

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

§ 1 Name and registered office

- (1) The name of the Association is "Internationaler Fachverband Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V. (International Professional Association for Sound Massage Therapy)". It shall be entered in the register of associations.
- (2) The Association is registered in Schweringen.

§ 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 and quality assurance of Peter Hess® sound methods as well as the comprehensive representation of interests and support of practitioners trained at Peter Hess® Institute - Peter Hess® Klangmethoden GmbH & Co KG and Peter Hess® Academies regarding all questions of their professional execution of Peter Hess® sound methods.

Peter Hess has been developing sound massage since 1984 within years of research and practice. Based on this holistic relaxation method, numerous specialisations have developed since then, representing a specialised and modified application of the method for the work fields wellness, prevention, educational science, consulting, coaching, therapy and health care. Subject-specific contents of this work are forwarded within education and training seminars at Peter Hess® Institute - Peter Hess® Klangmethoden GmbH & Co KG in Germany and associated Peter Hess® academies abroad.

The statutory purpose is particularly realized by

- Close cooperation with Peter Hess® Institute- Peter Hess® Klangmethoden GmbH & Co KG, the Peter Hess® academies abroad, Hess Sound and its cooperation partners
- Public relations work by publications and advertisement as well as sending regular information letters
- The offer of opportunities for professional exchange and further training at the association's conferences, events, workshops and seminars as well as at the sound congresses
- Quality assurance of Peter Hess® sound methods
- Creating work, information and advertising material.

§ 3 Status

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 having started or completed a training in Peter Hess® sound methods recognised by “Internationaler Fachverband für Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V.” may become members of the Association.
- (2) As far as recognised by Internationaler Fachverband Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V., also national associations may become members. National associations shall not be entitled to vote in the General Meeting.
- (3) Even institutions having been certified by Peter Hess® Institute - Peter Hess® Klangmethoden GmbH & Co KG may become members. Each institution obtains two votes in the General Meeting.
- (4) Supporting members may be natural or legal persons. They do not have any voting rights in the General Meeting.
- (5) The Executive Committee decides on the written application.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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 from the Association may occur in the event of:
 - the member concerned having substantially infringed the Association’s interests; it is also dealt with a breach against the interests of the Association entitling to exclusion if the member offers sound massage trainings in competition with the Association or Peter Hess® Institute- Peter Hess® Klangmethoden GmbH & Co KGor
 - the member falling behind with paying the membership fee for more than three months and despite reminder to the last-known address failing to settle the backlog in full within two weeks.

Decision on exclusion is up to the Executive Committee, the person concerned shall be entitled to be heard in advance.

§ 6 Organs

Organs of the Association are

1. The Executive Committee
2. The General Meeting

§ 7 The Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee of the Association consists of the First Chairman and two Deputy Chairmen. The Association is represented in and out of court by two members of the Executive Committee, with the First Chairman representing the

Association alone. The Executive Committee appoints a secretary and a treasurer from among the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee makes its decisions by a simple majority.

- (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 Peter Hess® Institute - Peter Hess® Klangmethoden GmbH & Co KG and its related quality assurance of Peter Hess® sound methods mediated there shall be ensured. Therefore, at least two members of the board of the International Association of Sound Massage Therapy e.V. must be (freelance) employees of the Peter Hess® Institute - Peter Hess® Klangmethoden GmbH & Co KG (e.g. seminar leader, Peter Hess® academy leader).

§ 8 The General Meeting

- (1) The General Meeting shall be called annually by personal written invitation of the First Chairman subject to an invitation term of two weeks. The invitation may be sent by e-mail as well and shall contain the agenda decided by the Executive Committee.
 - (a) General Meetings may be held in person, by purely electronic means (virtual) or in a combination of a meeting in person and a virtual meeting (hybrid). The Executive Committee decides on the type of General Meeting, i.e. whether it is to be held in person, virtually or hybrid, and informs the members of this in the invitation to the General Meeting.
 - (b) In the case of virtual or hybrid meetings, members shall receive the access data for the virtual meeting room no later than three days before the start of the meeting.
 - (c) In the case of hybrid general meetings, the chair of the meeting may restrict the right to speak and make motions to members physically present. These restrictions must be announced in the invitation to the general meeting.
- (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 to 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 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 fees

Membership contribution is levied on an annual basis. Membership fees are due as annual fees by 31 January of each year for the current year. In case of start of membership during the year, the proportionate annual contribution shall be due within four weeks upon commencement of membership. The amount of membership fees for individual members (ordinary) shall be determined by the General Meeting. The amount of membership fee for supporting members and institutions (paragraph 5, section 3) shall be defined by the Executive Committee within contribution rules.

§ 10 Compensation / Remuneration in the Association

1. In principle, all tasks of functions of organs of the Association are carried out unsalaried.
2. Within the framework of the existing budget, offices of the Association and organs may be carried out in return for payment or against payment of reimbursement of expenses.
3. Decision on any paid activity pursuant to section 2 or any expense allowance shall be taken by the Executive Committee. The same shall apply to contract content and termination of contract. The Executive Committee may define limits for the amount of reimbursement of expenses.
4. The Executive Committee is authorized to commission members or third parties with activities for the Association or advisory activities in return for payment of appropriate remuneration or reimbursement of expenses. The Association's budgetary situation shall be decisive.

§ 11 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 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
Amended by the General Meeting of 1st October 2017
Amended by the General Meeting of 3rd November 2019

Amended by the General Meeting of 12th September 2020

Amended by the General Meeting of 3rd March 2024

Amended by the General Meeting of 1st March 2025