

Articles of Association

§ 1 Name, Domicile and Fiscal Year

1. The Association has the following German name:
“Institut für Bewusstseinsforschung und Psychotherapie”
and the following English name:
“Institute for Exploration of Consciousness and Psychotherapy”
It is to be entered in the official register of associations. After registration, it will include the German “e.V.” (“registered association”).
2. The domicile of the Association is Wittnau.
3. The fiscal year is the calendar year.
4. These articles were established at the founder’s meeting on the 15th of October 2009 in Milano.

§ 2 Objective of the Association

The objective of this Association is the support of science, research and education in the area of transpersonal psychology and psychotherapy.

The Association solely and directly pursues charitable objectives within the meaning of the §§ 51 of the tax law (German *Abgabenordnung*)

The objective is achieved in particular by:

- The promotion of an exchange of knowledge and experience with other institutions;
- The organization of qualification and further education courses, conferences and symposia;
- The fostering of international exchanges with foreign psychologists and psychotherapists.

The Association is a non-profit organization. It does not act in its own financial interests.

Ressources of the Association are only to be used for purposes sanctioned by the Articles of Association. Members do not receive any profits or benefits from the resources of the Association.

No person may benefit from expenditures extraneous to the purposes of the Association or through expenditures that are inordinately high.

§ 3 Membership

1. Only persons of full contractual ability who are over the age of 18 are eligible to become ordinary members

2. Any natural or juridical person can become a supporting member of the Association. Supporting members do not have the right to vote at Member Assemblies.
3. By vote of the Member Assembly, natural and juridical persons can become honorary members if they have made a special contribution towards the Association's purpose.
4. To become a member, applicants must send a written request to the Committee. The Committee decides at its discretion whether to accept the application. The applicant is informed of the decision in writing. Applicants can be rejected without any reasons given.

§ 4 Termination of Membership

Membership expires upon death, voluntary withdrawal, through deletion from the membership list or exclusion from the association.

A withdrawal must be given in writing to the committee. Membership can only be discontinued at the end of the fiscal year with a three-month notice period.

Membership can be annulled for failure to pay the membership fee if the member has received two written reminders from the Committee.

The second reminder must contain an indication of impending annulment of membership.

The annulment may only be decided if the debt has not been settled after one month of receiving the second notice. The affected member must be informed of the annulment.

The Committee can resolve to exclude a member from the Association if they have repeatedly worked against the Association's interests or otherwise jeopardized the Association's purpose. This is especially the case if a serious violation of the statutes has been documented.

A request for exclusion may be filed by any member. The Committee decides upon the exclusion.

The member must be informed of the decision of exclusion and its reasons. The member may appeal the decision of expulsion at the Member Assembly within one month of receipt of the decision. The appeal has suspensive effect. If the member does not appeal, the exclusion will become effective at the end of the appeal period.

§ 5 Fees

An admission fee is to be paid to the Association when membership is accepted.

Every member must pay an annual fee. The amount of the admission and annual fees are decided upon at the Member Assembly.

The annual fee is prorated if membership begins during the year

The Member Assembly also decides upon the minimum fee paid by supporting members.

Honorary members are not obligated to pay fees.

§ 6 Bodies of the Association

The Association currently consists of the following bodies:

- a) The assembly of members
- b) The Committee

The assembly of members can decide upon the creation of further Bodies of the Association.

§ 7 Ordinary and Extraordinary Member Assemblies

There must be an official annual General Member Assembly

An extraordinary Member Assembly must be called when:

- a) the Committee decides upon it;
- b) 1/10 of the members make a written appeal to the Committee, stating their purpose and reasons for an assembly.

§ 8 The Committee

The Committee consists of the First and Second Chairperson, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and at least two Assessors.

The Committee carries out the Association's business on an honorary basis.

Any decision-making must be in accordance with the German § 28, Abs. 1 i.V.m. § 32 BGB with the stipulation that in the event of a tie vote, the First Chairperson has the deciding vote.

In accordance with § 26 BGB, the Association is to be represented both in and out of court by the First and Second Chairperson, who are both authorized to represent the Association individually. The Second Chairperson may only take over individual representation if the First Chairperson is not able to.

Members of the Committee are voted for anonymously at the Member Assembly for the term of two years. Representatives of the Committee (First and Second Chairperson) remain in office until a new Chairperson is elected.

§ 9 Member Assembly

The Member Assembly is responsible for:

- Amendments to the Articles of Association,
- Election and dismissal of the Chairperson,
- Agreement on Membership Fees,
- The exclusion of a member after an appeal against the Committee's decision,
- The dissolution of the Association.

The Committee is responsible for setting the agenda and the convening of a General Member Assembly.

The Committee invites members to a General Member Assembly with at least four weeks notice, and with at least two weeks notice with indication of the agenda in the case of an extraordinary Member Assembly.

The simple majority rules in the case of a vote. A majority of 2/3 is required when the object of the vote is the exclusion of a member, an amendment to the Articles of Association, or the dissolution of the Association; a change in the Association's objective requires a majority of $\frac{3}{4}$.

Abstentions are not counted.

Resolution minutes of all Member Assemblies must be kept and signed by the Assembly Leader and the Committee Secretary.

Voting by proxy is allowed. The authorized must be a member of the Association. The quorum of a Member Assembly is independent of the number of present members.

§ 10 Dissolution

Only an extraordinary Member Assembly may decide on the dissolution of the Association if it has been called for that purpose.

If the liquidation of the association's capital is necessary, the representative Members of the Committee are the liquidators.

At the dissolution of the Association or the cassation of the tax-privileged purposes, the capital goes to the non-profit organization Doctors Without Borders (*Ärzte ohne Grenzen e.V.*).