



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SEXOLOGY (EFS)

STATUTES (3rd version 2006)

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 juridistic and administrative independence.

Article 2

The registered address of the Federation will be in the country of the president and rotate every four years as appropriate. The bank account and correspondence address of EFS must be in the country of the Secretary General & Treasurer, in an International Bank with European branches, and under the responsibility of the Treasurer.

Article 3

The European Federation of Sexology will not discriminate on sex, religion, race, sexual preference, age or 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 sexology
3. Encourage and/or realize organization of scientific meetings in this domain.

In order to realize these objectives, the Federation should organize different types of meetings in various countries, and 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. Individual members
2. Society members
3. Founding members
4. Honorary members including past presidents. As such past presidents should not stand for re-election upon completion of their term of office.
5. Donating members (or donors)

Article 7

Individual members are individuals who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the executive committee that they are bone fide clinicians, researchers or educators working in the field of sexology. The individual member has no vote.

Society 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. Each society has a minimum of one vote with additional proportional votes (one per each additional one hundred members over the first 100) dependent upon the provision of a current membership list.

Founding members are the twelve persons that signed the 1991 statutes. Each founding member has one vote *if they are present at the meeting*.

Honorary members are persons with international merits in sexology. The Assembly under proposal of the Executive Committee nominates them. The member has no vote. *Where the honorary member is a past president, there is one vote if they are present at the meeting.*

Donating members are individuals, societies, associations or groups that are willing to promote the Federation aims, having granted more than €1,000 as a donation to the association. The donating member has no vote.

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

Loss of membership status:

- a) The decision of leaving must be communicated to the Executive Committee.
- b) If fees are not paid 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 assets 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 who 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 - Components of the Federation

Article 10

The components of the Federation are the General Assembly & the Executive Committee

Article 11

The General Assembly has the ultimate power of the Federation. It also has 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 & Treasurer reports, approval of accounts and budget.
4. Suggestion of dates and place of meetings and a Professional Conference Organiser (PCO).
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 existing voting members. There must be one month of notice of convening a meeting for such a vote and this must take place as an EGM

Article 12

Procedure of the General Assembly: The decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by the majority of the society-voting members, independent of their number, each society and each founding member and past president may use their vote(s). 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 must be adopted by 2/3 of all the voting members at the meeting. For dissolution, it is mandatory that 2/3 of the existing members vote in favour.

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 required 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 "any other business" 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 (co-opted) by the Elected Committee. The committee will include three officers: a President, a Vice-President, and the Secretary General & Treasurer. All officers should be elected members (not appointed members). Neither officer (Secretary General or Vice President) will automatically become President Elect until the executive committee meet two years through the term. The Committee should be pluri-disciplinary. A member of the Executive Committee will exercise his function for 4 years. The members of the Committee can be re-elected onto the Committee. The president should hold the post for one term (four years) only. The Editor, or his/her representative, of the official journal of the Federation



may be co-opted to the committee as one of the 2 appointed members. At least six countries should be represented in the ten elected members.

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, the remaining members are 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. To secure continuity of expertise within any new committee, the existing executive committee shall recommend three candidates for the officer positions to the General Assembly from the existing committee members – these would be for the position of President, Vice President and General Secretary & Treasurer. These three members should present their manifesto to the Assembly and seek their re-election as the first three members of the 10 positions. If successful, the remaining positions will then be filled by vote of the nominations presented to the Assembly.

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 amendments as to the exclusion of a member should be taken by a 2/3 majority of all the Committee 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, the signature of the President and the Treasurer is required.



Article 20

The Society shall have a seal, stamp or a logo.

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 another 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 European Courts should any mutual understanding not be reached.

Article 24

Original statutes established in Geneva, 1991
Statutes modified in Cyprus, 2002

The previous statutes shall be maintained on the EFS website in their original form. The statutes can be modified by the General Assembly.

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