responsible for the coordination and delivery of scientific sessions at the CIOMR meetings.

b. The Operational Medicine Committee shall be responsible for promoting standardization of medical practice by the following:

- Identify, research, and provide practical international solutions to improve military medicine
- Plan, organize, and share practical solutions through the continued education process
- Plan, organize and deliver the CIOR first aid competition.

c. The Audit Committee shall each year review the finances of CIOMR and prepare a report, to be presented at the summer congress.

2. Each of the permanent committees will appoint a chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Each committee is to maintain the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the operation of the committee. Each of the committees must review its SOPs in the year immediately following the constitutional review.

3. Other special committees may be appointed by the EC, which will be responsible for making enquiries or studies into matters of interest to CIOMR.

## XIV **AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

1. The EC at intervals of five years shall appoint a special committee to review the Constitution. It shall be chaired by the President Designate.

2. The Constitution may be amended by the EC by a 3/4 majority vote of those full member nations present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted to the Secretary General not later than three months prior to an EC meeting to be included in the agenda for such a meeting

XV **BY-LAWS**

The EC may establish by-laws to implement this Constitution.

XVI **DISSOLUTION OF CIOMR**

In the case of the dissolution of CIOMR the financial assets of the organisation shall be divided amongst the paying members taking into account the following factors:

- a. Recovery of arrears.
- b. The share for associate members will be half that of full members.
- c. The share so calculated shall be adjusted for recently joined members. During first year of membership, nil. During second year 25%, rising by 25% for each year of membership to 100% in the fifth year and beyond.

XVII **REVOCATION**

All prior constitutions and all provisions contrary to the Regulations contained in this Constitution are hereby revoked.

Approved by E.C in Istanbul  
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