# International Society of Anthroposophic Naturopathy (ISAN)

Statutes, Name, Seat, Preamble and Purpose of the Society Name: International Society of Anthroposophic Naturopathy (ISAN) Seat: ISAN, Goetheanum, Medical Section, Dornach/Switzerland

# Preamble

The purpose of these Statutes is to provide the members of the International Society of Anthroposophic Naturopathy (ISAN) with a framework of cooperation and commitment. This includes the recognition of a professional code of conduct, a professional profile and the mission statement which has been drawn up for the professional group within the AGAHP in consultation with the Medical Section.

The core task is the national and international effort to achieve recognition and legal acceptance of anthroposophic medicine. Anthroposophic practitioners are organised in the professional group "International Society for Anthroposophic Naturopahy", which is part of the College of the International Coordination of Anthroposophic Medicine (ICAM) of the Medical Section at the School of Spiritual Science Goetheanum / Dornach (CH).

Recognition as an anthroposophic healer/healing practitioner is granted by the professional association AGAHP on application.

Recognition entitles the holder to practise "Anthroposophical Naturopathy (AGAHP)<sup>®</sup>" - within the framework of the provisions of national law. The legitimation granted by the AGAHP (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Anthroposophischer Heilpraktiker e.V.) entitles the holder to use the quality seal "Anthroposophische Heilkunde (AGAHP)<sup>®</sup>".

The quality seal "Anthroposophic Healing (AGAHP)<sup>®</sup>" is registered at the German Patent and Trademark Office (DPMA) in favour of the AGAHP.

The quality label Anthroposophic Naturopathy (AGAHP)<sup>®</sup> may only be used after proper authentication and certification by the professional association AGAHP.

All healers working in the sense of the mission statement and professional profile who recognise the statutes of the "International Society for Anthroposophical Naturopathy" as binding are eligible to apply.

Similar to 'anthroposophic medicine' practised by doctors, 'anthroposophic naturopathy' is also a holistic, integrative healing method. It is based on Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophical and curative methods and the special professional conditions of the Heilpraktiker.

The contents of anthroposophic medicine have been and continue to be defined by the professional association AGAHP e.V. (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Anthroposophischer Heilpraktiker) and coordinated with the medical section of the School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum.

The members of ISAN see Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophy as a scientific method through which they can gain insights into the connections between the spiritual and the human being.

In this way, orthodox medical training in the various procedures of anthroposophical naturopathy is penetrated, expanded and supplemented by spiritual science.

The members of ISAN strive to promote anthroposophy beyond their profession-specific fields of work. They continue to educate themselves in anthroposophy both with regard to therapeutic procedures, the personal training path of the healer, his social and ethical orientation, the appreciation of fellow human beings, as well as in the sustainable treatment of the environment.

Research and further development in the field of anthroposophic naturopathy is a fundamental concern of ISAN.

ISAN promotes the training and further education of healers who wish to expand their healing work through the methods of anthroposophical spiritual science.

The knowledge of anthroposophical naturopathy is open to all interested people.

ISAN is committed to diversity of methods and freedom of therapy.

## § 1. purpose of the society

The purpose of the Society is the further development, establishment and recognition of anthroposophic medicine in order to improve curative guidance and integrative therapy and to promote public health. It promotes scientific research, teaching and further training in the field of anthroposophic medicine and thus follows a definition of the World Health Organisation (WHO): "Health promotion supports the development of personality and social skills through information, health-related education and the improvement of social competences and practical life skills. It thereby aims to help people exert more influence on their own health and living environment."

(Ottawa 1986)

#### ISAN is:

Para. 1.- In collaboration with the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Anthroposophischer Heilpraktiker e.V. (AGAHP) hereafter referred to as AGAHP, is responsible for drawing up the certification rules: For this purpose, a commission of two members of ISAN is formed with at least one representative of AGAHP as the trademark holder of the trademark Anthroposophical Healing (AGAHP) registered with the German Patent and Trademark Office DPMA. The members of the commission receive a mandate from the executive board for the further development of the present certification rules.

This circle takes into account the following key data:

- The prerequisite for certification in anthroposophic naturopathy is training and practice depending on the legal recognition of the country which entitles the holder to treat patients.
- Completion of training or further training in anthroposophic naturopathy.
- The basis for further elaboration of the certification regulations are the AGAHP certification guidelines laid down between the AGAHP and the Medical Section of the School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum.

Para. 2.- sees itself as a perception and coordination body for the concerns of its members. According to §11 of the founding statutes of the AAG, it is an AG in the factual field.

Para. 3 - supports networking and cooperation between members, the formation of networks to promote the founding of practices, therapy communities and therapeutics as well as certification in anthroposophic naturopathy (AGHAP)<sup>®</sup>.

Para. 4 - assists in the recognition and promotion of the various anthroposophic healing methods and their training courses

Para. 5 - supports the presentation of anthroposophic naturopaths to the public and cooperation with appropriate institutions.

Para. 6 - promotes training, further training and research in the various curative methods.

Para. 7.- offers the opportunity for encounters between the different procedures and methods in anthroposophic naturopathy

Para. 8.- cooperates with similar international associations, organisations and institutions which are also committed to freedom of curative medicine

Para. 9.- advocates the use of anthroposophical therapeutic procedures and methods by naturopaths

Para. 10.- elaborates the professional ethical positions in the 'perspective picture'; these are decided in the general meeting.

## § 2. non-profit status

Par. 1.- The Association shall be governed by the Swiss Law on Associations, ZGB Art. 60. ff.

Para. 2.- It therefore pursues directly charitable purposes.

Par. 3.- The funds of the Society may only be used for the purposes set out in the Articles of Association.

Par. 4. Members shall not receive any benefits from the funds of the Society.

Para. 5 - No person shall be favoured by expenses which are alien to the purposes of the Society or by disproportionately high remuneration.

## § Section 3 Membership

All healers, depending on the legal recognition of the country in which they practise, who accept the purpose and the preamble of the Society, may become members. For this purpose, a written application must be submitted to the Executive Board of ISAN, which decides on admission by simple majority.

#### Forms of membership:

§ 4. active membership

All those who are entitled to receive a certificate from ISAN. Each active member has one vote.

§ 5. passive membership

Par. 1.-Passive membership is open to all people in training to become anthroposophic naturopaths.

Par. 2-Healing practitioners or naturopaths who do not have certification but belong to a national professional association recognised by ISAN.

Par. 3-Passive members have the right to use all services of the Society. They are invited to the General Assembly and have the right to be heard, but no right to vote.

Para. 4 -Passive member Healing practitioners or naturopaths can become anyone who wants to support the work of ISAN.

# § 6. supporting membership

All natural and legal persons who wish to support the work of ISAN may become supporting members. Every sustaining member can participate in the general meetings, but has no right to speak or vote.

# § 7. corporate memberships (legal entities)

National professional associations of anthroposophical naturopaths and healers may acquire corporate membership as legal entities and belong to ISAN. They participate in the General Meetings without the right to vote.

## § 8. honorary membership

Due to special merits for the specialisation of the approaches, procedures and methods organised within ISAN, the Executive Board may appoint honorary members. They retain their membership status and do not pay membership fees.

## § 9 Acquisition of membership

Par. 1.-Any anthroposophic naturopaths or healer certified according to the valid certification guidelines may apply in writing for membership of ISAN.

Par. 2: The Executive Board shall decide on admission.

## § 10. membership fees

(1)-Each member shall pay an annual subscription, the amount of which shall be determined by the General Assembly in a subscription regulation.

Par. 2 - Contributions in excess of this amount are welcome. They may be confirmed by a donation receipt.

Para. 3.-Justified reductions may be granted by the Executive Committee.

## § 11. Voting/Elections

Para. 1.- Only the active members present have the right to vote. Voting on the items on the agenda shall be by a simple majority of the active members present. Voting shall be by secret ballot if a member so wishes.

#### § 12. resignation/termination

Par. 1. notice of resignation: no later than September for the current calendar year. Notice of resignation shall be given in writing to the Executive Committee.

Par. 2.-Membership ends with the death of a member.

#### § Section 13-Expulsion

Par. 1.-A member may be expelled from the Society by unanimous decision of the Executive Committee.

Par. 2.-The reasons shall be communicated to the expelled member in confidence.

Para. 3.-The person concerned shall have the right to appeal against the expulsion.

Par. 4.-The decision shall then be taken at the General Assembly.

# § 14 The General Assembly of Members

Ordinary general meeting

Par. 1-An Ordinary General Meeting of Members shall be held annually. This date shall be communicated at least two months in advance by e-mail or in writing upon request.

(2) Motions may be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee no later than three weeks before the General Assembly, stating the reasons for the motion. These motions shall become part of the agenda.

Par. 3.-The invitation with the agenda shall be sent at least four weeks in advance.

Para. 4 - The General Assembly decides on all essential matters of ISAN. It is thus the supreme decision-making body of the Society. The decisions of the General Assembly shall be binding on all other organs of the Society.

## § 15 Tasks of the General Assembly

Its tasks include in particular

Para. 1.

1. election of the Executive Committee

2. acceptance of the report on activities and accounts, discharge of the Executive Committee,

3. amendments to the Statutes and

4. dissolution of the Society

Para. 2.-Corporate memberships (legal entities)

The General Assembly shall also decide on the admission of corporate members and their annual membership fees.

Par. 3 - Adoption of Resolutions

The General Assembly shall pass its resolutions by a simple majority of votes.

Para. 4 - Amendments to the Statutes

Amendments to the Statutes, including amendments to the purpose of the Association, shall require a two-thirds majority of the active members present.

Para. 5 Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting shall be taken and signed by the Secretary and a member of the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 6-Membership Fees

Membership fees shall be discussed and decided at the General Assembly.

Paragraph 7 - Auditors

The Auditors shall consist of two Auditors elected at the General Assembly. They have the task of auditing the annual accounts, submitting a report to the General Assembly and proposing a discharge.

#### § 16. Extraordinary General Meeting

The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. It must be convened if 10% of the active members so request.

Par. 2.-The invitation to the Extraordinary General Meeting, stating the agenda, shall be sent by email or, on request, in writing, at least four weeks in advance.

Par. 3.-Proposals for the agenda shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at least two weeks before the date of the meeting, stating the reasons. The motions shall be communicated by e-mail and in writing upon request at least one week before the date of the meeting.

## § 17 Executive Board

Par. 1.-The Executive Board is responsible for carrying out the statutory tasks of ISAN.

Par. 2.-The Executive Board consists of three active members of ISAN. The members of the Executive Board are nominated and elected by the General Assembly of ISAN from the active members of ISAN present. The Executive Board elects the Chairperson (President) and the Treasurer from among its members. The Executive Board constitutes itself.

Par. 3-The three members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Assembly for four years. Re-election is permitted.

Par. 4.-If a member of the Executive Board resigns during the term of his appointment, the Executive Board as a whole shall appoint a successor until the next General Meeting. This successor must be confirmed by the members present at the next general meeting.

Par. 5: The Executive Committee may appoint an Executive Director. It may authorise the Executive Director or individual members to carry out specific tasks on behalf of ISAN.

Par. 6: The Executive Board shall establish its own rules of procedure. These rules may also regulate remuneration and reimbursement of expenses. The remuneration or allowance must be confirmed by the General Assembly.

Par. 7.-Working groups and specialist groups may be formed within the Association with the consent of the Executive Committee. It promotes and coordinates free initiatives and working groups from the membership.

Par. 8.- ISAN is represented in all legal matters by the Chairperson (President). The Chairman (President) has sole power of representation and signature, the other members of the Executive Board can only represent the Association together with one other member of the Executive Board. The other members of the Executive Committee shall each be authorised to sign with another member of the Executive Committee.

Par. 9 - Amendments to the Articles of Association required by court or tax authorities for formal reasons may be made by the Executive Board on its own initiative. This shall only apply if the necessary amendments to the Statutes leave no alternative. Such amendments shall be communicated to the ordinary members as soon as possible.

# § Section 18. Finances

Par. 1.-The Society shall be financed by membership fees and donations.

Par. 2.-Members shall not receive any share of the profits and, in their capacity as members, no other benefits from the funds of ISAN.

Par. 3.- ISAN may not favour any persons or institutions by expenses which are alien to its purpose or by disproportionately high remuneration.

Para. 4.-Only the association's assets are liable for the association's debts. A personal liability of the members is excluded.

#### § 19. financial year

The financial year shall correspond to the calendar year.

# § 20. final provisions

Dissolution

Par. 1.-The dissolution of ISAN shall be decided by a General Meeting convened for the purpose by a two-thirds majority of the active members present.

Par. 2-If the Society is dissolved or abandoned or if its previous purpose ceases to exist, the Society's assets shall be donated to organisations or associations which must use them exclusively and directly for charitable purposes.

Par. 3: The General Meeting dissolving the Society shall decide on this allocation from the assets of the Society to one or more suitable institutions. In this case, resolutions passed may only be carried out after the consent of the responsible financial authority has been obtained.

Read, approved and signed on 14 September 2018.

The founding members