

# **Articles of Association**

## **Vereinigung zur Förderung der Schwingungsmedizin e.V.**

### **Preamble**

It is the aim of the association to create a forum of experience and information exchange for therapists, patients and persons interested in medicine. In this way both therapists and patients shall receive information about different diagnosis and therapy procedures, whereby the focus will be on vibrational medicine and related procedures. Taking the research findings and publications of Paul Schmidt as a starting point, the association uses his life's work as a basis to promote science and investigation in the field of vibrational medicine and related diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, and to provide financial support. It is our aim to give everyone access to research findings.

In order to make appropriate use of the achieved results, an active exchange of experiences and ideas with those who apply and develop vibrational medicine, e. g. doctors, naturopaths and persons interested in the field of medicine, is encouraged.

### **§ 1 Name, domicile, registration, financial year**

1. The association bears the name „Vereinigung zur Förderung der Schwingungsmedizin e.V.“ (Association for the promotion of vibrational medicine).
2. From 1st April 2003 the seat of the association shall be in 57368 Lennestadt. From 1st June 2015 the administrative office shall be located in 57368 Lennestadt, Schönefeld 12.
3. The association is registered in the corporation register of the local court in Darmstadt, under the register number VR 2926, and shall bear the suffix “e. V.” (upon the approval of the Articles by the members, the association shall be registered at the local court in Lennestadt).
4. The financial year corresponds to the calendar year.

### **§ 2 - Purpose of the association**

The association shall solely and directly pursue objectives of public benefit within the meaning of the chapter "tax-exempt objectives" of the regulation of taxation (Abgabenordnung AO).

The association's purpose is to promote science and research, education and continuing education in the areas of medicine and healthcare. We place the emphasis in the field of vibrational medicine, but are also concerned with other medical fields and therapeutic procedures.

The purpose of the association shall be achieved first and foremost

- by conducting its own research,
- by awarding research contracts and
- by organising lectures, seminars and symposia and by taking other appropriate measures for the health promotion.

The following explanations and regulations serve to specify the purpose of the association. The idea of providing health care for everybody is at the heart of this research. We focus on research into acute and chronic diseases in all their diversity, starting from the reasons of origin. The objective is to be able to offer chronically ill patients diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in the field of vibrational medicine that were appropriately researched and tested. In this process realising own research and awarding research contracts is considered to play an important role. For this

reason awarding and sponsoring research contracts is one of the association's fundamental objectives.

The executive board shall decide on the award and support of research contracts for external researchers and research teams within the association. To ensure that only those projects which are promising of success are awarded and receive support, a minimum of 75% of the votes of the members of the executive board has to be secured to authorise the award of the contracts.

Regulations regarding the application for support and the award of research contracts:

- a) Applications for support of research tasks must be addressed in writing to the administrative office of the association. The application must state clearly the research objective, the period of time envisaged as well as the total funding required for the project. The desired aid amount has to be quantified and justified.
- b) The executive board reserves the right to turn down applications for support with the statement of the corresponding reasons.
- c) Research results derived from the award and support of research contracts are to be submitted to the association for publication in the association's journal "IMPULS".
- d) The award and the support of a research contract require a contractual agreement that includes at least the aforementioned points.

The association works selflessly; it does not pursue in the first place own economical purposes. This shall be further explained by the following points:

1. The association aims to carry out health education by organising lectures, seminars and symposia and it pursues the objective to serve public healthcare and natural medicine. The association organises congresses on vibrational medicine with the aim to offer a forum for widening and strengthening contacts and for the presentation of the newest developments and research results so that doctors, alternative practitioners, researchers and interested persons get the opportunity to exchange experiences on a global scale.
2. Other tasks of the association include the publication of existing research, dissemination of specialist literature, provision of references to recommendable articles of other media as well as the organisation of basic training courses and continuing education courses for medical professionals. The association issues its own specialist magazine, in which the newest research results and practice- and experience reports are published. The journal appears several times a year and it is available in the English translation for our foreign members since the beginning of 2003.
3. The association seeks to collaborate with all societies and organisations with shared goals.
4. The association is politically and denominationally independent.
5. The means of the association may only be used for the purposes defined in the Articles of Association. The members do not receive allowances from means of the association. No person may benefit from expenditures that are not related to the purpose of the association, or through inappropriately high allowances. The board members work on an honorary basis. Any costs that you may incur are reimbursable against detailed information on the exact use and production of receipts. Travel costs are reimbursable according to the applicable legal provisions.

6. The funds of the association may be employed for research purposes, for the evaluation and verification of new diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. This applies in particular to the advancement of vibrational medicine and other therapy methods that are associated with vibrational medicine. The association also supports research into combined treatment methods of classical medicine and vibrational medicine. In these cases it is our aim to identify the causes for disease development and to improve the actual healing process as well as to shorten it considerably, and to create a scientifically validated aftercare situation.

### **§ 3 - Membership**

1. The association has active and passive members.

Active members participate in the activities of the association in any form; they can publish experience reports in the association's journal "IMPULS" and they are entitled to receive discounts for seminars etc. that were negotiated for active members.

Passive members are informed of research projects and activities in the association through the association's journal. However, they are not allowed to publish and they do not receive the same benefits as active members. Passive members pay a lower membership fee than active members.

1. Membership may be obtained by:
  - all natural or legal persons, public or private,
  - those organisations and institutions that are interested in the furthering of the aims of the society.
2. A prerequisite for the acquisition of the membership is a written application.
3. The admission will be decided upon on the executive board's free discretion. In the event of an application being refused, the board is not obliged to inform the applicant of the reasons.
4. Active members who have rendered outstanding services may be appointed as honorary members.
5. Membership entitles all members to receive our journal "IMPULS", which appears several times a year, free of charge. Announcements by the association shall be made through this body. If possible, active members who attend seminars shall be offered discounts on participation fees.

### **§ 4 - Termination of membership**

1. The membership is terminated in case of death, suspension, deletion from the membership list or withdrawal from the association; for legal persons with their dissolution.
2. Withdrawal from membership has to be put in written form to the executive office. Withdrawals from membership are only possible at the end of a calendar year and subject to a notice period of 6 weeks.
3. A member can be excluded from the association by way of resolution of the board if he or she has not paid his/her contributions for more than 2 months despite receiving written reminders. A member can be excluded from the association if he or she is guilty of acting contrary to the interests of the association. This resolution is to be substantiated in writing and to be submitted to the member. The member may lodge an appeal against this decision. The next general meeting will come to a decision upon the appeal, acting by a simple majority of the votes. Resolutions of the general meeting are incontestable. Upon termination of membership

there shall be no claim of assets in kind, share in the capital or other shares in the association's assets. Exempt from this regulation are only contractually secured rights which have to be registered no later than upon resolution of the association.

## **§ 5 - Organs of the association**

Organs of the association are:

1. The general assembly
2. The executive board
3. The entire executive board

## **§ 6 - General meeting of members**

1. Every active member has one voice in the general meeting of the members. All present active members are entitled to vote.
2. The general meeting is competent for the following matters:
  - a) Receipt of the statement of accounts of the chairman. The treasurer and the cash auditor report.
  - b) Discharge of the board.
  - c) Appointment and dismissal of members of the board and other bodies, if applicable.
  - d) Authorization of the budget.
  - e) Resolution on amendments to the Articles of Association.
  - f) Resolution on an appeal against an exclusion decision of the board.
  - g) Appointment of honorary members.
  - h) Resolution on motions filed.
  - i) Election of two cash auditors. Re-election of just one cash auditor shall be permissible. In this case the second cash auditor should be newly voted onto the board.
  - j) Resolutions on the formation of committees.
3. A regular general meeting shall be held at least once a year. It is to be held no later than 30th April of each year.
4. The invitation to the general meeting shall be sent at least 4 weeks prior to the date of the meeting and shall contain the agenda. Amendments to the Articles of Association may only be voted on by the general assembly if this agenda item was already mentioned in the invitation to the general assembly, enclosing both the previous text and the proposed new text of the Articles.
5. The management must call an extraordinary general meeting within 6 weeks if it is in the interest of the association or when one tenth of the members request this in writing to the management by indicating the purpose and reasons. Invitation periods according to Nr. 4 apply.
6. Any member may up to one week before the general meeting make a written request to have a point added to the agenda. The chair of the meeting must announce the addition at the beginning of the general meeting. The assembly only resolves upon applications for additions to the agenda that were brought forward in the meeting, if the members voted in favour of the applications with a two-thirds majority. Amendments to the Articles of Association shall not be resolved on the grounds of urgency.

7. The decision to accept an addendum to the agenda at the meeting must be made by the assembly. **The general meeting shall always be deemed to have a quorum.** The mode of election is determined by the chair of the meeting. The assembly resolves upon applications for additions to the Articles and resolutions on the basis of a simple majority of the votes cast. A vote by roll call or a secret ballot shall be conducted if one member requests this. If both is requested, a vote by roll call is to be carried out.  
In order to facilitate co-determination to foreign members as well, all members shall be granted the right to transfer votes. This means that each member can transfer his or her vote to another member - as long as the transfer is documented in writing. This documentation has to be submitted to the board no later than at the beginning of the meeting.
8. Extraordinary general meetings shall be applied for in advance and have to be in possession of the chairman 2 days prior to the date of the general meeting.
9. The minutes have to be signed by the chairman of the meeting and the secretary and shall include:
  - Venue and time of the general meeting
  - Names of the chairman and the secretary
  - Number of members attending
  - Determination of the orderly convocation of the meeting and the presence of a quorum
  - Agenda items
  - Motions put forward and results of voting, type of voting
  - Proposals for amending the Articles and the purpose of the association
  - Resolutions that are to be written verbatim
  - Publication of minutes in the next IMPULS

## § 7 - Board

1. **The general management board consists of the** chairman, the deputy chairman, the treasurer, the secretary, the representatives of the committees and the representatives of the self-help groups.
2. Every member present shall have a vote within the general board. Decisions are taken by simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes, the motion shall be deemed to be rejected.
3. A meeting of the general board has to be convened if at least two members of the general board request a meeting to be held.
4. The **executive board** consists of the chairman, the deputy chairman, the treasurer and the secretary.
5. In line with the § 26 BGB, the association is represented by the chairman, the deputy chairman and another member of the executive board.  
The board managers will be elected through resolution of the general meeting for a period of 2 years. They remain in office until the next managers are appointed according to the Articles of Association.
6. Legal transactions, which secure financial responsibilities for the association and exceed the amount of 500,00 €, require approval by the executive board.
7. A person is not permitted to hold more than one executive board office.
8. The chairman or his deputy, if the chairman is not available, convenes and chairs the board meetings and the general meetings.

9. If a member of the board leaves the board during the period of office, the board is permitted to choose a replacement to assume his or her responsibilities on a provisional basis for the time until the next general meeting.

### **§ 8 - Responsibilities within the executive board**

1. The executive board is responsible for all affairs of the association as far as they have not been delegated to another organ of the association. The board is responsible in particular for the following:
  - a) Preparation and convening of the general meeting
  - b) The execution of resolutions passed at the general meeting and by the board
  - c) The keeping of accounts and completion of annual declarations of expenditure and revenue
  - d) Resolution about the admission and the exclusion of members
  - e) Appointment and dismissal of honorary members
  - f) Appointment of committee members
  - g) Submission of annual report following the end of the financial year
  - h) Granting approval of legal transactions that require approval by the board pursuant to §7 Nr. 6
  - i) Conclusion and cancellation of contracts for works or services
  - j) Tributes to members
2. The board has to effect a resolution of the general board for all those affairs that go beyond Nr. 1 in so far as they concern one or several committees.

### **§ 9 - Election and period of office of executive directors**

1. The general assembly shall elect the executive board, consisting of 4 members. The board will be elected for a period of 2 years. However, on any one election date no more than 2 board members shall be elected. The chairman, the deputy chairman and the secretary are elected for one year. Subsequent elections shall be conducted at regular intervals. This has the advantage that not all positions are for election at any one time and that the replacement can be adequately oriented and inducted by those board members who continue to stay in office. The office term of a member of the board ends with the termination of the membership in the association.

The board elected in the extraordinary member meeting that was held on 24th August 2002 shall remain in office until the next ordinary general meeting in 2004. Starting from the year 2004 the following election procedure will apply:

2004	2005	2006
1. Election of the chairman	1. Election of the vice chairman	1. Election of the chairman
2. Election of the secretary	2. Election of the treasurer	2. Election of the secretary
etc.		

2. Re-election shall be permissible

## **§ 10 - Meetings and decisions of the executive board**

1. The meetings of the executive board are to be convened by the chairman or by a substitute in case of absence. Meetings will be convened with at least one week's notice, specifying the agenda.
2. In urgent cases the chairman or two board members can convene an extraordinary meeting with a reduced notification period.
3. A quorum shall exist when at least three members of the executive board are present. In the event of an equality of votes, the motion shall be deemed to be rejected.
4. In urgent cases resolutions may be taken in writing if all members of the executive board agree to the proposed resolution. Documents on the resolution are to be stored as appendix in the minute book.

## **§ 11 - Committees**

1. For specific tasks and subject areas and for the cognition of specific interests of the association, the general meeting determines the formation of committees. The committees can be formed permanently or temporarily.
2. Each committee elects a representative and a deputy representative.
3. The committee representatives are members of the general board. If the representative is prevented, the corresponding deputy shall perform his duties.
4. The term of office of the committee representatives and their deputies shall be identical with the term of office of the board. Re-election shall be permissible. The respective first committee meeting is to be convened by the chairman of the association.

## **§ 12 - Membership Fees**

1. Each member shall pay an annual membership fee whose amount shall be proposed by the board and decided by the general assembly.  
The following shall apply in the year of joining the association:
  - the whole membership fee is due if the person joins the association during the first half of the year,
  - half of the membership fee is due if the person joins the association during the second half of the year.
2. The contribution has to be paid in advance - no later than 30th April of each year.  
In the year of joining the association the fee is payable within 3 weeks after receipt of the invoice.
3. In particular cases the executive board can defer or waive the membership fee.
4. Honorary members are exempt from the obligation to pay the membership fee.

### **§ 13 - Dissolution of the association**

1. The dissolution of the association can only be decided in a specially convened meeting for that purpose, and with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. The liquidation will be effected officially by the executive board.
2. In the event of the dissolution or abolition of the association or of the lapse of the previous aim of the association, those assets of the association that remain after liquidation and repayment of all existing obligations will fall to the benefit of a non-profit organisation, in accordance with the Articles of Association, which is required to use the assets directly and exclusively for charitable purposes. In the first place this should be the charitable society "Förderungsgemeinschaft für Erfahrungsheilkunde e.V. Dr. Veronika Carstens", Am Michelshof 6, 53177 Bonn (society for the promotion of experience healing), which should use the assets for promotion and research in the field of experience healing. Should this non-profit society cease to exist at the time, the executive board carrying out the liquidation shall be authorised to decide about the further usage of the association's assets within the meaning of the preceding provisions. The future resolution on the further usage of the association's assets upon dissolution or abolition of the association or the lapse of the previous aim of the association can only be adopted after approval of the responsible tax authorities has been received.

### **§ 14 - Authorisation of the management board**

The executive board is authorised to modify the wording of the Articles of Association under its own responsibility, for example, if the registry court deems such amendments necessary.

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