

Statutes of the Association

"International Association of Sound Massage Therapy e.V."

§ 1 Name and Seat

- (1) The name of the Association is " International Association of Sound Massage Therapy e.V.". It shall be entered in the Register of Associations.
- (2) The seat of the Association is Bruchhausen-Vilsen.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

The Association is mainly active in the field of promoting professional education. The purpose of the Association is the further development and quality assurance of the Peter Hess® Sound Methods, as well as the comprehensive representation of interests and support of those trained at the Peter Hess® Institute and at the Peter Hess® Academies, with regard to all matters concerning their professional practice of the Peter Hess® Sound Methods.

Peter Hess has been developing Sound Massage since 1984 over the course of many years of research and practice. Based on this holistic relaxation method, numerous specialisations have been developed ever since, which represent a specialised and modified application of the method in the fields of wellness, prevention, education, counselling, coaching, therapy and healthcare. The specialist content of this work is conveyed in training and further education seminars at the Peter Hess® Institute in Germany and at the affiliated Peter Hess® Academies abroad.

The statutory purpose is realised in particular through:

- Close cooperation with the Peter Hess® Institute and its cooperation partners.
- Public relations by means of publications and advertising, as well as distribution of regular informative material.
- The opportunity for exchange of expertise and further training at the annual Conference of the Association, at the Professional Congress, and at special seminars of the Association.
- Quality assurance of the Peter Hess® Sound Methods.
- The publication of professional, informational and promotional material.

§ 3 Status

The Association is a non-profit institution; it does not primarily pursue its own financial purposes. The Association's funds shall be exclusively used for statutory purposes. Members do not obtain any benefits from the Association's funds. No person may be favoured by expenses that are not related to the purpose of the Association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 4 Financial year

The Financial Year of the Association shall be the calendar year. In the year of establishment, the first Financial Year ends on 31st December 1999.

§ 5 Membership

(1) All persons who have started or completed training in the Peter Hess[®] Sound Methods recognised by the European Association of Sound Massage Therapy can become a member of the Association.

(2) National European Associations can also become members, provided they are recognised by the European Association of Sound Massage Therapy. National Associations have no voting rights in the General Assembly.

(3) Institutions that have received certification from the Peter Hess[®] Institute can also become members. Each institution receives 2 votes in the General Assembly.

(4) Sponsoring members can be natural or legal persons. They have no voting rights in the General Assembly.

(5) The Executive Board shall decide on the written application.

(6) In certain cases, if justified in the interest of the Association, the Executive Board may admit persons as members who do not meet the requirements of paragraph 1.

(7) Membership is terminated

(a) Upon death of the member;

(b) by written notice of resignation addressed to the Executive Board. It is only permissible at the end of a calendar year, subject to a three-month notice period;

(c) by exclusion from the Association by resolution of the Executive Board. Exclusion from the Association may occur if:

- the member has significantly violated the interests of the Association; A violation of interest of the Association, which justifies exclusion, also applies if a member offers Sound Massage training courses in competition with the Association or the Peter Hess[®] Institute.
- the member is in arrears with the membership fee for more than three months and does not fully settle the arrears within two weeks despite a reminder sent to the last known address.

The Executive Board decides on the exclusion; the member concerned must be given the opportunity to be heard beforehand.

§ 6 Organs

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1. The Executive Board
2. The General Assembly

§ 7 The Executive Board

(1) The Executive Board of the Association consists of the First Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons. The First Chairperson shall represent the Association judicially and extrajudicially. One of the Vice-Chairpersons shall be appointed by the Executive Board as Treasurer and the other as Secretary. The Executive Board shall make its decisions by simple majority; in the event of a tie, the First Chairperson shall decide.

(2) The Executive Board is elected by the General Assembly for a period of two years. The person who receives the simple majority of the votes is elected. The Board remains in office until a new election takes place. If a member of the Executive Board resigns during the term of office, the Executive Board shall designate a substitute member for the remainder of the Board's term of office.

(3) The management of ongoing Association activities can be delegated to a Managing Director by the Executive Board.

(4) The close cooperation with the Peter Hess[®] Institute and the associated quality assurance of the Peter Hess[®] Sound Methods must be ensured. At least one member of the Board of the European Association of Sound Massage Therapy must be from the management/development team of the Peter Hess[®] Institute.

§ 8 The General Assembly

(1) The General Assembly is to be convened annually by the First Chairperson by means of a personal written invitation with a notice period of two weeks. The invitation may also be sent by email. The agenda of the meeting decided by the board of directors is to be communicated.

(2) The General Assembly shall have the following tasks:

- (a) Receipt of the statement of accounts of the Executive Board and its discharge;
- (b) Approval of the budget for the forthcoming financial year;
- (c) Election of the Executive Board and Treasurers (every two years);
- (d) Resolutions on amendments to the Articles of the Association and dissolution of the Association;
- (e) Resolutions on the appeal of a member against his exclusion by the Executive Board;
- (f) Determining the membership fee.

(3) Amendments to the Statutes require the approval of at least 75 per cent of the voting members present.

(4) The Executive Board shall convene a General Assembly without delay if the interests of the Association so require, or if at least 40 per cent of the members request the meeting in writing, stating the purpose and the reason.

(5) Minutes must be taken of the resolutions of the General Assembly, which must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting and the minute taker.

§ 9 Membership fees

Annual fees are charged from the members of the Association. Annual membership fees are due by January 31st for the current year. If membership begins during the year, the pro rata annual fee is due within four weeks of the commencement of membership. The amount of the individual membership fees (ordinary and sponsoring) shall be decided by the General Assembly. The amount of the membership fee for institutions (§5 paragraph 3) shall be determined by the Executive Board in a membership fee regulation.

§ 10 Compensation / Remuneration in the Association

- (1) The functions of the Association and of its Organs, as well as the functions of the Executive Board, shall in principle be performed on an honorary basis.
- (2) Within the framework of the existing budget, functions of the Association and of its Organs may be performed against payment or against payment of an expense allowance.
- (3) Decisions on any paid activity pursuant to paragraph 2 or any expense allowance shall be taken by the Executive Board. The same applies to the contents of the contract and the termination of the contract. The Executive Board may set limits for the amount of reimbursement of expenses.

§ 11 Dissolution of the Association and use of the Association's funds

Upon dissolution of the Association or if tax-privileged purposes no longer apply, the Association's assets shall be transferred to Deutscher Kinderschutzbund e.V., Landesverband Niedersachsen, who must use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.

Uenzen, 23rd May 1999

Amended by the General Assembly on 1st December 2001

Amended by the General Assembly on 7th November 2015

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