

# International Organisation of Societies for Electrophysiological Technology



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Dear Council Members,

I am writing you as President of OSET on several matters that require our attention. The Executive Council would like the input of Council Members. This will ensure the solution found will be representative of OSET Member Countries wishes.

**1. Currency of the OSET Accounts:** At the 2011 Congress meetings, the Council Members agreed to change the National accounts from Switzerland to a country which uses Euros (most sensible being that of the Treasurer - Ireland). At the time this seemed a great idea as the majority of Member Countries use the Euro currency. Since this meeting however, it has become apparent that the Euro is quite unstable. In light of this, this change may well not be the best option.

**2. OSET Registration:** OSET was registered in Switzerland. At some point, this Swiss Verein registration lapsed due to the death of the last original signatory. Unfortunately, only signatories are allowed to make changes to the registration details. This meant there was no-one alive to be able to do this. Hence, our registration has become un-renewable. Ann Coughlan (Treasurer), on approval of the current Executive, sought advice from international lawyers (located in Ireland). To rectify the Registration would be quite expensive and the Executive Council believe unviable. We need to re-Register our Association.

**3. Resignation of Treasurer:** As the resolution of the above issues will be potentially quite time consuming, Ann Coughlan has reluctantly tendered her resignation as personal and professional responsibilities do not allow her the time to adequately address the responsibilities of position under the current situation's demands.

The following decisions need to be made:

1. Seeking nominations and electing a new Treasurer (the Executive have started this process).
2. Determine the preferred currency for the OSET account. Also, amend the Bye-laws that state the account has to be in the same country as the Treasurer as it is expensive and sometimes not advisable to move the account when a new treasurer

comes into office. The move alone could cost the organisation a sizeable amount of funds.

3. Because of the expiration of the registration we need to re-register the organisation. If this is done in Switzerland it would need to be done under a different name. Alternatively, we could register ourselves in another country. As English is the official language of OSET, it may be preferable to be in English speaking country. In choosing which country we register in, we need to consider a range of things such as cost of registration set-up and other ongoing associated fees. We also need to consider where our bank account will be located - it might be preferable or necessary for both to be in the same country. As we need to re-register our Association, there is the possibility of considering a name change to include a more widely defined neurodiagnostic scope of practice (keeping in mind a number of new procedures being performed within our profession). One suggestion is International Organisation for Neurodiagnostic Science with an acronym IONS.

While finding the registration issues disconcerting, we do believe we can find a solution, and incorporate rules to ensure this situation does not arise again. We ask that all Member Associations/Societies work with us to find the best solution so we can get on with making some real differences for our Members over the next four years. **It would be most helpful if we could receive your input by 23rd December 2012.** If I don't get a response by the due date I will assume you are in agreement and will abide by the Exec's decision.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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