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EUROPEAN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS SURGICAL SOCIETY
Europäische Gesellschaft für Rheuma-Orthopädie
Société Européenne de Chirurgie Orthopédique de la Polyarthrite Chronique Evolutive
(Russian text)

MODERN treatment of rheumatoid arthritis is teamwork led by specialists in rheumatology and orthopaedic surgery with special training in the surgery of arthritis. A group of ten European orthopaedic surgeons with particular interests in this field of surgery took the initiative to establish a European Society which was founded on September 4, 1979, in Wiesbaden, German Federal Republic. In the presence of 39 orthopaedic surgeons from 31 member-countries of the European League Against Rheumatism the Society was founded under the name ERASS (European Rheumatoid Arthritis Surgical Society) as a *private society of orthopaedic surgeons*.

ERASS aims to further scientific and clinical work in rheumatoid arthritis surgery on the European level. It will promote the training of doctors interested in this field and encourage interdisciplinary collaboration with all fields of specialization concerned with rheumatology. It is organized as follows:

- I. *General assembly* meeting every two years. First meeting: April 23–25, 1981, Vienna, Austria.
- II. *Executive Committee*, consisting of seven members:
 - J. A. Pahle, Norway, President
 - S. Jakubowski, Poland, Vice-president
 - W. Souter, Scotland, Secretary
 - N. Gschwend, Switzerland, TreasurerCo-opted members:
 - H. Brattström, Sweden
 - V. Pavlov, USSR
 - K. Tillmann, German Federal Republic
- III. *Scientific Committee*: N. Gschwend, W. Souter, H. Brattström.
Advisory Committee on surgical matters: G. Arden (England), S. Jakubowski, V. Pavlov, K. Tillmann.
- IV. *Publications*: The Society will be able to publish articles in the *EULAR Bulletin*, the official publication of the European League Against Rheumatism.

The Headquarters and place of business are located in Switzerland, address: Klinik Wilhelm Schulthess, 8008 Zürich, Neumünsterallee 3, Switzerland.

Membership is open to orthopaedic surgeons trained in rheumatoid arthritis surgery, based on personal application, and sponsored by a referee who should be a member of ERASS or be known personally to a member of the Executive Committee. Associate membership is also open to rheumatologists. Applications should be sent to: Jan A. Pahle, M.D., President of ERASS, Oslo Sanitetsforening Rheumatism Hospital, Akersbakken 27, Oslo 1, Norway. The annual subscription is at present S.Fr. 50,-, which should be paid to bank account No. 359.881 Zürcher Kantonalbank, 8126 Zumikon, Switzerland.