

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SEXOLOGY

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Chapter I

Article 1

Under the name of the European Federation of Sexology, we have constituted a non profit association corresponding to articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. The Federation is linked scientifically with the WAS but at the same time, maintains a jurisdistic and administrative independence.

Article 2

The head office of the Federation is in Geneva Fonds Universitaire Maurice Chalumeau, 51 boulevard de la Cluse.

The bank account of EFS must be in the country of the President, in an International Bank with European branches, and under the responsibility of the President

Article 3

The European Federation of Sexology will not discriminate on sex, religion, race, sexual preference, age nor lifestyle.

Article 4

The objectives of the Federation are to encourage :

1. Coordination of European associations working in the field of sexology, encouraging the study, the coordination and the development of the teaching of sexology, including professional training programmes in this domain, according to the directives of WHO (RT 574) which deal with the role of the trainer, the consultant and the therapist, as well as the sensitization of all professional categories which are concerned by human sexuality.
2. Encourage research projects at a European level in the domain of sexologyi
3. Encourage and/or realize organization of scientific meetings in this domain.

In order to realize these objectives, the Federation could organize different types of meetings in various countries, it could prepare the scientific sessions and cooperate with the societies associations and/or groups with similar objectives.

Article 5

The duration of the Federation is unlimited.

Chapter II - Members

Article 6

Members of the association

1. Ordinary members
2. Founder members
3. Honorary members
4. Donating members (or donors)

Article 7

Ordinary members are the sexological societies or scientific associations connected with sex education and therapy in Europe. They delegate to the General Assembly one single representative

Founder members are the twelve persons that signed these statutes.

Honorary members are persons with international merits in sexology' They are nominated by the Assembly under proposal of the Executive Committee.

Donating members are individuals, societies, associations or groupments which are willing to promote the Federation aims, having granted more than ECU 1'000,- as donation to the association.

Article 8

Request for membership : requests for membership have to be addressed in a written form to the executive Committee and will have to include the mentioning of the desire of the candidate society to become member of the Federation and agree with its statutes. Decision as to acceptance or refusal of these requests will be taken by vote of majority of members of the Executive Committee. The candidate society will

be informed by writing of the decision of the Committee. Requests can be refused without mention of the motives of refusal,

Article 9 - Losing the membership status :

- a) The decision of leaving must be communicated to the Executive Committee.
- b) If fees are not payed at least for 3 consecutive years.
- c) In the case of death of an honorary or founder member.
- d) In the case of dissolution of the groupment belonging to the EFS.
- e) If the Executive Committee decides, specifying the motive of the exclusion, at a meeting gathered for this purpose. The decision will have to be reached at the majority of 2/3 of all the members of the Committee.

The members which have been excluded can appeal the decision in front of the General Assembly within 30 days following its notification.

The General Assembly will have the final word at the majority of vote and decides, specifying the motive of exclusion.

Chapter III - Organs of the Federation

Article 10

The organs of the Federation are :

- a. General Assembly
- b. Executive Committee

Article 11

The General Assembly has the ultimate power of the Federation. It also have the following competences :

1. Modification of statutes upon proposition of Executive Committee at the majority of voting members.
2. Election and revocation of members of Executive Committee.
3. Approval of President reports, approval of accounts and budget.

- 4 Suggestion of dates and place of meetings.
5. Determination of amount of annual fee.
- 6 Decision of exclusion upon appeal according to article 8 a
7. Preparation of scientific sessions.
8. Dissolution of the Federation under 2/3 of voting members.

Article 12

Procedure of the General Assemblies :

The decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by the majority of the ordinary voting members, independant of their number, each ordinary and each founding member disposing of one vote. In the event of an equality of votes at the second ballot, the President has a casting vote,

However, the decision of the General Assembly concerning the modifications of the statutes and its dissolution must be adopted by the majority of all the voting members.

Article 13

Convening of the General Assembly :

The Ordinary General Assembly is convened by the Executive Committee, at least once every two years. A minimum of 20 days notice is necessary for its convening. Decisions will only be taken concerning the items on the agenda. 10 % of the ordinary members of the Association are requested for the convening of an Extraordinary General Assembly. This request should be made in a written form to the Executive Committee underlining the urgency and object of this General Assembly. This request shall be examined by the Executive Committee and must be approved by the 2/3 of the members of the Executive Committee. This General Assembly will take place within 6 months of the request.

Article 14

Proposals of members :

A member can make a proposal to bring an item on the agenda of the General Assembly. This request should be made in a written form to the Executive Committee at least 30 days before the General Assembly.

Any proposal that would reach the Executive Committee after that time limit, or that would be brought up at the General Assembly, will be discussed at the item "varia" on the agenda of the Assembly. This proposal has no right to be subject to voting.

Article 15

The Executive Committee is composed of twelve members - 10 elected, 2 appointed by the Elected Committee - consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary General and a Treasurer. The Committee should be pluridisciplinary. A member of the Executive Committee will exercise his function for 4 years. The members of the Committee can be re-elected in the Committee.

If a member of the Executive Committee should resign or if a member is missing, a substitute can be appointed by the Executive Committee members and remain a member of the Executive Committee until the next General Assembly. However, even if the Executive Committee does not appoint a substitute, it is entitled to act legitimately.

One of the duties of the executive committee is to propose every four years to the General Assembly a list of eligible candidates

Article 16

Competence of the Executive Committee :

The Executive Committee is in charge of the management of the Association, and of any kind of work proposed by the General Assembly. The Committee will collect the membership fees and a bank account shall be opened for this purpose. The Executive Committee will also manage research funds. The members of the Executive

Committee who hold special positions will carry them out according to the purpose and power assigned to them by the Executive Committee.

Article 17

Procedure and proceedings of the Executive Committee :

The members of the Executive Committee shall meet regularly and whenever needed. Decisions will be taken by the simple majority of the members. However, the decisions relative to the statutes's amendments as to the exclusion of a member should be taken by a 2/3 majority of all the Committee's members.

The minutes of these meetings shall be recorded by the Executive Committee.

Article 18

The General Assembly shall fix the annual membership fee for 2 years.
The Honorary members do not pay any annual fee.

Article 19

The Society's signature :

Any bank transactions or others are committed to the signature of the President or the Treasurer. For more than 1000,00 ₺,- join the signature of the President and the Treasurer.

Article 20

Seal, stamp : The Society can have a seal or a stamp,

Chapter IV - Dissolution

Article 21

A decision to dissolve the Society can only be taken at a Special General Assembly convened for this purpose and must be approved by a 2/3 majority of votes of the Association's members. If this proportion is not reached, a second Extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened, taking place at least a month after the first. The proceedings and votes shall be taken by the majority of the members present, whatever their number.

Article 22

In the event of the Society being dissolved, the Extraordinary General Assembly shall appoint a liquidation Committee composed of a minimum of three members. The President of the Society will be part of the liquidation Committee. The assets will be given to a private legal entity with a similar objective.

Chapter V - Jurisdiction

Article 23

Any litigation on the present statutes shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the Geneva Courts should any mutual understanding not be reached.

Article 24

In the aim to promote and develop the Federation for the next two years, the Executive Committee will be composed by the founder members and by the regional President approved by the WAS in the Assembly of Caracas. The election of the new executive Committee and president must be performed before the end of 1993. In that Assembly, the statutes can be modified

Statutes modified in Cyprus in June 2002

The President

The general Secretary