STATUTES
of the International Federation of Anthroposophic Medical Associations

Plain English version. For legal purposes the German text applies.

Article 1 The ‘International Federation of Anthroposophic Medical Associations’, in short ‘IVAA’, is based in Dornach, Switzerland.

Article 2 The IVAA represents anthroposophic medical associations at international level in all legal and political issues for the furtherance of anthroposophic medicine. The IVAA cooperates with the International Coordination Anthroposophic Medicine (IKAM), the working colleagueship of the Medical Section at the Goetheanum, Switzerland.

Article 3 Organs of the IVAA are:
- the General Assembly (GA),
- the Board,
- the Auditors.

Article 4 Members of the IVAA are physicians’ associations for anthroposophic medicine.

Article 5 a) Every association is represented by two Delegates. One additional Delegate is allowed for every hundred full members of an association.
   b) Every member of an association can attend the General Assembly and has the right to express his/her opinion, but only Delegates can vote.
   c) Delegates are elected by each association according to their own criteria.

Article 6 The General Assembly (GA). At least one GA takes place every year. A written invitation is sent to members at least two months in advance. An extraordinary GA can be called by at least 5 member associations or by the Board.

Article 7 At the GA every Delegate has one vote and decisions and elections are on the basis of an absolute majority. (except for articles 9 & 14))

Article 8 The GA has the following powers:
- a) Approval of the annual accounts and annual reports.
- b) Determining the annual contributions of member associations.
- c) Admitting new member associations.
- d) Excluding a member association.
- e) Election of the Board.
- f) Election of the president.
- g) Election of Auditors.
- h) Decision to dismiss the Board.
- i) Decision to review the statutes.
- k) Formulating tasks and aims that are binding on the Board.
l) Decision to dissolve the society.

Article 9  The GA decides whether to admit a new member association. Membership ends through withdrawal, exclusion or dissolving of an association. Exclusion of a member can only result from a two-thirds majority of all Delegates present at the GA.

Article 10 The GA determines the level of contributions. Distribution of the financial burden amongst member associations will appropriately take into account both the respective size of their membership and their financial position.

Article 11 The Board consists of at least three persons, and no majority of members from any one country is allowed. The Delegates elect the Board and the president for a period of three years. Board members can be re-elected.

Article 12 The Board represents the IVAA both internally and externally. It can take decisions when a majority of all Board members is present. Decisions and communications become legally valid through the signature of the president or that of another Board member, following approval by a majority of the Board.

Article 13 The Board submits a budget to the GA. The Board’s annual accounts and an annual report are presented to the GA for approval. The conclusions and decisions of the Board will be presented to all association members in a PERIODICAL, which is published at least once a year.

Article 14 The IVAA can be dissolved by agreement from two-thirds of the Delegates present at a GA. Any remaining assets are to be used for a purpose that accords with the statutes, to be decided by the last GA.