IFMANT

International Federation of Medical Associations of Neural Therapy

STATUTES

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I. Name, Head Office and Purpose

Art. 1 Name and head office

The association, "International Federation of Medical Associations of Neural Therapy" (hereafter known as IFMANT) is an international society that serves as the umbrella organisation for all neural therapy associations for scientific purposes. It is a not-for-profit organisation.

According to Art. 60 ff. ZGB (Swiss Civil Code) it is an association based in Bern.

Art. 2 Purpose and objective

2/1 The purpose of the association is the worldwide registration of all national medical neural therapy societies and neural therapy associations, including their status, particularly:

- Number of members
- Regulation by law by the professional body or no regulation
- Training standards and modes of mutual recognition of training
- Quality assurance, further training obligations and further training options

The objectives of the association are:

2/2 Inviting national societies to become a member of IFMANT as the umbrella association.

2/3 Promoting neural therapy through the amalgamation of national medical associations for neural therapy.

2/4 Endorsing the exchange of ideas and information among members in individual societies.

2/5 Encouraging scientific research and clinical documentation associated with neural therapy.

2/6 Representation of the interests of its members with regard to authorities and organisations (e.g. membership and cooperation with CAM-compliant organisations in the EU), provided these do not come under the competence of the individual member organisations.

2/7 Promoting the standardisation of training and further training in neural therapy in the individual member organisations.

2/8 The recognition of exclusively non-profit purposes without profit motives. Neutrality in terms of party politics and denomination.

II. Membership

Art. 3 Acquisition and membership categories

3/1 **Ordinary members** can only be medical neural therapy organisations, which are registered in their countries as legal entities and as non-profit societies or a corresponding equivalent.
To **be accepted** into the umbrella organisation as an ordinary member, the applicant must send a membership application to the board. This is the ultimate decider for admission where a unanimous vote by the board is required. If a unanimous decision cannot be made, the membership application is considered to have been rejected. The decision is made in writing to the applicant and reasons for the rejection do not have to be given.

3/2 **Extraordinary members** may be national medical societies that do not meet the acceptance criteria for ordinary members. The acceptance procedure is the same as for ordinary members.

3/3 **Honorary members** are nominated at the suggestion of the general meeting. These are persons who have delivered special services to achieve the objectives of the umbrella organisation.

3/4 **Supporting members** are members who support the umbrella organisation with donations of any kind. They are accepted by a resolution of the general meeting.

Art. 4 Termination of membership

Ordinary membership terminates upon voluntary resignation or if dissolved by the association. Voluntary resignation may be

made with three months' notice by written application to the board. There is no claim against association funds or refund of contributions.

Furthermore, membership ends in exclusion from the association if the member in question contravenes its reputation, purpose or interests. The board decides upon exclusion by granting a legal hearing with a simple majority. The excluded member may appeal against this decision within a month after it is issued. The next general assembly makes the final decision. Up to the time of this decision the rights of the member are in abeyance. The annual fee for the current year must be paid in full.

Art. 5 List of members

IFMANT manages a current list of members based on member categories.

III. Funds

Art. 6 Raising of funds

The financial means required by the association for its activities, are raised via joining fees, membership fees, donations and grants. The general assembly makes decisions regarding donations with no designated purpose.

Art. 7 Membership fee

The annual fee is due by 1 June each year. The board can approve discounts or dispensation in justified cases. This latter regulation applies only at an individual level.
Resigned / excluded members must pay their fee up to the end of the membership year (30 June).

The annual fee is staggered according to the number of members: up to 100 members = Euro 100, up to 200 members = Euro 200; continues in 100s up to 1,000 members = Euro 1,000. From 1,000 members, the maximum fee is Euro 1,000.

The general assembly stipulates the level of membership fees for ordinary and extraordinary members.

Honorary members and supporting members do not generally pay membership fees.

Art. 8 Admission fees

The general meeting sets the level of admission fees for ordinary and extraordinary members (Euro 500).

Any financial surpluses may only be used for statutory purposes. Members do not receive any dividends, and in their capacity as members nor do they receive other allocations from the association. They do not receive any refunds when leaving the association or upon termination or cancellation of their membership.

No member may benefit from administrative expenditure that is alien to the purposes of the association, or from disproportionately high remuneration.

Art. 9 Other funding

An additional fee may be requested from association members for special projects. The fee will be specified by the general meeting.

Art. 10 Liability

Only the association's funds may be used for the liabilities of IFMANT.
Any personal responsibility for the liabilities of IFMANT is excluded. IFMANT is only accountable for its own liabilities in terms of its funds, and not for that of its members.

IV. Organisation

Art. 11 Bodies

The bodies of IFMANT are:

A. General meeting
B. Board
C. Administrative office
D. Audit office

A. General meeting

Art. 12 General

The general meeting is the chief body of IFMANT.

Art. 13 Voting rights

Each member present, who represents a society, has a vote. This voting right is exercised by an ordinary member of the society represented. Extraordinary members, honorary members and supporting members attending the general meeting do not have a voting right. All persons are invited to attend the general meeting; it is expressly pointed out that persons who are present at the general meeting without member status do not have any right to a say or voting right.

Art. 14 Convocation

The general meeting is convened by the board (president) at least twice a year, with a minimum notice period of six months by written communication.

The individual agenda items must be indicated at least six weeks in advance.

The general meeting should be held as part of an international neural therapy conference.

Extraordinary general meetings take place if the president of the board or at least a quarter of the members of IFMANT request it.

In the event the chairman is prevented from doing so, the meeting is convened by the first deputy board member.

Art. 15 Chairmanship / minutes

The chairmanship of the general meeting is carried out by the chairman, and if he or she is prevented from doing so, by the vice president or another member designated by the board.

The secretary takes the minutes.

Art. 16 Resolution

The resolution is carried out insofar as the statutes do not specify otherwise, with a simple majority of votes from members present; blank votes are taken into account. The chairman participates in the vote. In the event of a tied vote the chairman has the deciding vote.

The absolute majority is required for elections. If the absolute majority is not achieved in the first ballot, the relative majority is sufficient in the second ballot.
A 2/3 majority is required for the exclusion of members.
A 3/4 majority is required for the dissolution of IFMANT.

A majority of two-thirds is required to change the statutes. In the event of a tie the chairman holds the casting vote.

Elections and ballots are held as open insofar as there is no decision to hold secret voting.

Art. 17 Authorisations

The general meeting has the following authorisations

- Election of the president
- Election of the vice president
- Election of the secretary
- Election of treasurer
- Election of any committee members
- Election of the administrative office
- Election of the audit office
- Election of honorary members
- Acceptance of the statements of accounts and balance of accounts
- Resolution regarding the budget
- Granting of releases to the board
- Setting the amounts for admission fee and membership fees
- Specifying the fees for special projects
- Resolution regarding the amendment of statutes
- Decision on appeals against membership exclusions
- Resolution or liquidation of IFMANT
- Resolution regarding other matters submitted by the board.

B. Board

Art. 18 Composition

The board consists of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and representatives of any commissions. The general meeting can elect up to three additional board members (committee members).

Art. 19 Term of office

The board members are selected for three years and can be elected again.

Art. 20 Convocation

The board assembles at the invitation of the president as often as required but at least once a year.

Art. 21 Passing of a resolution

The board is quorate if three members are present. It passes a resolution with the majority of votes from board members present. The president participates in the vote; in the event of a tie the president holds the casting vote.

The board can pass valid circular resolutions provided no member requests consultation.

Art. 22 Authorisations

The board administers all tasks that are not assigned to another body by the statutes.

The board is charged with the following tasks in particular:

- Preparation of business for the general meeting
- Issuing instructions
- Representation of IFMANT by third parties
- Approval of the budget
- Setting remuneration for persons entrusted with IFMANT tasks
- Expenditure authorisation up to 50% of the association's assets

The official languages of the umbrella organisation are German and English. In discussions or if there is an opportunity for translation, other languages may also be used.

Art. 23 External representation

The president, vice president and secretary are the sole authorised signatories.

C. Administrative office

Art. 24 The general meeting elects the audit office and stipulates their functional specifications and remuneration.

D. Audit office

Art. 25 The general meeting designates an audit office (2 members) who must be re-elected every two years.

It checks the accounting of IFMANT and makes a report for the attention of the general meeting each year.

V. Arbitration

Art. 26 All legal disputes between members with regard to association matters and between members and IFMANT are determined by arbitration.

Each party elects an arbitrator and they jointly select the chairman; if they are unable to agree on this, the high court president designates the chairman at the head office of IFMANT.

For disputes with a disputed amount of under CHF 1,000 the chairman assesses it as the sole judge.

The court of arbitration elects its secretary and specifies procedure in the contest of the legal provisions.

The court of arbitration is based at the head office of IFMANT. The court of arbitration consults behind closed doors.

VI. Final provisions

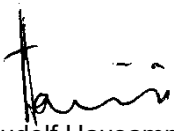
Art. 27 The statutes came into force with the acceptance of the inaugural meeting of 2.11.2012 in Baden-Baden.

Baden-Baden, 2 November 2012

The President

Dr Wolfgang Ortner

The Secretary



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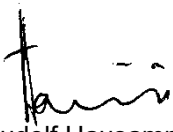

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