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STATUTE SERBIAN NUTRITION SOCIETY

I Name, seats and mission

Article 1

Name of the society is ДРУШТВО ЗА ИСХРАНУ СРБИЈЕ (Eng.*SERBIAN NUTRITION SOCIETY*).The society operates on the territory of the Republic of Serbia. The Society's seat is in Belgrade.

Serbian Nutrition Society (hereinafter referred to as: "Society") was founded in 2008 as a non-profit, non-governmental organization and is a successors of the Society for the promotion of National Nutrition of Serbia, which was founded in 1956 and of the Yugoslav Nutrition Society, which was founded in 1993.

Article 2

The society was founded with the aim of nurturing and improving the profession and applied science that deals with nutrition and health relationship, production, processing, quality and food safety through multisectoral cooperation, organization and participation in national and international professional and scientific conferences and projects, publishing, educational workshops and other activities that enable the achievement of the set aims.

Article 3

In its work, the Society follows general socially acceptable principles and universally recognized professional, scientific and ethical values.

Article 4

The Society brings together and is open to all experts in the field of agronomy, biology, biochemistry, dietetics, economics, law, dentistry, technology, pharmacy, human and veterinary medicine and other fields related to food production, processing, quality and safety, clinical and public health nutrition and fundamental nutrition sciences.

II Objectives and Power

Article 5

The main objectives are to:

- monitor the achievements and state of art of food and nutrition science,
- monitor the results of translation nutrition science achievement into practice,
- promote researches achievements of its members,
- business,
- work on educating the population and certain population groups about the importance of proper nutrition in preserving and improving health,
- work on the education of health workers and associates and other occupations that apply knowledge in the field of food and nutrition within their professional activities,
- promote domestic and international cooperation of food and nutrition experts.

Article 6

The society achieves its objectives by:

- providing professional assistance to food business operators while ensuring that their operations society with domestic and internationally recognized standards, recommendations, generally accepted doctrines and conventions, including the principles of protection and improvement of environmental quality and conservation of biodiversity;
- cooperating with the competent governmental bodies, professional institutions and other relevant professional associations in the development of regulations in the field of food safety and quality and providing opinion on these regulations;
- cooperating with the competent governmental bodies, professional institutions and other relevant professional associations in the development of national programs for control and improvement of nutrition of the population and special population groups;
- cooperating with educational institutions where future experts who will deal with modern practice and science in the field of food and nutrition are educated;
- organizing independently, or in cooperation with other domestic, foreign and international institutions and professional organizations, congresses, symposia, seminars, consultations, courses and other educational, professional and scientific meeting;
- independently, or in cooperation with other professional associations, citizens' associations and institutions, participating in the development and implementation of professional and scientific projects and programs dealing with food and nutrition as well as the promotion of modern achievements that can contribute to improving food production and quality and improving the nutrition of the population;
- publishing the scientific journal *Food and Nutrition*, publishing proceedings of seminars, symposia and congresses, as well as other special publications and promotional materials;
- providing professional assistance in the preparation documentation necessary for placing food products on the market in domestic and foreign markets and documentation required for obtaining certificates and trademarks;
- development and issuance of special certificates for additional quality of food products, which are placed on the domestic and foreign markets, and in accordance with positive regulations and generally accepted scientific and ethical principles;
- having its own website, which contains all relevant information for the Society, for the members of the Society as well as for professional and general public.

Article 7

In order to achieve special goals and tasks, the Society may establish sections. A proposal with an expert explanation for the establishment of a new session may be submitted to the Executive Council by at least 5 members of the Society.

III Association in other organizations

Article 8

The Society may collectively join or join domestic, regional and international professional associations, whose goals and activities are in accordance with the goals defined by the Statute of the Society.

IV Membership

Article 9

Membership in the Society is voluntary. Members of the Society can be all adults, citizens of the Republic of Serbia, as well as foreign citizens, including legal entities, that want to engage in achieving the goals of the Society and that accept the Statute of the Society. To join the Society, it is necessary for an interested natural or legal person to fill in the application form, Attachment 1.

When joining, i.e. payment of the annual membership fee, the Society issues a membership card / certificate, which is submitted electronically. Attachment 2.

Article 10

Membership in the Society can be: regular, assisting, meritorious and honorary.

A regular member can be any person who wants to participate in the activities of the Society and accepts the Statute of the Society. The rights and obligations of regular members of the Society are to:

- initiate, participate and monitor the implementation of planned activities of the Society,
- implement decisions made by the Society's bodies in accordance with the Statute and the law,
- elect and be elected to the bodies of the Society,
- preserve and work to improve the reputation of the Society,
- pay a membership fees.

Assisting members of the Society are physical **or legal persons** who occasionally participate in the organization of professional and scientific meetings, provide assistance in the implementation of projects, participate in the provision of financial resources and perform other tasks approved by the bodies of the Society. Assisting members of the Society have the right to attend meetings of the management bodies of the Society, to monitor the implementation of activities in which they participate, but they do not have the right to make decisions and cannot be elected to the bodies of the Society.

A meritorious member of the Society may become a regular member who, with his work, has particularly distinguished himself in the accomplishment of certain planned activities and / or in the affirmation of the Society.

An honorary member can become a person who has distinguished himself for many years in carrying out numerous activities and affirmation of the Society.

Meritorious and honorary members of the Society are elected by the Executive Council on the proposal of at least 5 regular members and the President and Vice President of the Society.

Article 11

Membership fees are paid by regular and assisting members of the Society. The amount of the membership fee for a period of one year is determined by the Executive Council of the Society. The membership fee is not paid by full-time undergraduate students, unemployed persons and pensioners.

Article 12

For special commitment and participation in the implementation of certain activities, regular, assisting and honorary members of the Society may be nominated for the award of a certificate of appreciation. The proposal for awarding a certificate of appreciation is given by the Executive Council or at least 5 members of the Society.

Article 13

Termination of membership occurs due to:

- voluntary withdrawal given in writing;
- due to unpaid membership fee for a period of 2 years;
- upon learning of the finality of the court verdict which sentenced him to imprisonment with a ban on performing professional activities

V Internal organization and bodies of the Society

Article 14

Bodies of the Society are:

- Assembly
- Executive Council
- President and Vice president
- Secretary General and Treasures
- Steering Board

The mandate of all bodies of the Society, except the Assembly, lasts 4 years, with the possibility of another consecutive election. The bodies of the Society are liable to the Assembly of the Society for their work.

Article 15

The Assembly is the highest body of the Society and it consists of all regular members of the Society who pay the membership fee. Regular members, if they have not paid the membership fee for a period longer than 2 years, can attend the sessions of the Assembly, but without the right to vote.

Article 16

The Assembly of the Society performs the following tasks:

- adopts the Statute of the Society, decides on proposals for amendments to the Statute,
- adopts other general acts in accordance with the Statute and the law,
- elects the President and appoints the Vice-President of the Society,
- elects members of the Executive Board and members of the Supervisory Board,
- at the proposal of the President of the Society, confirms the appointment of the Secretary General and Treasurer,
- considers and adopts the report on the work of the Executive Council and especially the report on the implementation of the financial plan and the final account of the Society,
- considers and approves the financial plan and the annual financial statement for the previous year,
- decides on association with other associations in the country and abroad,
- disposes of and takes care of the maintenance of the Society's assets,
- renders a decision on the cessation of the Society.

Article 17

The Assembly of the Society meets at least once a year, if necessary several times. The election session of the Assembly of the Society is held every fourth year. The manner of convening, working and deciding on the members of the Assembly is regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

An extraordinary session of the Assembly must be convened if requested by one third of the members of the Society. The request for holding an extraordinary session shall be submitted in writing to the President of the Society. An extraordinary meeting of the Society must be held no later than 30 days after the receipt of the request for its holding.

Article 18

The Executive Council is the executive body of the Assembly of the Society that manages the work of the Society between the two election sessions. The Executive Council has 15 members and consists

of the President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer and 11 members elected at the election session of the Assembly.

Article 19

The tasks of the Executive Council are to:

- convenes the Assembly and prepares the material necessary for its work;
- implements the decisions of the Assembly;
- proposes at the election session of the Assembly the candidate (s) for President;
- considers and adopts proposals for the adoption of a new, ie proposals for amendments to the Statute and other general acts relevant to the work of the Society;
- proposes, elects and appoints members of working groups that will deal with the development of proposals for the adoption of a new, or the development of proposals for amendments to the current Statute and other general acts;
- adopts, considers and approves the annual plan of the Society's work;
- considers, adopts the proposal and monitors the implementation of the annual financial plan;
- elects the editor in chief and deputy editor in chief of the journal *Food and Nutrition*;
- considers and adopts the proposals of the work plan of the editor-in-chief and renders a decision on the appointment of the members of the Editorial Board of the journal *Food and Nutrition* and the Publishing Council;
- considers and makes a decision on the adoption of the work plan and work report of the Publishing Council;
- renders a decision on the amount of membership fee;
- renders a decision on the amount of subscription for the journal *Food and Nutrition*;
- renders a decision on awarding letters to deserving and honorary members of the Society;
- considers and adopts a plan for the production and publication of special publications as well as the selection of reviewers of those publications;
- renders a decision on cooperation with institutions, other associations and economic entities;
- appoints representatives / delegates of the Society in other professional domestic, foreign and international organizations;
- renders a decision on the organization and participates in the organization of national and international educational workshops, scientific and professional meetings;
- discusses and makes decisions on proposals and appeals of the members of the Society;
- manages the assets of the Society.

The Executive Council holds at least 2 sessions during the calendar year. The manner of convening sessions, the manner of work and decision-making are regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

Article 20

The President represents the interests of the Society.

The obligations and rights of the president are to:

- represents the Society with all legal powers conferred on it by the Statute in accordance with the law;
- signs the adopted decisions of the Assembly and the Executive Council of the Society;
- ensures that the adopted programs and tasks are implemented;
- takes care to perform urgent / extraordinary tasks arising from the law and protecting the interests of the Society;
- makes proposals to the Executive Council for the appointment of the Secretary General and Treasurer of the Society;

- convenes sessions and prepares the materials necessary for their work with the Vice President and the Secretary General;
- promotes the goals and activities of the Society;
- take care of the financial stability of the Society.

Article 21

In urgent and extraordinary circumstances, absences due to illness or other justifiable reasons, the President may delegate certain powers and tasks from his scope of work to the Vice President of the Society.

The President is responsible for his work to the Executive Council and the Assembly of the Society.

Article 22

A society may have an **honorary president**. A candidate for honorary president can be a long-term regular member of the Society, who has been elected president twice, who has achieved especially significant results with his professional work and organization of the work of the Society. The decision on the appointment of the honorary president is made by the Assembly of the Society on the proposal of the Executive Council and with the consent of the Steering Board of the Society. The proposal for election of Honorary President is considered valid if signed by 15 full members.

Article 23

The Vice President of the Society is the previous President who is appointed at the election session of the Assembly after the expiration of the mandate.

The tasks of the Vice President are to facilitate the continuity of the planned activities of the Society, to assist the President and the Secretary General in organizing the work and carrying out the planned tasks.

In case of justified absence of the President, the Vice President represents the Society.

The Vice President keeps records of the members of the Society and receives applications for membership and termination of membership in the Society.

Article 24

The Secretary General of the Society assists the President and the Vice President in the realization of the planned activities, and he is especially engaged:

- in the organization and preparation of materials for the meetings of the Executive Council and the Assembly of the Society;
- organizing professional and scientific conferences and educational workshops;
- in coordination of the work of the president, vice president and professional, periodically engaged professionals, who perform certain legal, administrative and financial tasks for the Society;
- keep minutes of meetings held and ensure that they are provided to all relevant entities.

Article 25

The Treasurer of the Society is the custodian of the Society's assets and is in charge of:

- collection of membership fees,
- keeping records / archives of the Society's financial operations,
- preparation of the annual financial report together with the president and vice president,
- preparation of the annual accounts, together with the President and Vice-President, who then submits them to the Executive Council for consideration and adoption.

Article 26

The Steering Board consists of 3 members, one of whom performs the function of the President. The tasks of the Steering Board are to control the compliance of all bodies of the Society with the Statute and the law. It is especially engaged in:

- control of decision-making of the Society's bodies
- control of the financial operations of the Society
- consideration of written petitions of members of the Society
- control of the work of the election session of the Assembly.

The work of the Steering Board is regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Steering Board.

VI Public information and publishing

Article 27

Informing the professional and public community about the work of the Society is being done at professional and scientific meetings, through special publications, promotional materials and website as well as cooperation with written and electronic public information services.

The Society may be a publisher and co-publisher of professional and scientific books, brochures and promotional materials when it is in accordance with the goals and activities, and in the interest of the Society.

Article 28

The Society prepares and publishes the scientific journal *Food and Nutrition*, proceedings of professional and scientific meetings and special thematic publications.

The editor-in-chief of the journal *Food and Nutrition* is elected by the Executive Council of the Society.

The Editor-in-Chief proposes the **Deputy Editor-in-Chief and members of the Editorial Board** of the journal *Food and Nutrition*, and their appointment is confirmed by the Executive Council of the Society.

Article 29

The Editorial Board of the journal *Food and Nutrition* has at least 13 members and consists of the editor-in-chief, the deputy editor-in-chief and at least 11 members. The Editorial Board of the Journal makes sure that the generally accepted criteria for publishing papers in scientific journals and their categorization are applied.

Article 30

The Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor-in-Chief, as well as members of the Editorial Board of the journal *Food and Nutrition*, prepare instructions for authors who want to publish papers in the journal, cooperate with authors, co-authors and reviewers and professional associates, taking into account modern criteria, collaborate with authors, co-authors and reviewers and experts, taking into account the modern criteria for categorizing scientific journals as well as the criteria for determining the authorship of a paper that is intended to be published in a journal.

Article 31

The Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Food and Nutrition* look after:

- timely publication of volumes of the journals, in accordance with the periods planned,
- technical preparation for compliance of electronic and printed editions in accordance with applicable regulations for this type of publications,
- cataloging at the National Library of the Republic of Serbia is performed;

- distribution of the journals is performed to the authors, the National Library of the Republic of Serbia, the University Library of the City of Belgrade, subscribers and other libraries in the country and abroad, at their request, and in accordance with the interests of the Society.

Article 32

The Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the journal maintain the Register of Received Papers and the Archive of Authorship Statements, the Register of Reviews as well as other documents of importance for the Society and periodically innovate the List of Reviewers and the Instructions to Reviewers.

Article 33

The Publishing Council is an advisory body of the Society that proposes the preparation and publishing of professional and scientific publications.

The Publishing Council has at least 11 members, one of whom is the president of the Publishing Council, whose expertise and ethical qualities are recognized by the domestic and foreign professional public as well as members of the Society.

The Publishing Council cooperates with the Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor-in-Chief, and when necessary, with the Executive Council, especially when deciding about issuance of special publications.

VII Publicity

Article 34

The entire activity of the Society is public and is subject of evaluation and criticism of the members, scientific and professional public and the society.

All members of the Society may request the inspection of minutes and other documentation from the meetings of the bodies of the Society.

Publicity is ensured by publishing all relevant data regarding members of the bodies of the Society, by publishing planned and performed activities on the Society's website, providing information in written by electronic and written media to all citizens and other associations, state authorities and other entities that financially or otherwise assist in the work of the Society (if requested), and in accordance with the law.

VIII

Income and property

Article 35

Material-financial activities of the Society and all its bodies (and services) are performed in accordance with the positive legal regulations of the Republic of Serbia.

The Society funds come from the following sources:

- membership fee
- sale of publications
- registration fee for conferences, workshops and seminars
- contributions from benefactors and assisting members

- funds from state bodies intended for co-financing of conferences, seminars, workshops, organize by the Society and other activities of the Society in the that are in line with the sate bodies power and decisions
- income from services rendered based on technical agreements
- interest on deposited funds
- other sources in accordance with the law

Article 36

All functions in the Society are voluntary. The funds the Society has at its disposal and which it acquires during its activities, represent the assets of the Society that cannot be distributed to members, but can be used to reimburse eligible running costs in order to achieve planned activities (reimbursement for supplies, travel expenses, per diems, accommodation, postage and others) and contractual obligations. The manner of distribution of funds is determined by the financial plan of revenues and expenditures. The financial plan is reviewed and approved by the Executive Council in cooperation with other bodies of the Society.

Article 37

For the performance of administrative, legal, economic, IT and publishing activities, the Society, based on the decision of the Executive Council, and in accordance with the financial possibilities, may engage individual experts/organizations of appropriate professional profile or form a permanent service to perform these tasks. The mentioned experts can be employed in the Society or they can be occasionally engaged to perform certain tasks.

IX Society as legal entity

Article38

The Society has the status of a legal entity and own account with a commercial bank.

Society has seal. The seal is round in shape, with a circular inscription: *ДРУШТВО ЗА ИСХРАНУ СРБИЈЕ – Београд*.

The society has its own emblem-sign: a stylized draft of the globe in the lower right corner of which is inscribed "NS", on the side of the globe is a stylized ear of wheat, and below the globe is a small strip with the number "1956." The emblem-sign of the Society is used in official communication with individuals and legal entities, in the development of programs of professional and scientific gatherings, certificates of appreciation and certificates.

X Dissolution of the Society

Article39

The Society may cease to operate if:

- irreversible circumstances that interfere with its work have occurred;
- state authorities have made a decision to ban activity.

The decision on the dissolution of the Societyis should be made by the Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Council and with the consent of the Steering Board.

The assets of the Society, after settling all obligations, are handed over for further disposal to an organization or association that has similar goals, determined by the Assembly.

The President of the Societyshall notify the competent state authoritywithin 15 days from the adoption of decision on the dissolution of the Society.

Article 40

Upon the adoption of this Statute, the Statute adopted on 28th October 2016 ceases to be valid.

Chairman of the Assembly of the Society
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