

Statutes of the European Association for Integrative Therapy and Supervision

§ 1: Name, Seat and Field of Activity

- (1) The name of the association is „European Association for Integrative Therapy and Supervision (EAIT) “
- (2) It is situated in Krems an der Donau, Austria, and is active in all of Europe.

§ 2: Purpose

The Association is a non-profit and non-political organisation of natural and legal persons. Its purpose is to encourage and perform scientific research, training and further education in Integrative Therapy and its methods, as well as to acknowledge national institutes for Integrative Therapy and Supervision.

The Association is meant to be an umbrella organisation of integrative therapists, training institutes and organisations for Integrative Therapy and Supervision in the whole of Europe.

§ 3: Means to Achieve the purpose of the Association

The funds for the fulfilment of the tasks shall be raised by:

- a) Membership fees
- b) Subsidies and grants from public and private organisations
- c) Donations
- d) Income from events and publications
- e) Other Income

§ 4: Types of Membership

Members of the Association are divided into full, associate and sponsoring as well as honorary members.

§ 5: Acquisition of Membership

- (1) Full members may be:
 - a) European, national associations, educational institutes and organisations, meeting the EAIT standards for education, training and ethics.
 - b) Individuals, who have completed an education or training recognized by the Association.
- (2) Associated members may be individuals who are in education or training recognized by the Association.

- (3) Sponsoring members may be natural or legal persons, who identify with the goals and content of the Association and who wish to contribute in a financial or non-material way.
- (4) Persons who have rendered outstanding services to integrative therapy/supervision may be elected honorary members by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Committee.
- (5) The admission of all other members takes place after a written application by decision of the Executive Committee. The admission can be refused without giving any reasons.

§ 6: Termination of Membership

- (1) Membership ends
 - a) with the death of the member
 - b) by written notice of termination by the member to the Executive Committee
 - c) by exclusion from the Association.
 - d) by dissolution of a training institute or organisation
- (2) A member/honorary can be excluded by the Executive Committee if he/she violates his/her obligations towards the Association (in particular payment obligations and failing of safeguarding the reputation of the Association) or if he/she is otherwise damaging the image or the interests of the Association.

§ 7: Rights and Obligations of Members

- (1) All members of the Association are entitled to attend the General Assembly and to submit motions. The right to vote in the General Assembly as well as the right to elect and to be elected are reserved to the full members.
- (2) All members of the Association are obliged to pay dues, to safeguard the reputation and represent the interests of the Association.

§ 8: Organs of the Association

The organs of the Association are the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, the Auditors and the Arbitration Committee.

§ 9: The General Assembly

- (1) The General Assembly is the assembly of members according to the „Vereinsgesetz 2002/2012“(Austrian Law on Associations). The ordinary General Assembly takes place every two years.
- (2) An extraordinary General Assembly is held upon:
 - a) resolution of the Executive Committee or the General Assembly,
 - b) written request of at least 10% of the members.
 - c) on request of the Auditors (§ 21 section 5 first sentence VereinsG),
 - d) decision of the Auditors (§ 21 section 5, 2nd sentence VereinsG, § 11 section 2)
 - e) resolution of a court appointed trustee (§ 11 section 2 last sentence) within four weeks.
- (3) All members must be invited to both the ordinary and the extraordinary General Assemblies at least three weeks in advance by email. Each member shall ensure that up-

to-date email addresses/contact details are made available to the Association. The invitation to be sent by the Executive Committee must include the agenda of the General Assembly.

- (4) Motions to the General Assembly shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at least ten days before the date of the General Assembly.
- (5) Valid resolutions - with the exception of those concerning a motion to convene an extraordinary General Assembly - can only be passed on the items on the agenda.
- (6) All members are entitled to participate in the General Assembly. The right to vote is reserved to full and honorary members. Individual members and members of the Executive Committee have one vote, organisations with less than 150 members have two votes, organisations with more than 150 members have four votes.
- (7) The General Assembly is quorate irrespective of the number of members present as long as the Executive Committee is also quorate.
- (8) Elections and resolutions of the General Assembly are generally made with a simple majority of the valid votes. Resolutions by which the statutes of the Association are to be changed or for the dissolution of the Association require a qualified majority of two thirds of the valid votes.
- (9) The President of the Executive Committee chairs the General Assembly. In his/her absence the Vice President chairs the General Assembly. If he/she is also unable to chair the meeting, the oldest member of the Executive Committee present shall chair the General Assembly.

§ 10: Responsibilities of the General Assembly

The following responsibilities are reserved to the ordinary General Assembly:

- a) Receipt and approval of the Treasurer's report and closing statement of accounts including the Auditor's report.
- b) Passing of resolutions on the budget.
- c) Election and dismissal of the members of the Executive Committee and the Auditors
- d) Approval of legal transactions between the Auditors and the Association.
- e) Discharge of the Executive Committee.
- f) Determination of the amount of membership fees for ordinary and extraordinary members.
- g) Awarding and revoking of honorary membership.
- h) Passing resolutions on amendments to the Statutes and the voluntary dissolution of the Association.
- i) Discussion and resolution on other items on the agenda.

§ 11: Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee shall consist of at least four, but not more than seven members, including the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and up to three assessors. The Executive Committee must be multinational. If a member of the Executive Committee resigns, the Executive Committee shall replace him/her by co-optation.
- (2) The Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly. In case the Executive Board must replace an elected member by co-optation as stipulated above, such replacement must be approved by the next General Assembly. In case the Executive Committee is unable to complete itself by co-optation, either at all or for an unforeseeable period of time, each Auditor shall be obliged to convene without delay an extraordinary

General Assembly for the purpose of electing a new Executive Committee. If the Auditors are also unable to act, any regular member recognizing the emergency situation shall immediately request the appointment of a trustee at the competent court, who shall immediately convene an extraordinary General Assembly.

- (3) The term of office of the Executive Committee shall be two years. In any case it lasts until the election of the new Executive Committee. Re-election is possible.
- (4) The Executive Committee shall be convened in writing by the President, in his/her absence by the Vice President. If he/she is also unable to do so for an unforeseeable period of time, any other member of the Executive Committee may convene the Executive Committee.
- (5) The Executive Committee is considered a quorum if all its members have been invited and at least half of them are present.
- (6) The Executive Committee shall adopt its resolutions by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie the President shall have a casting vote.
- (7) The President shall chair the meeting or in his/her absence the Vice President. In the event he/she is also prevented, the meeting shall be chaired by the oldest member present, or by a member who is appointed by a majority of the other members of the Executive Committee present.
- (8) The function of a member of the Executive Committee shall end upon death, by the expiry of the term of office, by resignation and by removal.
- (9) At any time, the General Assembly may dismiss the entire Executive Committee or individual members by a two-thirds majority. The dismissal shall take effect with the appointment of the new member of the Executive Committee or the entire Executive Committee.
- (10) At any time, members of the Executive Committee may resign in writing. The resignation shall be addressed to the Executive Committee or in case of resignation of the entire Executive Committee to the General Assembly. The resignation shall only become effective upon co-option or appointment of a successor.

§ 12: Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is responsible for the management of the Association. It is the governing body according to the Austrian "Vereinsgesetz 2002/2012". The Executive Committee is responsible for all tasks that are not assigned by the statutes to another organ of the Association. This shall include in particular the following responsibilities:

- (1) Preparation of the annual budget, as well as the statement of accounts and the closing of accounts
- (2) Preparation and convening of the ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies
- (3) Management of the Association's assets
- (4) Admission and exclusion of ordinary and extraordinary members. In the event of exclusion, the member concerned may appeal to the General Assembly
- (5) Establishment of rules of procedure
- (6) Hiring and dismissal of employees of the Association
- (7) Coordination and cooperation with internal working groups

§ 13: Special Responsibilities of Individual Members of the Executive Committee

- (1) The President is responsible for representing the Association to the public, towards the authorities and to third parties. He/she shall chair the General Assembly as well as the Executive Committee.
- (2) The Vice President represent the President.
- (3) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper financial management of the Association.
- (4) In case of imminent danger, the President shall be entitled to make decisions on his/her own responsibility, even in matters falling within the scope of the responsibilities of the General Assembly or the Executive Committee. In this case, the subsequent approval of the competent organ shall be required
- (5) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee.
- (6) In case a member of the Executive Committee is prevented from attending, his/her deputy shall take his/her place.

§ 14: The Auditors

- (1) Two Auditors shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of two years. Re-election is possible. The Auditors may not belong to any organ – with the exception of the General Assembly – whose activities are subject of the audit.
- (2) They shall be responsible for the control the daily business and the examination of the accounts. They shall report the results of the audit to the General Assembly.
- (3) Transactions between the Auditors and the Association require the approval of the General Assembly. In all other respect, the provisions of § 11 (8) to (10) shall apply to the Auditors.

§ 15: Board of Arbitration

The Association's Board of Arbitration is appointed to settle all disputes arising from the Association relationship. It is a "conciliation body" in the sense of Austrian Association Act "Vereinsgesetz 2002" and not an arbitration court according to §§ 577 ZPO.

- (2) The Board of Arbitration shall be composed of three full members. It shall be constituted in such a way that one party to the dispute shall within seven days make known in writing to the Executive Committee one member of the Board of Arbitration. Upon request by the Executive Committee within seven days, the other party to the dispute shall, within 14 days, nominate another member of the Board of Arbitration. The to this point designated members of the Board of Arbitration will be called by the Executive Committee with 7 days to appoint a third ordinary member as chair of the Board of Arbitration within a further 14 days. In the event of a tie the third regular member shall be chosen by drawing lots among the nominees. The members of the Board of Arbitration may not belong to any organ – with the exception of the General Assembly – whose activities are the subject part of the dispute.
- (3) The Board of Arbitration shall reach its decision after hearing both parties in the presence of all its members by a simple majority votes. It shall decide to the best of its knowledge and belief. Its decisions are final within the Association.

§ 16: Voluntary Dissolution of the Association

- (1) The voluntary dissolution of the Association can only be decided at a General Assembly and only with a two-thirds majority of the valid votes casted.
- (2) The extraordinary General Assembly which decides on the voluntary dissolution also decides the further use of the Association's assets. As far as it is possible and permissible, the assets shall go to an organisation that follows the same or similar objectives as the dissolved Association, otherwise to social welfare purposes.

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