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OSTOMIZADOS EXTRANJEROS DE ESPAÑA
UNA ASOCIACIÓN SIN ÁNIMO DE LUCRO

BRIEFING NOTE: THE INTERNATIONAL OSTOMY ASSOCIATION (IOA) AND THE EUROPEAN OSTOMY ASSOCIATION (EOA)

The EOA Council comprises the representatives of all member European associations (and some also from peripheral countries such as those of North Africa). The IOA (since the reorganisation of 2011) comprises the representatives of the (currently) three Regional Associations in a Co-ordinating Committee. See chart at Int 1.

THE INTERNATIONAL OSTOMY ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

A. The Purpose:

To provide an Association of affiliated Regional Ostomy Associations that are committed to the improvement of the quality of life of ostomates worldwide. The work of the Association, managed by ostomates, will be organized by a Coordination Committee, consisting of representatives of each of its affiliated Regions. According to the Charter of Ostomates' Rights, the Association encourages the highest possible standards of surgery, medical attention and patient after-care for ostomates, and, the use by medical professionals of trained ostomate volunteers as a member of the multi-disciplinary team organized to help rehabilitate ostomates. It motivates ostomates around the world to be engaged in forming and running Ostomy Associations.

B. The Aims of the Association are:

1. To provide to its affiliated Regional Ostomy Associations services common to all;
2. To develop ideas and to provide a forum for the exchange of information of the work and experience within each Region;
3. To assist in the planning of new Regional Ostomy Associations with the cooperation of IOA's existing Regional members;
4. To serve as a point of contact for allied international organizations

C. The Primary Objectives of the Association are:

1. To provide services common to all Regions by including:
 - a. Maintaining an IOA Internet website;
 - b. Using all means of technological communication;
 - c. Coordinating World Ostomy Day;
 - d. Being a source of advice and counsel to the leadership of a Regional Ostomy Association if called upon by the leadership to provide this service.

2. Coordinate distribution of information among the Regional Ostomy Associations;
3. To assist in the planning and formation of new Regional Ostomy Associations;
4. To serve as a point of contact for allied international organizations.

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THE EUROPEAN OSTOMY ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose is to provide an Association for the benefit of ostomates, run by ostomates and in full interests of all ostomates with the co-operation of outside help when required, and to represent the viewpoint of the ostomates on the European level. The Association is a non-profit making, non-political and religiously neutral organisation concerned only with the health and welfare of ostomates. It is pledged to co-operate with medical, nursing and associated professions.

The aims of the Association are to encourage the highest possible standards of surgery, medical attention and patient after-care and to assist member associations to help rehabilitate ostomates to enable them to achieve the quality of life they seek in all its aspects.

The main objectives of the Association are:

1. to distribute Information and exchange experiences on all aspects of ostomy problems, in particular by organising meetings;
2. to co-ordinate and support all efforts to develop, establish and provide basic standards in ostomy care and rehabilitation, in particular by :
 - collecting and evaluating experiences,
 - co-operating with medical and nursing associations, government health administrations and other organisations in Europe,
 - promoting co-operation among scientific professional groups which contribute to the advancement of ostomy health,
 - promoting and encouraging research in the field of ostomy health;
3. to motivate, morally support and promote existing and help to found new national ostomy associations, in particular for:
 - arranging psychological help for all ostomates in their countries by meeting co-ostomates and exchanging experiences,
 - working towards optimum care and rehabilitation conditions on a national basis.

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