

Article I. NAME

The name of the Society shall be "Indian Society of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry" (ISPPD).

Article II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- a) The Society is formed on the firm belief that "Every child in India has a fundamental right to total oral health". Every member of the Dental profession in general and Pedodontists in particular have an obligation to uphold this right.
- b) The Society shall have the solemn responsibility towards the maintenance of positive dental health of the children through prevention, involvement of the community and through other necessary measures to achieve this objective.
- c) The Society shall make an endeavor to provide suitable medium for honoring the commitment it has so sacredly undertaken.
- d) The Society shall be responsible for improvement of education, research and delivery of Oral health care in the field of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry and shall extend cooperation or collaborate with any individual, group or organization, national or international, with similar ideas, ideals and objectives.

To realize and attain the above mentioned goals the society may:

- a) Conduct Dental health education programmes in schools and community for the promotion of better oral health awareness, oral hygiene and prevention of oral diseases.

- b) Establish liaison with Dental surgeons in general practice to carry the message of the Society to term and also to keep them abreast with the new, relevant and advanced knowledge in the field through continuing oral education programmes.
- c) To provide forums for the Specialty Teachers to communicate and exchange knowledge on the current and recent advances in Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry.
- d) Hold periodical meetings and Conferences of the members of the Society.
- e) Organize courses on the recent developments in the field of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry for Pedodontists and other members of Dental profession who would be interested to join such courses.
- f) To promote the publications of scientific literature including a Journal of the Society, this would be dynamic in character, and shall have the possibility to adapt itself to the needs of the Society from time to time. The publications shall mainly be scientific in nature but shall be flexible enough to undertake publicity and propaganda in relation to its specialty of the profession, Society and the community.
- g) Establish rapport with Dental Council of India, Union and State Governments, Universities and other National and International Apex bodies to advice on the various aspects of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry including legislative and administrative areas.

- h) Accept endowments and grants from individuals or societies, official or non-official, Governmental or non-governmental, national or international.
- i) Make efforts to improve the basic curriculum of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry both at the Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels or super specialties if started in future.
- j) Establish liaison with associations and Societies of other allied sciences like Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Nutrition & Dietetics, Psychiatry, Psychology and Basic Sciences like Biochemistry, Microbiology and Pathology etc.
- k) Encourage research in the specialty of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry and other related sciences by the establishment of scholarships, prizes and rewards, by publishing from time to time monographs embodying the results of the research conducted by members independently or under the auspices of the Society.
- l) Consider and express its views on all matters pertaining to public oral health, Dental profession, and Dental education and take such steps from time to time as shall be deemed necessary.
- m) To collect, manage and disburse funds for all or any of the objectives of the Society.
- n) Do all such things and matters as are conducive to the attainment of the above objectives or any one of them which are subsidiary to the said objectives.

Article III. DEFINITION

In the following passages:

- a) "Society shall mean the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry" and also can be referred briefly as "ISPPD".
- b) "Member shall be an inclusive term embracing members, associate members, student members, honorary members, affiliate members, charter members and life members. Where-ever the article "He" has been mentioned, it shall also include "She".
- c) Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry is defined as age-defined specialty which renders total oral health care to children from birth through adolescence. (Until 18 years of age)

Article IV. OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY

The Office of the Society shall be at a place from where the Honorary General Secretary is elected.

Article V. REGISTER OF THE SOCIETY

The Honorary General Secretary shall maintain a register of the registered members – A hard copy and a copy on additional reliable data storage device and on website with periodical update.

Article VI. ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

- a) **Member:** A person shall be eligible to be a member of the Society, if he holds a postgraduate qualification i.e. MDS in Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry also registered under Dentists Act 1948, Schedule I and III. Re-registration of membership once every 3 years by paying the amount revised periodically
- b) **Life Member:** Any member who proposes to become a life member shall pay a one-time membership fee as fixed by the Executive Committee.
- c) **Student Member:** The Postgraduate students at various Dental Institutions in India who are specializing in Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry (MDS) shall be entitled to be enrolled as student members.
- d) **Associate Member:** The associate member shall be a person with postgraduate qualification in any other allied Dental or Medical disciplines, who have sufficient interest in Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry in furthering the aims and objectives of the Society, shall be eligible for associate membership subject to the approval of Executive Committee.
- e) **Affiliate Member:** Those persons who have postgraduate qualification in Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry or those with post graduate qualifications in other subjects and are full time teachers in Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry for at least five years, who are not living in India and are interested in the aims and objectives of the Indian Society of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry, shall be entitled to become affiliate members subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

- f) **Honorary Member:** Any individual who has made outstanding contribution through research and service to the cause of dentistry in general and the care of children in particular shall be entitled to be enrolled as honorary members of the Society with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- g) **Charter Member:** the ordinary or student members, who have filled in the enrollment forms and paid the dues within three months of the 1st meeting of Indian Society of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry held on 25th November, 1979 shall be designated as Charter Members but shall not have any special privileges other than the ordinary or student members.

Article VII. PROCEDURE TOWARDS MEMBERSHIP

- a) All classes of members except honorary members shall make an application to the Honorary General Secretary, in the prescribed form. The application shall be scrutinized by the Executive Committee and the members shall be informed of the decision in due course, till then they shall be provisionally admitted to the Society. The provisional membership of the Society entitles one to all rights and duties except that of franchise or seeking election for any office.
- b) After membership is duly approved by the Executive Committee, the Honorary General Secretary shall send the member a letter informing them of the decision. The member is required to pay the subscription and dues and sign a declaration form, "I hereby declare that I shall promote the aims and objectives of the Indian Society of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry to the best of my ability and agree

to abide by its Constitution and By-Laws". After this, the member's name shall be entered in the Membership Register.

- c) An honorary member shall be **elected** by the Executive Committee after his name is proposed and seconded by two members, subject to the final ratification by the General Body.
- d) An affiliate member can be admitted to the Society by the Executive Committee after his name is proposed and seconded by two responsible members of the profession in his own country and he submits an application in writing. The member should furnish his particulars regarding his academic qualification, experience, list of published work, administrative abilities, and his/her significant contribution in the field of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry.