



# iARTe

## International Association of Anthroposophic Arts Therapies Educations

In cooperation with the Medical Section at the Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland

## Internationale Akademie für Anthroposophische Kunsttherapie- Ausbildungen

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## Bylaws

### Preamble

The International Association of Anthroposophic Arts Therapies Educations / Internationale Akademie für Anthroposophische Kunsttherapie Ausbildungen (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 connected<sup>1</sup>.

The iARTe association brings the following fields of anthroposophic therapy together:

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

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

With its foundation on 07.01.2020 membership of the European Academy for Anthroposophic Arts Therapies, Zeist (hereinafter referred to as EA), is transferred to iARTe. When it is founded the EA will still be registered.

### 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:

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<sup>1</sup> The Medical Section is a department of the School of Spiritual Science, Goetheanum, Dornach

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 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.
  - d. Exchanging knowledge and experience.
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- 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 Association 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 general meeting. 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 world<sup>2</sup>.
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 re-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.

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<sup>2</sup> Professional qualification, university courses of study and post graduate trainings.

## **7. Organs of the Association**

The organs of the Association are:

1. General Meeting
2. Board of Management
3. Accreditation Committee
4. Auditors
5. Meeting of training representatives<sup>2</sup>

## **8. The General Meeting**

The General Meeting is the sovereign organ of the association. Each Full Member (member institution) has one vote at the General Meeting as do the board members of iARTE. Non-members and Cooperative Members are not entitled to vote. An Annual General Meeting takes place in the first half of the year. Notice of a General Meeting 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 General Meeting 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 General Meeting at any time, stating the purpose. The meeting shall be held no later than 2 months after the request has been received.

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

- a) Approve the minutes of the last General Meeting
- b) Approve the annual report from the Board of Management
- c) Acceptance of the auditor's report and approval of the annual accounts
- d) Discharge the Board of Management
- e) Elect board members and appoint the auditors
- f) Set the annual contribution rate for Full Members, Associate Members and Supporting Members
- g) Approve the annual budget
- h) Decide on the form of quality assurance
- i) Decide on proposals from the Board of Management and members
- j) Modifications to the Articles of Association
- l) Resolution on the dissolution of the Association and the allocation of its assets

Every duly convened General Meeting 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 Board of Management**

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

- 1) The Board shall consist of at least three natural persons.
2. The members of the board are elected by the Annual General Meeting 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 General Meeting 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, provided all members of the Board agrees to the suggestion.
4. All decisions are to be recorded in writing.

### 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 General Meetings.
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 Board of Management 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 post graduate courses".
9. The Board appoints members of the Accreditation Committee (RAK) and defines their tasks.

The Board of Management 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 Board of Management or the General Meeting
- c. At the end of the period of office

#### **10. Accreditation Committee (RAK)**

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

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

#### **11. Auditors**

The Annual General Meeting appoints the auditors or a legal body to oversee the accounting procedure and carry out a spot check at least once a year.

The auditors report their findings to the Annual General Meeting 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 General Meeting 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 associated 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 general meeting. 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 General Meeting 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 statutes were adopted at the foundation meeting on 07.01.2020 and entered into force on that date.