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In summary: The non-profit purpose of the association is the application and development of psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy and related methods in international cooperation between professionals and corporate bodies who are members of the association and are active and qualified in these fields of work.

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## I. PREAMBLE

### to the Statute of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e. V.

The association "Psychodrama-Institut für Europa e. V." was founded as an international association under the German Civil Code in August 1989 in Amsterdam. Following the decision taken at the general meeting in Vilnius on 21<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 this association was renamed "Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V." and has completely adopted the rights and obligations of the Psychodrama Institute for Europe e. V. All statements, forms, certificates and official decisions of the former organization "Psychodrama-Institut für Europa e.V." retain their validity.

### **General Conditions for Europe**

The political and historical changes will also create new challenges for us all within the coming years and decades. Our objectives are learning to

make diversity viable,  
strengthen the community,  
create access,  
organize changes.

Doctors and therapists, teachers and lawyers, social workers and psychologists as well as artists and politicians and many others must expand their competencies in order to deal with foreignness, diversity, social and political upheaval and the constant change in a suitable and professional manner.

The values and concepts, methods and techniques of psychodrama, sociometry and psychodramatic group psychotherapy, will enable us to face these challenges in Europe in our fields of work.

## Objectives

### 1. Training and Education of Professionals

Besides instruction and training of specialists in traditional fields of work (such as psychotherapy, counselling, supervision, pedagogy and adult education), we will open up new areas of application for psychodrama, such as psychodrama for politicians, organizational consultants, NGOs, lawyers and artists. The social importance of these professional groups has so far not been adequately represented in psychodramatic training and further education.

### 2. Professional Policy and Professional Acceptance

A focal point of the work of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V. is to achieve professional standards and qualifications which are comparable between the countries of Europe and accepted by professional associations.

Comparability and controlled qualification standards are important prerequisites for the extent to which psychodrama, sociometry and psychodramatic group psychotherapy receive the professional acceptance that should be given to their methodological and procedural potential.

### 3. Professional Exchange and Professional Cooperation

Mobility and professional flexibility require vocational training and experience by exchange, encounter and cooperation. The Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V. is also a "stock exchange", where such exchanges and opportunities can be "traded" between experts from different professional fields in Europe.

### 4. Transcultural Research

To be European means for us to preserve both a common European cultural heritage, as well as to reflect the differences between historical and cultural developments.

The goal of transcultural research in the Psychodrama Association for Europe e. V. is to describe these differences as phenomena and to highlight their impact on the relationships and interactions between people from different countries, peoples and cultures.

### 5. Development of the theoretical Foundations of Psychodrama, Sociometry and Psychodramatic group psychotherapy

Although we have a solid theoretical and practical basis for our professional activity in the philosophy, theory and practice of J. L. Moreno, and in the further development of his pupils and successors, we see a critical development as a necessary goal of our scientific efforts. In addition to the appreciation of the founder of psychodrama, sociometry, and psychodramatic group psychotherapy, there must be an attitude of critical discussion and reflective experience. Only a critical development will do justice to the legacy of J. L. Moreno.

## **6. Plurality and Cooperation**

European diversity is a great resource for creativity, tolerance and efficiency. It is our goal to make use of this resource and to maintain it despite controversial standpoints and opinions. We welcome and look forward to working with all our colleagues, and institutions, who as members or in other forms of cooperation, are ready to contribute to the further development of psychodrama, sociometry and psychodramatic group psychotherapy in a democratic Europe.

## **7. Material and Financial Requirements**

The work necessary to achieve these objectives cannot be financed from the contributions of the members alone. We are therefore endeavouring to find financial contributors, as well as funding, research resources and donations.

In this way, we can find solutions to the problems that arise in exchanges and international professional cooperation due to the different material and financial circumstances of psychodramatists in different countries of Europe.

## **II. STATUTE**

### of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e. V.

#### **§1 Name, Registered Office and Area of Activity**

1. The association is named "Psychodrama Association for Europe e. V."
2. The seat of the association is Berlin, Germany.
3. The activity of the association covers all countries of Europe.
4. The association has been registered in the official register of societies and associations and has the suffix "e. V."
5. The association shall exclusively and directly pursue non-profit purposes within the meaning of the "Tax –Favoured Purposes" section of the German Fiscal Code. The association is selflessly active; it does not primarily pursue economic purposes. Funds of the association may only be used for statutory purposes. The members do not receive any allowances from the funds of the association. No person may benefit from expenses, which are incompatible to the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

#### **§2 Purpose of the Association**

The purpose of the association is

1. the promotion of education and training, including student assistance (Section 52 (1) No 7 AO<sup>1</sup>),
2. the promotion of science and research (Section 52 (1) No. 1 AO<sup>2</sup>)

#### **§3 Means of Achieving the Purpose**

1. The purpose of the Association is in particular achieved by:
  - promoting international cooperation between European experts and specialist institutions applying psychodrama, sociometry, group psychotherapy and related methods in their fields of work;
  - through education, further training, and supervision of professionals in clinical, pedagogical and related fields of work;
  - theoretical and empirical research;
  - hosting European congresses, symposia and working meetings;
  - organization of international European education, further training and supervision seminars and supervision groups;
  - awarding, funding and support of research projects;
  - publications.

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<sup>1</sup> AO = Abgabenordnung (German Fiscal Code)

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2. Material means are
  - membership fees;
  - revenue from events and publications;
  - contributions and donations;
  - funding from public and private donors.

## **§4 Membership**

1. There are three forms of membership
  - ordinary membership die ordentliche Mitgliedschaft;
  - extraordinary membership and
  - honorary membership.
2. Ordinary members are
  - natural persons working in or developing further the scientific or practical fields of psychodrama, sociometry and psychodramatic group psychotherapy according to the triadic system of J.L. Moreno or using related methods (such as, for example, sociodrama, bibliodrama, therapeutic theater, pedagogic role playing etc.);
  - juridical persons, such as corporations, associations, institutions, etc. whose aims correspond directly or indirectly with the purposes and tasks of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V.
3. Extraordinary members may be natural and juridical persons who support or promote the aims of the association either in a non-material or in a material way.
4. Natural persons who have rendered outstanding services to the association may become honorary members.
5. Both ordinary and extraordinary membership shall be granted upon application. In his or her application, the applicant cites two members of the association who confirm his / her qualifications and compliance with the terms of admission and support his / her admission to the association.
6. With his/her application the applicant recognizes the statutes of the association as binding.
7. The board of directors of the association shall decide on the acceptance of the application. If the board rejects an application for membership, the applicant will be entitled to appeal against this decision. The appeal will be considered by members of the association at the next general meeting.
8. Each member of the association is entitled to propose natural persons for honorary membership. The appointment of the honorary member will be decided on at the next annual general meeting. A person may become an honorary member if at least two-thirds of the members attending the general meeting express themselves in favour of the honorary membership for the nominee.
9. Founding members are ordinary members.

## **§5 Rights and Obligations of the Members**

1. Each member is obliged to promote and support the interests and objectives of the association to the best of his / her ability.
2. The members are entitled to participate in the events of the association and to make use of its facilities within the framework of the existing regulations.
3. Ordinary members and honorary members have the right to vote and to stand for election and have equal rights to vote when taking resolutions during the general meeting.
4. Extraordinary members shall have the right to vote and to stand as a candidate in the election of the following association bodies: deputy secretary, deputy treasurer, members of the cash audit committee. The extraordinary members have the same right to vote in the form of resolutions on organizational matters.
5. A prerequisite for the assignment of a teaching contract and for appointment as supervisor is the ordinary membership in the Psychodrama Association for Europe e. V..

## **§6 Membership Fees**

1. Each member is obliged to pay an annual membership fee.
2. Honorary members are exempted from the obligation to pay the annual membership fee.
3. The general meeting decides on contribution rules.
4. Members who do not pay their contribution within the time limit allowed are given one reminder. If the membership fees remain unpaid , the membership expires with a three-month deadline from the date of the reminder letter.

## **§7 Termination of Membership**

1. The membership expires
  - upon death;
  - voluntary withdrawal;
  - failure to pay the membership fees (see 6/4);
  - exclusion.
2. Voluntary resignation requires notification to the board in writing by the resigning member three months before the end of the calendar year. The membership ends with the end of the respective calendar year.
3. A member may be excluded from the association by decision of the board if he/she has acted in an obvious and demonstrable manner against the objectives and purposes of the association or against decisions or regulations of the association or the statutes.
4. The member has the right to object to the exclusion. The appeal must be submitted in writing at the latest three months after the expulsion order. The next ordinary general meeting will decide on this appeal.

## **§8 Bodies of the Association**

Representative bodies of the association are

- the general meeting of members;
- the board of directors;
- the cash audit committee;
- the expert and work committee;
- the international committee.

## **§9 The General Meeting of Members**

1. A regular meeting of members will be convened every second year.
2. The general meeting decides on all matters of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V., which are not expressly entrusted to another body of the association. In particular the general meeting shall
  - approve the session minutes of the previous meeting;
  - accept the report on activities of the board of directors;
  - give formal discharge to the board of directors;
  - elect the board of directors;
  - elect members of the cash auditing committee;
  - set membership fees in the contributory schedule;
  - accept applications, requests and reports and handle inquiries.
3. The general meeting of members has a quorum if at least a quarter of the ordinary members are present.
4. If the general meeting does not have a quorum, the meeting is postponed by one hour and then held with the same agenda and at the same place and has a quorum notwithstanding the number of members present.
5. Minutes of the meeting concerning the negotiations and decisions made at the general meeting will be taken.
6. A general meeting of members must be announced in writing by the board of directors, specifying the agenda, two months before the date of the meeting.
7. Requests for the handling of additional items on the agenda must be submitted in writing to the board of directors at the latest two weeks before the general meeting.
8. The board of directors may convene a special general meeting if it considers this to be necessary due to events or situations, which are relevant to the association.
9. The board of directors shall convene an extraordinary general meeting of members if this is requested by one tenth of the members, who must state their reason for requesting the meeting and submit the appropriate agenda item.
10. The general meeting takes its decisions by a simple majority.

11. Exceptions are the appointment of honorary members and the dissolution of the association; in such instances a two-thirds majority is required.
12. Proper voting shall be by means of ballot cards.
13. Resolutions may be passed in writing without a general meeting. A decision shall be deemed to be adopted if the simple majority of members who have responded to the request within six weeks approve the request. This regulation does not apply to the election of honorary members and to the dissolution of the association.

## **§10 The Board**

1. The board of directors consists of
  - the chairperson;
  - two vice-chairpersons;
  - the secretary and a deputy secretary;
  - the treasurer and a deputy treasurer.
  - 1.1. The special task of the chairperson is, in particular, to ensure the international interests of the association.
  - 1.2. The task of the deputies is to substitute for members of the board of directors
    - 1.2.1. at his or her request
    - 1.2.2. in the event of illness, provided that the illness is likely to last for more than two months or
    - 1.2.3. by premature retirement from the board.

The deputies are informed regularly about the day-to-day business by the executive board.
2. The board is elected for a period of four years.
3. If a member of the board leaves prematurely, the deputy assumes his / her duties temporarily until the election of a new member of the board. The vacant position on the board must be refilled by a vote at the next general meeting.
4. The chairman of the board, the secretary and the treasurer form the executive board. The executive board decides unanimously.
5. The executive board shall represent the association both in court and out of court. The chairman of the board together with a further member of the board is authorized to represent and make decisions on behalf of the association.
6. The executive board is responsible for the day-to-day business of the association. It has the requisite powers to do so. Tasks, responsibilities and powers may be regulated by the board in rules of procedure which will be approved at the general meeting.
7. In order to achieve the purpose of the association and to provide support and assistance, the executive board shall establish experts and work committees to which permanent or temporary tasks will be delegated. Each committee selects a speaker. The committees have an advisory func-

tion and assist in preparing decisions.

8. The executive board may convene an ethics committee which is made up of 3 members. The ethics committee has the same status as an expert committee.
9. Individual members of the executive board, the general meeting or a group of at least 10 members may call upon the ethics committee.
10. The ethics committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure which it will submit for approval by the general meeting.
11. The board shall remain in office until a new board has been elected.

### **§11 Integration of Country Interests**

1. The specific interests of individual countries will be represented by the international committee to which any country associated by memberships of a personal or institutional nature can send up to two members.
2. The international committee shall be responsible for mediating the specific interests of the countries to the board.
3. The board and the international committee meet bi-annually during the general meeting to make decisions concerning professional activities, middle and long-term strategic planning and project specifications.
4. Decisions are agreed on by the board and the international committee together when a three-quarter majority of votes cast is in favour. Whereby each country and each member of the board has one vote.
5. The international committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure which it will submit for approval by the general meeting.

### **§12 Committees of Experts and Work**

1. The board shall be assisted by committees of experts and work to deal with its tasks.
2. These are set up by the general meeting and / or by the board.

### **§13 The Cash Audit Committee**

1. The cash audit committee consists of two members. They are elected by the general meeting for four years.
2. The audit committee is responsible for reviewing the financial decisions of the board, as well as the resulting balance sheets and financial statements, and reporting on the results of the review to the association at the general meeting.

### **§14 Dissolution of the Association**

1. The dissolution of the association may be decided only by the general meeting; A two-thirds ma-

majority is required.

2. In the event of dissolution of the association, the executive board shall be entrusted with the liquidation.
3. In the event of the dissolution or cancellation of the association or the cessation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association shall be transferred to "terre des hommes Bundesrepublik Deutschland.V. - Hilfe für Kinder in Not", which must use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP RULES**

of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V.

#### **1. Regular Membership**

- 1.1 Prerequisite for a proper personal membership is the proof of a completed psychodrama training leading to qualification as a psychodrama leader or psychodrama therapist.
- 1.2 A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1.1 and who submits his / her application with the recommendation of two members of the association is entitled to the ordinary personal membership.
- 1.3 Ordinary institutional members may be such institutions and organizations in which at least two members are members according to the terms of paragraph 1.1.
- 1.4 Founding members are ordinary members.

#### **2. Extraordinary Membership**

2.1. Extraordinary personal members may be persons who

- promote the work of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V. non-materially and materially,
- are in a psychodramatic training and development or further education.

If an extraordinary member has completed a training course, further education or advanced training so as to meet the criteria set out in 1.1, the extraordinary membership will be converted into a regular membership automatically.

2.2. Extraordinary institutional membership

All organizations, institutions and firms which support the work of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V. non-materially and materially may be extraordinary institutional members.

#### **3. Honorary Membership**

Honorary members are proposed and elected at the General Assembly.

## **IV. CONTRIBUTORY SCHEDULE**

of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V.

### **1. Contributions of Personal Members**

1.1. Ordinary and extraordinary members pay the annual membership fee to the account of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V.

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1.2. The annual membership fee is 160, - Euro.

1.3. The membership fee must be paid within the first three months of each calendar year.

Newly registered members pay the membership fee within the first three months after confirmation of the admission by the board.

1.4. The amount of these fixed contributions is reviewed by the board every second year.

1.5. The general meeting decides on the amount of membership fees.

1.6. Upon request, the board may, in justified cases, reduce the amount of the membership fee waive or reduce the contribution or extend the payment period.

### **2. Contributions of Personal Members from Countries outside the Single European Area (SEPA)**

2.1. The annual membership fee for members who are trainers or supervisors in countries outside the SEPA area is set by the board of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e. V. uniformly for each individual country, taking into account the country-specific situation.

2.2. Members pay their membership fee in euros. The amount has to be paid within the first three months of a calendar year.

2.3. Newly registered members pay the membership fee within the first three months after confirmation of the admission by the board.

### **3. Contributions by Institutional Members**

3.1. The annual membership fee for institutional members shall be three times the contribution of a personal member in the respective country and shall be remitted to the account specified in paragraph 1.1..

3.2. The annual membership fee for institutional members outside the SEPA area shall be three times

the contribution of a personal member of the country in question.

#### **4. Use of Contributions**

4.1. The board decides on the use of the membership fees for the purposes of the association as set out in the articles of the association.