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Preamble

The **International Association of Anthroposophic Arts Therapies Educations** (abbreviated to iARTE), is an international association of training courses that offer a professional qualification and/or post graduate training courses. Its goal is:

- Exchange of experiences and developments in the field of the anthroposophic arts therapies
- Quality assurance of the competences gained during art therapy training courses
- Promotion of research.

It is commissioned by the Medical Section of the School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum (Dornach, Switzerland) to whose mission it sees itself connected¹.

The iARTE brings the following fields of anthroposophic therapies together:

- Painting, drawing, modelling and sculpture
- Music, singing
- Creative speech, drama.

The iARTE sees its primary task as the training, further development and deepening of these forms of therapy through further research.

With its foundation on 7 January 2020 the association iARTE takes over the members of the European Academy for Anthroposophic Arts Therapies, Zeist/NL, who are still registered when iARTE is newly founded.

1. Name and registered office

The "International Association of Anthroposophic Arts Therapies Educations – iARTE" is a not-for-profit association under the terms of Art. 60 et seq. ZGB (Swiss Code of Civil Procedure) with its headquarters in Dornach. It is politically independent and non-denominational.

2. Aims and objectives

The association operates on behalf of the Medical Section at the Goetheanum, Dornach and aims to secure the following objectives:

1. Promotion of the anthroposophic arts therapies trainings, university courses of study and post graduate courses.
2. Development and verification of standards in professional trainings, courses of study and post graduate courses.
3. Support of research in and for the arts therapies.

The association seeks to achieve these aims by:

- a. Promoting and maintaining a close working relationship among the anthroposophic arts therapies trainings.
- b. Assuring the quality of the trainings.
- c. Agreeing the syllabus on the basis of professional profiles.

¹ The Medical Section is a department of the School of Spiritual Science, Goetheanum, Dornach.

- d. Exchanging knowledge and experience.
- e. Promoting recognition and facilitating the professional practice of anthroposophic art therapy in the various national contexts.
- f. Applying all the legal tools available to secure this goal.

The iARTE seeks neither commercial gain nor profit. Its committees operate on an honorary basis.

3. Means

The funds consist of contributions from members, income from activities, donations and also inherited funds, legacies, gifts etc.

Membership contributions are determined annually by the Membership Assembly. Full members pay a higher contribution than cooperative members. The fiscal year begins on December 1st and ends on November 30th.

4. Membership

1. The Association recognizes anthroposophic arts therapies trainings throughout the world².
2. The following forms of membership are possible:
Full member (accredited), cooperative member (interested in accreditation), supporting member
3. The board decides on the admission or rejection of members following completion of their accreditation process and then informs the Medical Section leadership.

5. Termination of membership

Membership expires

- if accreditation is not completed within the specified time period
- if the training centre repeatedly violates the guidelines of iARTE
- if the training centre closes down

6. Withdrawal from the Association

Association membership can be cancelled at any time. The full membership contribution remains due for the current business year.

7. Organs of the Association

The organs of the association are:

1. Membership Assembly
2. Executive Board
3. Accreditation Committee
4. Auditor
5. Meeting of training representatives

8. The Membership Assembly

The Membership Assembly is the sovereign organ of the association. Each full member (member institution) has one vote at the Membership Assembly as do the board members of iARTE.

² Professional qualification, university study courses and postgraduate trainings

Non-members, cooperative members and supporting members are not entitled to vote. An annual Membership Assembly takes place in the first half of the year. Notice of a Membership Assembly is given at least 14 days in advance. Members are invited in writing with the proposed agenda items listed. Invitations by email are valid.

Motions for the Membership Assembly must be submitted to the Board in writing at least 7 days before the meeting.

The Board or 20% of the members may call an Extraordinary Membership Assembly at any time, stating the purpose. The meeting shall be held no later than 2 months after the request has been received.

The Membership Assembly is the sovereign organ of the association. It has the following mandatory tasks and competences:

- a) Approve the minutes of the last Membership Assembly
- b) Approve the annual report from the Executive Board
- c) Accept the auditor's report and approve of the annual accounts
- d) Discharge the Executive Board
- e) Elect board members and appoint the auditor
- f) Set the annual contribution rate for full members, cooperative Members and supporting members
- g) Approve the annual budget
- h) Decide on the form of quality assurance
- i) Decide on proposals from the Executive Board and members
- j) Modify the bylaws of the association
- k) Resolve the dissolution of the association and the allocation of its assets

Every duly convened Membership Assembly has a quorum, regardless of the number of members present.

Members can pass resolutions with a simple majority.

The dissolution of the association requires the approval of 75% of all members.

Voting in this case can be carried out in writing (also by email).

Minutes of all resolutions agreed shall be drawn up and disseminated promptly to all members.

9. The Executive Board

The board constitutes itself and elects a chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer and if necessary, their deputies; the holding of combined offices is possible.

1. The board has to consist of at least three natural persons.
2. The members of the board are elected by the annual Membership Assembly for a period of three years.
3. Board members may be elected together or individually according to their office.
4. If the number of board members falls below the required minimum, the remaining members of the board may temporarily co-opt new members.
5. If no new board members can be appointed by the board, the Membership Assembly can propose suitable persons from the membership.
6. The board shall encourage a collegial, equitable way of working.

Board meetings

1. The board shall meet at least once a year and as frequently as it deems necessary. Participation via digital means is allowed.

2. Decisions of the board are taken by a majority vote of all serving board members.
3. The board can make decisions verbally as well as in writing.
4. All decisions are to be recorded in writing in minutes.

Board's responsibility and tasks/signature authorisation/representation

1. Prepare the meetings of training centre representatives
2. Formulate the proposals to be voted on at Membership Assemblies
3. Archiving
4. Coordinate with the Medical Section leadership
5. Discussion/mediation of any problems with member trainings
6. Legal responsibility for the association shall be borne exclusively by the board or alternatively by two members of the board working together.
7. The Executive Board shall determine the two account signatories. The person managing the finances has the authority to sign alone. Any non-budgeted sums above 500 euros require the agreement of the remaining board members.
8. The board shall prepare and update the "Guidelines for those assessing professional trainings and postgraduate courses".
9. The board appoints members of the Accreditation Committee (AK) and defines their tasks.

The Executive Board has responsibility for everything that has not been either legally transferred or delegated by these articles to another organ of the association.

Ending of board membership

Board membership ends as a result of:

- a. Retirement
- b. Deselection through a resolution of the Executive Board or the Membership Assembly
- c. At the end of the period of office

10. Accreditation Committee (AK)

The Accreditation Committee consists of at least 2 members (referred to hereafter as the AK Team) and operates in accordance with the guidelines for accreditation assessment.

The AK Team appoints the accreditation auditor, who are confirmed by the board.

11. Auditor

The annual Membership Assembly appoints the auditor or a legal body to oversee the accounting procedure and carry out a spot check at least once a year.

The auditor reports the findings to the annual Membership Assembly for approval and discharge.

Appointment is for 3 years. Re-appointment is possible.

12. Meeting of the training representatives

The consensus is for the annual Membership Assembly in January to be attached to the International Study Days for Anthroposophic Arts Therapies at the Goetheanum. For practical reasons it was agreed that an annual meeting of representatives from the affiliated training schools would take place alongside. Representatives of all interested and cooperating institutions can participate in this meeting. At this meeting, members can decide on proposals from the board or on issues that do not expressly belong to the Membership Assembly. Only full members are entitled to vote.

13. Liability

Only the association's assets are liable for the association's debts. Personal liability of members and of the board is excluded. Members are only liable for an annual fee.

14. Dissolution of the association

The decision to dissolve the association through a resolution tabled at an ordinary or an extraordinary Membership Assembly can be agreed by a 75% majority of the members present. Members who are not present may delegate their vote.

In the event of dissolution, the association's assets shall be transferred to an organisation which has the same or a similar purpose. The distribution of the association's assets among the members is prohibited.

15. Entry into force

These bylaws were adopted at the foundation meeting on 07.01.2020 and entered into force on that date. They were revised at the Membership Assembly on 06.01.2022.