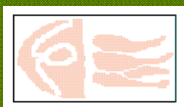


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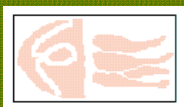
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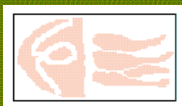
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- **Article 1**

The organization bears the name Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Sri Lanka and the acronym FERCSL. The Ethics Review Committees (ERC) includes all those in Sri Lanka.

- **Article 2**

FERCSL is a forum convened under the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA).



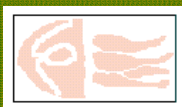
- **Article 3**

The official seat of the organization is the SLMA. The SLMA may from time to time seek the assistance of other institutions to host FERCSL for administrative purposes.

AIM

- **Article 4**

FERCSL has the objective of fostering an improved understanding and implementation of ethical review of biomedical research in Sri Lanka (Country).



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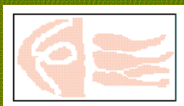
ACTIVITIES

■ Article 5

FERCSL strives to achieve this goal through the following activities:

1. Improving communication among ethics review committees (ERCs) reviewing biomedical research in the country;
2. Organizing meetings and symposia;

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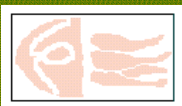


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3. Assisting with the adoption and implementation of Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures for ethics review in the country;

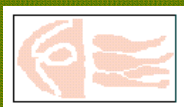
5. Facilitating training and education opportunities for members of ERCs in the country;

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6. Coordinating communication and responses on the subject of the ethics review of biomedical research with the WHO, UNAIDS, CIOMS, UNESCO, and other international organizations involved in fostering ethics review.



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DURATION

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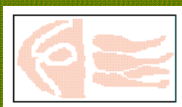
FERCSL is established for an indefinite period of time.

MEMBERSHIP

- Article 8

FERCSL is composed of member Ethics Review Committees.

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■ Article 9

One member of each Ethics Review Committee shall be nominated at the beginning of the year to serve in the steering committee of FERCSL.

■ Article 10

The steering committee of the FERCSL shall consist of one member each from each member ethics review committee.

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■ Article 11

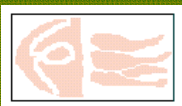
The Chairperson of the ERC of the SLMA shall be the Chairperson of the FERCSL steering committee.

The members of the steering committee shall by mutual consensus appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer for the steering committee. These appointments should take place at the First Meeting of the steering committee every year.

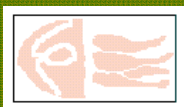
PROCEDURE

■ Article 12

Those committees eligible as above, to become members, may become members by making a written request to the Chairperson, FERCSL through the Head of their respective institution.

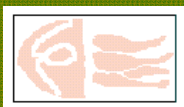


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