



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION IN ANTHROPOSOPHICAL CURATIVE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL THERAPY

Seated in: Zeist, Netherlands

Founded d.d.: March, 26th 1992

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NAME AND SEAT

Article 1.

1. The association bears the name:
European Co-operation in Anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy
(Europees Samenwerkingsverband voor antroposofische Heilpedagogie en Sociaaltherapie)
2. The association is seated in Zeist, Netherlands

DURATION

Article 2.

The association has been founded today (March, 26th 1992) and has been entered into for an unspecified period of time.

PURPOSE

Article 3.

1. The association has as its purpose the promotion of the interests and needs of people with special needs within Europe. The ideas and impulses of anthroposophical curative education and social therapy, as developed and upheld by the International Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy within the Medical Section of the School of Spiritual Science in Dornach, Switzerland, are the essential basis for this work.
2. The association will in particular devote itself to the realisation of this task by way of the following goals:
 - a) The right of people with special needs to live in our society and the provision of specific assistance for the individual.
 - b) Freedom of movement throughout Europe for people with special needs, including access to and financial support for any necessary social and therapeutic help.
 - c) Freedom to initiate, form and found establishments for education, training, work, social experience, and the care and encouragement of people with special needs as well as the financing and maintenance of such establishments.
 - d) Freedom to initiate the formation of training courses for the staff of such establishments and recognition of the said training; the financing and maintenance of these course facilities as well as freedom of movement for staff throughout Europe.
 - e) Public-relations activities for the purposes mentioned above, co-operation with other associations, regional and government agencies and with European and international organisations.

- f) The support of research in the field of anthroposophical curative education and social therapy as well as maintaining its essential framework and requirements.
- g) The promotion of institutions and projects to benefit people with special needs.
- 3. The association will pursue, without exception, the non-profit-making scientific and charitable aims as set out in the articles of association. The association is not active on its own behalf and does not give any priority to its own interests. The funds of the association may only be used for the purposes laid out in the articles of association. Membership of the association does not entitle members to access to the funds of the association. No one may benefit from the funds of the association if this is not to further the purposes of the association, except for an appropriate honorarium if required.

MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS

Article 4.

1. The association has:
 - a. full members
 - b. associate members
 - c. supporting members
 - d. observers
2. All members and observers are legal bodies or natural persons.

Article 5.

1. Full members of the association are organisations from European countries which wish to promote the purposes, mentioned in article 3 under 2. a) up to and including g) from the in article 3 under 1. mentioned basis and which have been admitted as such in accordance with what is specified in article 6 of these articles of association.
2. Associate members are organisations from European countries whose ideas, impulses or activities are not mainly based on anthroposophy, but which wish to promote the purposes, mentioned in article 3 under 2. a) up to and including g) and which have been admitted as such in accordance with what is specified in article 6 of these articles of association.
3. Supporting members are individuals who have expressed their willingness to promote the purposes, mentioned in article 3 under 2. a) up to and including g) from the in article 3 under 1. mentioned basis and who have been admitted as such in accordance with what is specified in article 6 of these articles of association. They agree to support the association with a minimum amount, as determined by the General Meeting.
- 4.1 Observers are organisations from European countries which wish to promote the purposes, mentioned in article 3 under 2. a) up to and including g) from the in article 3 under 1. mentioned basis and which have been admitted as such in accordance with what is specified in article 6 of these articles of association.
- 4.2 The status of observer is supposed to give the observer the opportunity to get to know the association and gives the opportunity to become full member or not. The status of observer will be given only for one year. After termination a observer has the opportunity to apply for full membership.

ADMISSION

Article 6.

Membership and the status of observer must be applied for in writing to the committee which should decide upon the admission at its next committee meeting. The applicant will be informed about the date of decision within one month. In the case of refusal the applicant concerned has the right of appeal at a General Meeting.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 7.

1. Membership may be terminated:
 - a. through the dissolution of the organisation concerned;

- b. through the resignation of an member, which should be presented in writing to the committee before the closing date of the current association year;
 - c. by the committee giving notice on behalf of the association; this can occur when a member has failed to meet the requirements of membership stipulated in the articles of association, regulations and decisions; if he does not fulfil his obligations to the association, or if in fairness it cannot be demanded of the association to let the membership continue;
 - d. through expulsion by the committee when a member acts contrary to the articles of association, regulations and decisions, or causes unreasonable damage to the association. A member who has been expelled remains excluded from future membership.
2. An appeal against a decision of expulsion can be lodged at the General Meeting by the applicant concerned within one month of receipt of notification. During the term of the appeal and pending the hearing of the appeal the member is suspended.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article 8.

- 1. Full members, associate members and supporting members are committed to pay an annual contribution, the level of which is determined by the General Meeting. The committee is authorised to grant complete or partial exemption in special cases.
- 2. By joining the association the members and observers acknowledge awareness of the contents of the articles of association, the rules and regulations, together with the stipulations laid down in the decisions taken and/or agreements made. When joining, they declare to submit to these and to observe these.
- 3. At the termination of membership the rights of the person concerned towards the association end but he retains his current financial obligations.

COMMITTEE

Article 9.

- 1. The committee of the association consists of at least three natural persons from different European countries. They are from the members or supporting members as mentioned in article 4 and article 5 under 1. and 3.
The number is determined by the General Meeting.
- 2. The members of the committee are appointed by the General Meeting for a period of three years; they are immediately eligible for re-election.

Article 10.

- 1. The chairman of the committee is elected by the General Meeting.
- 2. The other functions of the committee members, including that of the secretary, treasurer and deputies, are decided upon by the committee.

COMMITTEE TASK AND REPRESENTATION

Article 11.

- 1. The committee is entrusted with fulfilling the business of the association.
- 2. The committee is authorised to enter into all agreements other than those stipulated in 3 below as authorised by the General Meeting.
- 3. The committee needs the prior approval of the General Meeting to enter into agreements concerning buying, transfer or encumbrment of real estate, to enter into agreements in which the association commits itself to stand surety or severally co-debtor, makes out a cause for a third party or commits itself to standing surety for the debts of a third party. Failing this approval an appeal can be made by or against third parties.

Article 12.

The association is represented by the committee.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Article 13.

1. The committee meetings are held as often as the chairman, or two members of the committee deem necessary.
2. The committee decides by majority vote in a meeting where at least two thirds of the number of committee members is present.
3. The committee has the right to make decisions without a meeting, provided all committee members declare themselves in favour of the proposition concerned.

TERMINATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Article 14.

The membership of the committee terminates:

- a. by the expiration of the term of office.
- b. by resignation.
- c. by the termination of the membership of the association of the organisation to which the committee member belongs.
- d. by dismissal upon the decision of the General Meeting.

GENERAL MEETING

Article 15.

1. The General Meetings are convened by the committee in writing to the addresses of the members, the length of notice to be at least three weeks. At least once a year an annual General Meeting shall take place.
2. The committee is obliged to convene a General Meeting at the written request from such a number of full members as is qualified to give one tenth of the votes; if the request has not been acted upon within one fortnight, the requestors can proceed to convene the General Meeting themselves.

ACCESS AND RIGHT TO VOTE - DECISION MAKING

Article 16.

1. All full members, associate members, supporting members and observers and all those invited by the committee are eligible to attend the General Meetings. Full members, associate members and observers designate for that purpose delegates. The maximum number of designated delegates is the number of votes of the member concerned.
2. Each full member, except a full member who is suspended, has three votes. Each associate member and each supporting member, except an associate or supporting member who is suspended, has one vote.
All members can in writing authorise another member to vote for him.
3. So far as the law or the articles of association do not stipulate otherwise, all decisions of the General Meeting are made by majority votes of members.

ASSOCIATION YEAR - ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Article 17.

1. The association year runs from January first up to and including December thirty-first.
2. Within six months of the expiration of the association year the committee shall issue in the General Meeting (annual meeting) an annual report of the past financial year and the accounts.
3. The accounts are examined by an auditing committee, consisting of two delegates of full members, who have no seat on the committee, to be appointed annually by the General Meeting. The report of this auditing committee will be presented to a General Meeting.
4. The committee can decide to have made up a Review Report by a legal auditor, instead of the auditing committee as stated under subsection 3.
5. Approval by the General Meeting of the accounts and report absolves the committee.

FINANCIAL MEANS

Article 18.

The financial means of the Association are obtained from contributions of the members, gifts of sponsors, testamentary dispositions, legacies, subsidies, other contributions and benefits from property.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Article 19.

The General Meeting decides on the rules and regulations which cannot contain stipulations that are contrary to these articles of association and in which arrangements are made that are necessary or desired in the view of the committee or General Meeting.

AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Article 20.

1. Amendment of these articles of association can only take place by a decision of the General Meeting, which has been called with the announcement that an amendment of the articles of association will be proposed there.
2. Those who have convened the General Meeting to discuss a proposal for amendment of the articles of association, must deposit a copy of this proposal, in which the recommended amendment has been incorporated, for inspection by all members in an appropriate place from at least five days before the meeting until after the day on which the meeting is held.
3. A decision to make amendments to the articles of association needs a majority of at least three quarters of the number of votes cast by members (see art. 16).

DISSOLUTION

Article 21.

1. Dissolution of the association can be resolved upon by the General Meeting.
2. What is stipulated in article 20 applies here likewise.
3. A decision for dissolution should also contain:
 - a. Appointment of a commission of liquidators, consisting of three persons
 - b. appointment of the means to cover a possible liquidation deficit
 - c. a possible liquidation surplus should be allocated in accordance with the purpose of the association mentioned in article 3.

FINAL CONDITION

Article 22.

In all cases not covered by these articles of association or the rules and regulations, or where there is disagreement concerning the association stipulations which may arise between members, the committee decides under obligation to report to and obtain approval from the General Meeting.

City of Zeist, Netherlands

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