

Articles of the Association "Europäischer Fachverband Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V."
(European Professional Association for Sound Massage Therapy)

§ 1 Name and registered office

- (1) The name of the Association is "Europäischer Fachverband Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V. (European Professional Association for Sound Massage Therapy)". It shall be entered in the register of associations.
- (2) The Association is registered in Uenzen (Stadt Bruchhausen-Vilsen).

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

The Association is mainly active in the field of supporting vocational education. The purpose of the Association is the content-related further development of sound massage and sound massage therapy according to Peter Hess as well as the comprehensive representation of interests and support of trained sound massage practitioners regarding all questions of their professional execution of sound massage.

The method of sound massage using singing bowls developed by Peter Hess is based on ancient findings on the healing effect of sound on the human being applied in Indian medicine already more than 5,000 years ago. During many years of research and practice Peter Hess has adapted sound massage to the requirements in western cultures. Results of this work are forwarded in training groups at home and abroad. Sound massage has proved as an extremely efficient method for achieving faster and deeper relaxation and is applied in professional fields of healing professions, care professions, educational science and therapy.

The statutory purpose is particularly realized by

- Public relations work as well as sending regular information letters
- The offer of seminars for further training and supervision of trained sound massage practitioners
- Creating work material.

§ 3 Benefit to the public

The Association exclusively and directly pursues charitable purposes in the sense of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the Fiscal Code. The Association is non-profit making; it does not primarily pursue own financial purposes. Funds of the Association shall be exclusively used for statutory purposes. Members do not obtain any benefits from the Association's funds. No person must be favoured by expenses alien to the purpose of the Association or by unreasonably high remunerations.

§ 4 Financial year

The Financial Year of the Association is the calendar year. In the founding year the first financial year is ending on 31st December, 1999.

§ 5 Membership

(1) All persons may become members of the Association having started or completed an education in sound massage according to Peter Hess recognised by Europäischer Fachverband für Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V..

(2) As far as recognised by Europäischen Fachverband Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V., also national European associations may become a member. National associations shall not be entitled to vote in the General Meeting.

(3) Supporting members may be natural or legal persons. They do not have any voting rights in the General Meeting.

(4) The Executive Committee decides on the written application.

(5) In the individual case – as far as justified in the interest of the Association - the Executive Committee may accept persons as members who do not comply with the requirements of section 1.

(6) Membership shall be terminated

(a) Upon death of the member;

(b) by written letter of resignation, addressed to the executive committee. It shall be exclusively admissible at the end of a calendar year subject to a term of three- month notice;

(c) by exclusion from the Association by resolution of the executive committee. Exclusion assumes that the member has substantially infringed the Association's interests. Prior to exclusion, the member concerned shall be heard personally or orally. The member concerned shall be entitled to appeal the resolution within a period of four weeks upon receipt of the written decision by the Executive Committee.

§ 6 Organs

Organs of the Association are

1. The Executive Committee
2. The General Meeting

§ 7 The Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee consists of the First Chairman and two deputy chairpersons. Judicially and extrajudicially the Association is represented by the First Chairman. The Executive Committee shall appoint one of the deputy chairpersons treasurer, the other one secretary.
- (2) The Executive Committee is elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years. The person obtaining the simple majority of votes is considered elected. The Executive Committee will remain in office until a new election will be carried out. In case of a member leaving the Executive Committee during the term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a substitute member for the remaining term of office of the Executive Committee.
- (3) The Executive Committee may delegate the execution of current activities of the Association to a managing director.

- (4) Close cooperation to the Peter Hess Institute and its related quality assurance of Peter Hess[®] sound methods mediated there shall be ensured. At least one member of the Executive Committee of Europäischer Fachverband Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V. shall originate from the management/development team of the Peter Hess Institute.

§ 8 The General Meeting

(1) The General Meeting shall be called annually by personal invitation of the First Chairman subject to an invitation term of two weeks by means of a letter. This letter shall contain an agenda decided by the Executive Committee.

(2) The tasks of the General Meeting are particularly as follows:

(a) Acceptance of the report of the Executive Committee and its discharge;

(b) Budget approval for the coming fiscal year;

(c) Election of the Executive Committee and treasurers (every two years);

(d) Resolutions on amendments of the Articles and dissolution of the Association;

(e) Resolutions on appointing a member against his/her exclusion by the Executive Committee;

(f) Determination of the membership fee.

(3) Amendments of the Articles require the consent by at least 75 per cent of attending members authorized to vote.

(4) The Executive Committee shall immediately call a General Meeting if required by the interests of the Association or if at least 40 of the members require the calling of a meeting in writing and by indicating the purpose and reasons.

(5) Resolutions of the General Meeting shall be documented within minutes signed by the Chairperson and the keeper of the minutes.

§ 9 Membership fee

Membership fees are due as annual fees in advance respectively on 1st January of the year. The amount of membership fees shall be determined by the General Meeting.

§ 10 Dissolution of the Association and application of Association's funds

Upon resolution of the Association or loss of tax-deductible purposes the assets of the Association shall be paid to the Deutsche Kinderschutzbund e.V., Landesverband Niedersachsen, who shall apply them immediately and exclusively for charitable purposes.

Uenzen, 23rd May 1999

Amended by the General Meeting of 1st December 2001
Amended by the General Meeting of 7th November 2015