



**I**nternational **F**ederation of **A**nthroposophic **T**herapies

## Statutes

as from September 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 adopted by the general assembly of IFAT

### Art. 1. Name and Registered Office

- a. An international federation with the name “International Federation of Anthroposophic Therapies” (IFAT) has been registered as an association according to article 60 and consecutive of the Swiss civil statute book; its registered office is in Dornach, Switzerland.
- b. Anthroposophic Therapies and Applications within the system of Anthroposophic Medicine are recognized through the Medical Section to the Goetheanum, Dornach or are currently undergoing the recognition process.

### Art. 2. Aims

The aims of IFAT are:

- a. Promotion and development of the public health care through the distribution of the therapies and applications mentioned in Art. 1 b.
- b. Coordination of national Anthroposophic Therapist organizations or professional organizations on an international level.
- c. Promotion of the cooperation among national and international unions of health organizations and among the representatives of the Anthroposophic Therapies.
- d. Promotion of the development and of the mutual support of Anthroposophic therapists and practitioners in countries in where there is no professional association available.
- e. The promotion of science, research and teaching within the Anthroposophical Therapies and Applications.

The association is politically independent and denominationally neutral. The association does not have any commercial targets and it is not profit-oriented.

#### Art. 2.1. Collaboration

IFAT cooperates with organizations in order to realize the associations' purposes:

IFAT can join other organizations or enter into contracts with them in order to promote its aims.

### Art. 3 The Association's Responsible Groups

IFAT's responsible groups are:

- The General Meeting (GM)
- The Board
- The Commission (Art. 13)
- The Auditors



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### Art. 4 Membership

Forms of membership:

- a. Ordinary Members, comprising the Professional Associations of Anthroposophic Therapies and Applications.
- b. Associated Members are according to the regimentation of IFAT instructed representatives (national delegations) for therapists in countries which do not have an appropriate association for Anthroposophic Therapies and Applications.
- c. Sustaining Members are private individuals or can be institutions, if they want to support the aims of the union.
- d. Special-Member status is granted to the Coordinators which are selected by the directors of the Medical Section of the School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland. This applies only if one occupational union from the field of the coordination of Anthroposophic Therapies and Applications is an approved member.
- e. These Coordinators shall be coopted to the Board through personal application for the length and the scale of their respective assignment at IKAM (International Coordination of Anthroposophic Medicine). The GM approves the affiliation to the Board at the next GM.
- f. The Council receives applications for memberships, reviews them and submits them to the annual general meeting for confirmation with a simple majority.

### Art. 5 Delegates and Voting Rights

- Every Ordinary Member can be represented by a delegation according to the regimentation of IFAT.
- Ordinary Members and members with special-status (IKAM-Coordinators) are eligible to vote. Each member has one vote.
- Associated Members are not eligible to vote. But they can be heard in the consultative preliminary round.
- Sustaining members own the right for a hearing.

### Art. 6 General Meeting (GM)

- a. The general meeting takes place at least once a year.
- b. The invitation for the general meeting occurs in written form via E-mail and it includes the agenda. The invitation must be distributed at least 4 weeks in advance. (delivery verification)
- c. Applications must be submitted in written form via E-mail at least 14 days before the general meeting occurs.
- d. It is the responsibility of the members to forward the invitation to their respective members.
- e. A member can transfer his/her vote to another member if he/her cannot participate in the general meeting. This must be communicated to the board at least 7 days prior to the general meeting and in verifiable form.
- f. The GM's votes and decisions are being determined by a simple majority of the submitted votes.





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- g. Amendments to the statutes shall be decided by a 2/3 majority of the votes.
- h. Extraordinary GM's shall be summoned by the board or by at least a quarter of the ordinary members.
- i. Each therapist or operator of an ordinary (professional association) or of an associated member (national delegation) can be present at the GM through a suggestion by the Council and through a decision at the GM.

### **Art. 7 Powers and Responsibilities of the General Meeting**

The powers and responsibilities of the general meeting are:

- a. To establish the presence of the delegates entitled to vote.
- b. To appoint a minute-taker.
- c. To approve the annual report.
- d. To approve the annual accounts and the Auditors' report.
- e. To approve the activities of the council of the year in question.
- f. To elect the Council.
- g. Election of a President
- h. Election of the Auditors
- i. Determination of annual membership fees
- j. Approving the affiliation of members.
- k. Exclusion of a member (see Art 8.1)
- l. To approve amendments of the statutes.
- m. To formulate the duties and aims which are mandatory for the Council.
- n. To make a decision to dissolve the IFAT.

### **Art. 8 Termination of Membership**

Membership terminates on withdrawal, on the dissolution of a professional association or following a valid expulsion.

#### **Art. 8.1. Exclusion of a Member**

- a. A member of IFAT can be excluded from the association through a unanimous decision of the Council.
- b. The justification shall be communicated to the excluded member with discretion.
- c. The person concerned can submit a written appeal within four weeks after the delivery of the information.
- d. The GM decides with a simple majority vote in case of an appeal. The membership of the person concerned is suspended until the GM decides.



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### Art. 9 Member's Contributions

- a. Financial requests to the Ordinary and Associate Members shall be made in such a way that their financial situation is properly taken into account.
- b. The contributions of the Supporting Members will be negotiated with the Council.
- c. The Federations' liabilities will be met only to the extent of its available assets. Any entitlement to these assets ceases on withdrawal from membership.
- d. The financial year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Art. 10 The Council

- a. The Council consists of a minimum of three persons, which are elected by the GM.
- b. The Council creates its own rules of procedure which shall be approved through the next GM.
- c. Legal signatures will be executed through the four-eyes-principle by two members which are chosen by the Council.
- d. It shall be pursued that the different fields of Anthroposophic Therapies and Applications as well as the respective coordinators are being represented in the Council.
- e. Council meetings can also be executed through a telephone or video conference.
- f. The Council will be elected by the GM for a term of three years. The Council constitutes itself.
- g. All Council Members can be elected at most three consecutive times. Coordinators which are represented in the Council form an exception to this rule.
- h. The Council forms a quorum if more than half of its Members are present.
- i. Unanimity shall be pursued. Otherwise applies simple majority voting.
- j. The Council works voluntarily. Occurring expenses will be refunded. If a person assumes a mandate at the request of the Council, that persons expenses can also be refunded.

### Art. 11 The Tasks of the Council

- a. The Council shall meet at least once every year. It has the right and the duty to arrange the affairs of the Association according to the authority vested in it by the Statutes, and to represent the Association.
- b. The Council shall submit a budget to the GM for its approval.
- c. The Council is responsible for preparing and publishing of the Annual Financial Statement and the Annual Report. The Annual Report includes the listing of the Council's operations, as well as the resolutions and decisions from the meetings of the Council.
- d. If the budget is exceeded, a procedure for this is described in the rules of procedure.
- e. The Council is responsible for the creation and publishing of a protocol for the GMs and for the meetings of the Council itself. The protocol shall be accessible for the members.
- f. The Council represents IFAT within the organization and also outwards.



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### **Art. 12 Auditors**

There shall be two Auditors. They shall audit the Association's accounts and shall prepare a written Report each year for the General Meeting.

### **Art. 13 Professional Commissions**

The Council may appoint professional commissions for special tasks. This is being regulated in a separate settlement for the special commissions.

### **Art. 14 Arbitration Body**

- a. The Arbitration Body can be contacted by any member with a significant issue.
- b. The Arbitration Body will be appointed ad hoc when necessary.
- c. Rules are created

### **Art. 15 Dissolving IFAT**

- a. The IFAT may be dissolved by the GM following a decision that is being supported by a two-thirds majority of the present members that are entitled to vote. Delegates may be present personally or through a videoconference.
- b. After repayment of any monies owing, the remaining assets of the Association shall be applied to a charitable institution with aims which are related to IFATs Statutes.

### **Art. 16 Common Public Interest**

- a. The IFAT is active for the public good. It is a non-profit organization. Members, and members of the Council and of a Professional Commission are entitled to only to reimbursement of expenses incurred.
- b. The Association secures its funding through:
  - a. The members' contributions
  - b. Donations, charitable gifts, legacies
- c. The revenues may be used exclusively for the purposes which are expressed in the Statutes.

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