

Constitution of LarpSoc

1. The Group shall be called the **LARP** Society (The **LA** and **Related Proteins** Society).
2. The objectives of the Group shall be:
 - (a) To promote the highest standards of research into La-domain containing proteins
 - (b) To promote the exchange of information in all aspects of research into La-domain containing proteins
 - (c) To provide support and education to junior researchers in the field
3. The Group shall be autonomous, but have close links with the RNA society. Links with other bodies will be made as appropriate.

Membership shall be open to all with an interest in research on La-domain containing proteins.
(registration will be for free during the first year of existence of the society)

Student membership shall be open to all post-graduate students involved in LARP research who have paid the annual subscription. This will be set at 50% of the membership fee.

After the first year associate membership fee will revert to that of full membership but associate members will continue to pay a reduced fee to attend LARP Society meetings.

The subscription shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and shall be payable on the **1st January** annually to the Treasurer. Any member who fails to pay his subscription by **1st July** in the same year shall forfeit membership.

The management of the Group and its funds shall be entrusted to an Executive Committee of:

President: Rich Maraia

Chair: Utz Fischer

Secretary: Cecile Bousquet-Antonelli

Treasurer: Sarah Blagden

Website: Mark Bayfield & Sasi Conte

Post doc rep: Luigi Martino

PhD student rep: Katrin Schaffler / Marcel Kohn

The Executive Committee shall have the power to transact the business of the Group, to make byelaws for regulating the conduct of the Group and to use the funds of the Group to promote its aims. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt non-voting members/associate members on an ad

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hoc basis for up to 3 years, for special advice, or to correct any geographical imbalance of the Executive Committee and to represent members in training.

The President shall be elected by the Executive Committee and any member of Committee may be elected President. The President shall hold office for a 2-year term and does not need to stand for re-election to the committee during this period

The Executive Committee shall comprise a minimum of 8 members. All Committee members shall have a significant commitment to LARP research.

The Honorary Secretary shall be elected by the Executive for a 2-year term. He/she will be exempt for standing for re-election to the committee during this period. He/she shall keep a membership list (or instruct 3rd party to undertake this). He/she shall arrange the AGM and business meetings, sending out agendas and keeping records of the proceedings. He/she shall arrange elections for the Executive Committee.

The Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the Executive for a 2-year term. He/she will be exempt from standing for re-election to the committee during this period. He/she shall collect annual subscriptions (or instruct 3rd party to undertake this), pay bills and present an annual account of the funds.

Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the membership (all full members who have paid the current subscription) for a 2-year term of office. In the first year, 4 members shall be elected for 2 years. All Officers are eligible for re-election but no Officer shall hold office for more than 4 years continuously.

The A.G.M. shall take place at the scientific meeting, usually every two years. A quorum should be a 50% of total membership.

A change in the constitution may be made at an A.G.M. by a majority of 60% or more of the members present, provided that 21 days' notice of the proposed change has been posted by the Hon. Secretary with notice of the A.G.M.

Dissolution: The Group shall be dissolved at an annual or special general meeting by a resolution passed by 60% or more of total membership, provided that 21 days notice of the meeting has been given.

Use of Funds: The funds of the Society shall be solely applied towards promotion of the objectives of the Group as stated in the constitution; no part thereof may be paid as dividend or professional fee or otherwise to any member of the Group, except for the reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the member on behalf of the Group. On dissolution, the residual funds shall belong equally to the paid-up members.