1. Name and Seat
The association bears the name European Society of Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy with the addition E.V. after registration and is based in Berlin West.

2. Aim
The society aims to exchange information, research, take part in courses and conferences related to scientific and practical knee problems, to further develop skills in arthroscopy and knee joint surgery on a European basis by participating specialists. Furthermore, an exchange of experience should be maintained with other international associations with similar objectives.

3. Membership
Any European doctor can become a member of the society. Membership is acquired through a written declaration of membership, upon which the board and the executive committee decide. The decision on admission is made by a simple majority; in the event of a tie, the President decides.

4. Membership, loss
Membership ends with death, declaration of resignation, or exclusion. Leaving at any time is made by a written declaration to the board. The general assembly decides on the exclusion with a majority of two thirds of the members present.

5. Membership fee and other duties
The ordinary general meeting decides on the amount and due date of the membership fees.

6 Organs and bodies
The organs of the society are the board, the executive committee and the general assembly.
At the decision of the executive committee, additional organizational facilities, in particular committees and commissions, can be created and entrusted with special tasks.

7 Board
The board consists of the president, the deputy president, the secretary and the treasurer. The association is represented in court and out of court by two members of the board or the president or the deputy president.
The executive committee elects the board for a period of four years
However, the board remains in office after the term of office has expired until a new board is elected.
The board runs the business on a voluntary basis. It shall adopt its rules of procedure.

8 Executive committee
A executive committee is formed which consists of at least five members of the society. Each president becomes a member of the executive committee for a period of four years after his/her presidential term. The executive committee has the right to elect additional members to the committee for a period of three years by majority vote. Under no circumstances may the number of executive committee members exceed 14. The executive committee conducts the business of the society and must observe and complete the objectives and procedures set out by the society at the general meeting.
The executive committee meets when the President or two or more members of the executive committee call for it.

The executive committee appoints a nomination committee consisting of at least three members within a period of 120 days prior to the dates on which the executive committee members are to be elected.

This committee has to prepare a list of candidates for distribution to the members of the executive committee. This list should be submitted no later than 90 days before the general assembly.

The executive committee will send this list to the members as soon as possible, but not later than 60 days before the aforementioned general assembly.

A member can only be proposed if he has accepted the candidacy in writing. Additional suggestions can be made from those present at a meeting if the candidate proposed in this way has previously given his written consent or if he is present himself and accepts the candidature.

The election of the executive committee members takes place by majority vote at the general assembly.

9 General Assembly

The ordinary general assembly, which takes place in the first nine months of every second year, decides on the contributions, the discharge of the board, the election of the executive committee and changes to the statutes.

An extraordinary general meeting is to be called at the request of a third of the members or at the request of the executive committee. The board convenes all general meetings in writing with a notice period of one month, stating the agenda.

10 Transcription

A record of the general assembly is to be signed by the president or the deputy president and the secretary or by a secretary elected by the general assembly.

11 Dissolution

The dissolution can only be decided in a special, extraordinary general meeting to be called for this purpose with a period of one month with a majority of three quarters of the members present.

The meeting also decides on the type of liquidation and the liquidation of the remaining assets.

The society must be entered in the register of associations at the Charlottenburg district court in Berlin.

Berlin, August 10, 1983.

Founding meeting and election protocol of the European Society for Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy in Berlin West, International Congress Center from June 18-19, 1982