

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 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 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 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 in Germany and associated Peter Hess® academies abroad.

The statutory purpose is particularly realized by

- Close cooperation with Peter Hess® Institute and its cooperation partners
- Public relations work by publications and advertisement as well as sending regular information letters
- The offer for exchange of expertise and for further training on the occasion of the annual Association meeting (Fachverbandstagung), Symposium (Fachkongress) and special seminars of the Association
- 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 “Europäischer Fachverband für Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V.” may become members of the Association.

(2) As far as recognised by Europäischer Fachverband Klang-Massage-Therapie e.V., also national European 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 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.
- 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

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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 chair persons treasurer, the other one secretary. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to simple majority, in case of parity of votes, the vote of the First Chairman shall be decisive.
- (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 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 Peter Hess[®] Institute.

§ 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.
- (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 in advance respectively on 1st January for the current year of a 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 and supporting) shall be determined by the General Meeting. The amount of membership fee for 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.

§ 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