

**STATUTES
OF THE
EUROPEAN FORUM OF PSYCHOMOTRICITY**

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§1 Preamble

Based on a holistic view of mankind, which presumes the unity of body, mind and spirit, the name **PSYCHOMOTRICITY** explains the mutual influence of cognition, emotion and movement and their influence on the development of an individual's competency within a psychosocial context. Departing from this theoretical premise different countries and regions across Europe have developed specific practices which place the individual's actions in this mutual influence into the foreground. They are used in preventive, pedagogical and therapeutical practices. They have led to education and further education, and diplomas recognised by governments. An increasing number of scientific research focuses on this subject matter.

In order to promote psychomotricity in a pedagogic and therapeutic use, in education and further education, in the professionalization and in scientific research, the below named members associate as the **“European Forum of Psychomotricity”**.

§2 Name, base and linguistic form

The association goes by the name of the “European Forum of Psychomotricity”. It has its base in Strasbourg in the Maison des Associations, Place des Orphelins, F-67000 Strasbourg. The Forum is registered at the local district court in Strasbourg, where the statutes are lodged. The Forum is ruled by the local civil code.

The use of gendered pronouns or phrasing in the statutes has no influence on the allocation of official charges for men or women. The working language and the language of official documents of the **“European Forum of Psychomotricity”** is English.

§3 Goals and missions

The main goal of the “European Forum of Psychomotricity” is to support psychomotricity in Europe, the pedagogical, preventive and therapeutic practices, the education and further education, the professionalization and scientific research.

The **“European Forum of Psychomotricity”** defines the following as its main goals:

- Promotion of the co-operation between psychomotricians coming from different countries and regions of Europe, (mutual exchanges, congresses, project development, education and research.)
- Support of countries or regions where psychomotricity is under-developed by providing logistical or financial help, support of education and further education
- Co-ordination of education and further education by: the harmonisation of contents, general guidelines, exams, promotion of the harmonisation of professional education as regards to the recognition by governments.
- Mutual acceptance.
- Representation of the common interests concerning professional politics, acceptance by social insurance, level of income, protection of education.



§4 Public utility

1. The “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**” pursues only and directly the goals of public utility.
2. It does not pursue profitable goals.
3. The resources of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**” are to be used only for the aforementioned goals. No person may be given an advantage by expenditures, which do not conform to the Forum’s statutes, or by an unreasonably high honorarium.

§5 Membership

There are three kinds of members, whose delegates are elected or designated according to § 5.4

1. Ordinary members
An ordinary member is a delegate of a country, which is a member of the European community, and who has, or has not, a government-recognised education in psychomotricity. The ordinary member has speaking, questioning and voting rights.
2. Extraordinary members
An extraordinary member is a delegate of a European country, which is not member of the European community. The extraordinary member is not allowed to become president or vice-president. The extraordinary member has speaking, questioning and voting rights.
3. Interim members
The general assembly can, under certain circumstances, allow an applicant member to have an interim status for two years to decide to become a full member. In this status an interim member has the right to participate in the general assembly and in the commission meeting in one commission. The interim member has speaking and questioning rights in the first year and full rights in the second year.
4. In each country, the delegate and his substitute are elected or designated for four years by the associations or federations representing psychomotricity officially and at a national level. A re-election is allowed.
5. For membership, a written request must be addressed to the board. The board determines whether a membership request is approved. Then, the general assembly ratifies the decision. The final decision will be sent to the requester in writing.



6. The board may refuse a membership if it is against the interests of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**”. An appeal concerning this decision may be addressed to the general assembly, in the four weeks following the reception of the decision.
7. Members have to respect the statutes, regulations and resolutions of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**”, and to defend the interests of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**” and its members.
8. Membership of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**” expires:
9. With a withdrawal which has to be declared in a written form to the board three months before the end of the civil year
10. With the exclusion conforming to § 14 of the statutes.

§6

Contributions and fiscal year

1. The annual contribution is determined by the general assembly.
2. The budget year is the civil year. The contribution has to be paid during the first trimester of the year.

§7

Organs of the “European Forum of Psychomotricity”

The organs of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**” are:

1. The General assembly (§ 8)
2. The Board (§ 9)
3. The Commissions (§ 10)
4. The Board of arbitration (§ 11)

§8

General Assembly

1. The general assembly is the highest organ of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**”. Its decisions are binding for all organs and members.
2. The general assembly is composed of ordinary members, extraordinary members and associated members.
3. The chairman of the general assembly is the president or one of the two vice-presidents.
4. The duties of the general assembly are:
 - Election of the members of the board



- Approbation of the activity, finance, and revision reports of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**”
 - Decentralization of the forum’s responsibilities, thereby relieving the board
 - Adoption of the annual budget plan
 - Decisions concerning the regulations of actions and financing
 - Election of the revisers
 - Determination of the annual member contributions
 - Formation of commissions and approval of their respective presidents
 - Elaboration of political and economic guidelines
 - Modification of the statutes and treatment of requests
5. The general assembly is to be called in written form, including the agenda, by the board at least eight weeks before the presumed date and at least once a year. It must be called if half of the members demand to do so. Propositions concerning the agenda are to be addressed in written form at least two weeks before the presumed date of the general assembly to the board. It is the duty of the delegate of each country to call a meeting, with the agenda included, with the national associations and organisations at least three weeks before the general assembly.
6. The general assembly constitutes a quorum, if at least half of the members are present.
7. Considering questions concerning the personnel mandate of one or more members of the board, these persons do not have a voting right.
8. The general assembly is not allowed to take decisions concerning the politics of the profession, the education or the exercise of the profession, which might have a direct or indirect influence on the interest of one particular country.
9. The general assembly gives itself an internal regulation for its functioning and financing.

§9 Board

1. Five representatives of the members elected by the general assembly compose the board. These are the president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary. The president and the vice-president must be ordinary members. At least three of the five members of the board must represent a country which has a bachelor education in psychomotricity recognised by the government.
2. The president and the two vice-presidents represent the board legally. The president, in conjunction with one vice-president, has the right to authorize with their signatures. In case of an impediment, which must not be justified, the president can be replaced by one of the vice-presidents.
3. The board decides on all matters of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**” not reserved for the general assembly. The principle missions are:
 - The representation of the interests of the forum
 - Public relations



- Elaboration of the budget
 - Management
 - Constitution of an office
 - Employment of full time collaborators and regulation of matters of staff
 - Calling *ad hoc* commissions
 - Calling of the general assembly and elaboration of the agenda
4. The board constitutes a quorum, if at least three of its members are present. In case of equal votes, the vote of the president is decisive.
 5. The members of the board are elected as individuals for a four year term. They remain the delegate of their country for the full term. Re-election is possible. The candidates running for office within the board are to be addressed to the prevailing board at least twelve weeks before the next general assembly. These candidates' names are sent to all the members of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**” along with the invitation to the general assembly.
 6. The board gives itself regulations of procedure.

§10 Commissions

1. To realise the missions of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**”, different commissions will be constituted. The composition of each commission's staff will consider a balance between national interests and competences safeguarding the interests of the professional associations. The three permanent commissions constituted by the general assembly are:
 - Commission “Education and Further Education”
 - Commission “Science and Research”
 - Commission “Profession”.

Other permanent commissions may be constituted if needed. The board may call for *ad hoc* commissions.

2. The members of a commission elect one of the commission as president. These elections become effective with the approval of the general assembly.
3. The main functions of the commissions are to elaborate proposals and to present reports related with the goals of the Forum to the board and/or to the general assembly. They also have to accomplish the missions assigned by the general assembly. The commissions have no right of decision.

§11 Board of arbitration

1. The board of arbitration is composed by three independent personalities, called by the general assembly. These three people must have a certain degree of recognition by their



professional work in the field of psychomotricity and must be of three different nationalities. Their term lasts for four years.

2. The board of arbitration is the contact for all the questions and problems of the federations or associations who judge themselves not or not adequately represented by the **“European Forum of Psychomotricity”**
3. The board of arbitration has the mission to listen to the demands of the concerned federations or associations, to examine the right of their demand and if necessary, present or represent the case a second time to the general assembly. The templates of the board of arbitration, which can be justified personally by a member of the board of arbitration, must be reviewed by the general assembly.

§12 Revisers

1. The general assembly elects two revisers who must not be members of the board.
2. Their duties are ruled by the internal financial regulation of the **“European Forum of Psychomotricity”**
3. They are elected for two years. Each year one new reviser is elected.

§13 Resolutions and protocols

1. The organs of the **“European Forum of Psychomotricity”** establish their decisions by a majority vote of those members present with the right to vote, unless otherwise stipulated in the statutes.
2. The minutes of the decisions of the organs should be send to the respective members and be available in the webpage of the **“European Forum of Psychomotricity”** with restricted access.

§14 Exclusion from the “European Forum of Psychomotricity”

1. In case of behaviour opposite to the interests of the forum, the general assembly is allowed to exclude a member. A member can also be excluded, if the payment of its contribution is in arrears for more than four months – even after a written reminder and the warning of exclusion. The demand for exclusion has to be done by the board to the general assembly. The general assembly has the obligation to judge in good conscience about the exclusion request and give the member to be excluded the possibility to justify himself and to make all the necessary statements. During this period, the member has no voting right. The exclusion of a member is decided by a two-thirds majority of the general assembly.



2. The contribution for the current year is not paid back to the excluded member.
3. The respective member has the right to appeal this decision. The next general assembly decides on this complaint. During the period of the procedure of exclusion, the member has no rights and obligations.

§15

Modification of the statutes

1. The statutes may be modified by the general assembly following a proposition of the board or the proposition of one of its members.
2. In either case, the propositions of the modifications are included in the agenda for the following general assembly. The agenda must be sent at least eight weeks in advance to each member of the general assembly.
3. At least half of the members must be present. If this number is not reached, the general assembly is called once again to start in the following day. The general assembly then constitutes a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
4. The board has the right to modify the statutes if made necessary by legal measures or by local civil law. Such modifications of the statutes must be announced during the following general assembly and be approved by its members.
5. In each case, the statutes may only be modified with an approval of three-fourths of the present members or their substitutes.

§16

Dissolution of the “European Forum of Psychomotricity”

1. The general assembly is called especially to consider the dissolution of the “**European Forum of Psychomotricity**” according to the conditions of § 8.5. must be composed of at least three-fourths of its members.
2. If this number is not reached, the general assembly is called once again on the following day. The general assembly then constitutes a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
3. In either case, the dissolution can only be voted on by a three-fourths majority of the members present.
4. In the case of dissolution, the general assembly assigns one or more people responsible for the liquidation of the funds of the association, who signs over the net amount to one or more public or non-profit establishments respectively.



§17

Coming into effect of the statutes

The present statutes have been approved by the constitutive assembly on September 19th 1996 and come into effect by the inscription in the register of associations and they were updated in the 2012 and 2015 General Assemblies.

Statutes from September 2015