

# Constitution of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI)

## **§ 1 Name, Registered Office, Registration and Financial Year**

This association is named in the „Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis“.

The association has its registered office in 06366 Köthen, Wallstrasse 47, Germany.

The LMHI shall be registered in the register of associations and will indicate „e.V.“ in its name.

The financial year is the calendar year.

## **§ 2**

### **Purpose (Object)**

The association pursues non-profit purposes exclusively, according to sections 52 following AO (German General Tax Code).

The purposes of the association are the following:

1. The development and securing of homeopathy worldwide;

2. The creation of a link among licensed homeopaths with medical, veterinary, dental or pharmaceutical diplomas and societies and persons who are interested in homeopathy.

The purposes of the association will be realized particularly by the following activities:

- to make an inventory of homoeopathic educational programs all over the world;
- to develop and to promote a program of basic teaching standards in homoeopathy;
- to promote high-quality scientific homoeopathic research worldwide;
- to promote the exchange of results of homoeopathic research;
- to promote guidelines for remedy proving;
- to promote a favorable attitude in the world towards homoeopathy;
- to promote integration of homoeopathy in primary and secondary healthcare

### **§ 3**

#### **Altruism**

The association is altruistic and does not pursue its own economic interests.

### **§ 4**

#### **Allocation of funds**

The funds of the association must be used for the statutory purposes. The members do not obtain benefits of the funds of the association.

No person is allowed to receive expenses that are not in accordance with the statutory purposes or any advantage from disproportional allowances.

The association is liable for its obligations only to the extent of its capital. Members are not subject to any personal liability.

## **§ 5**

### **Liquidation or dissolution of the association and adhesion of funds**

A valid resolution for the liquidation/dissolution of the association requires an affirmative vote from  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the National Vice Presidents in attendance at the called meeting. For a resolution regarding the liquidation/dissolution to take place, such action must be announced in the invitation to the meeting of the International Council.

In case of the dissolution of the association or in case of the discontinuation of tax-advantaged purposes, the funds of the association accrue to the following entity:

Karl und Veronica Carstens-Stiftung, Am Deimelsberg 36, 45276 Essen, Deutschland

The above mentioned foundation must use the funds exclusively for non-profit purposes. The Karl and Veronica Carstens-Stiftung is required to pursue similar non-profit purposes and the constitution of the foundation must be similar to this constitution to assure that the funds are used for the original intended purpose.

or

to a corporate body under public law or another tax-advantaged corporation for serving

the promotion of public health care.

The members are not entitled to the funds or to a reimbursement of contributions or donations.

## **§ 6 Membership**

There are three types of members as follows:

1. National homeopathic organizations and institutions (“institutional members”).
2. Physical persons that are physicians, veterinary surgeons, dentists and pharmacists with a full medical, veterinary, dental or pharmaceutical qualification of a State University or any other licensing authority duly recognized by a government of the country in which they practice and who have had special education in homeopathy and hold any kind of diploma recognized by the association (“individual full members”).
3. All persons with qualifications recognized nationally, who have undertaken homeopathic training recognized by the LMHI, such as medical students, chemists and all persons, who are licensed health care providers, such as naturopaths, nurse practitioners, physician’s assistants, and, generally, persons and institutions who by their profession or activities can contribute to homeopathy, such as scientists, researchers, authors, research institutes, charity organizations, patient organizations may become associate members of the association (“associate members”).

Admission to membership is decided by a two-thirds majority of the International Council in attendance.

The membership terminates upon withdrawal, expulsion, or death.

The withdrawal is only possible to the end of year. The withdrawal must be presented to International Council in writing according to a time limit of four weeks.

## **§ 7 Membership Contributions**

All members pay annual fees. The International Council fixes the rate of the annual fees for each category of member.

Members that do not effect the payment of the annual fee lose their voting right and may be removed from the association by decision of a simple majority of the Executive Committee. Before the resolution terminating membership is adopted the member must have the opportunity to present his/her case.

## **§ 8 Existence and Dissolution**

This association exists in perpetuity.

If this association is dissolved, any assets remaining after payment of all liabilities may only be used for the purpose and goals of the association. They are to be given to an organization with purposes and goals that are as similar as is possible, cf. section 5.

## **§ 9 Organization**

The association has the following governing bodies:

1. The International Council
2. The management and administration of the association consisting of:
  - a) the Executive Committee
  - b) the General Secretariat
  - c) the Treasurer

### 3. The Cash Auditor

## **§ 10 Composition of the International Council**

The International Council is the highest institution of the association according to section 32 BGB (= German Civil Tax Code). The International Council is composed of the elected National Vice-Presidents.

Each country or nation is entitled to elect/have one National Vice-President in the International Council.

The respective national institutional member or members elects their National Vice President.

If a country or nation does not possess an institutional member, then the individual members of any such country or nation are entitled to elect one representative to the International Council.

Details concerning the election of National Vice-Presidents are given in the *Procedures*.

The International Council is empowered as follows:

- a. to elect and/or remove the Executive Committee and the Vice-President;
- b) to appoint other Working Committees;
- c) to elect new members;
- d) to determine the amount of the annual fees;
- e) to approve the annual report of the Executive Committee, the budget and the report of the Auditor;

- f) to indemnify the members of the Executive Committee
- g) to modify or to add to the *Constitution*;
- h) to ratify the *Procedures*;
- i) to dissolve the association and dispose of its property;
- j) to pass resolutions concerning business that is reserved for the International Council by the *Constitution*, the law or the *Procedures*.

### **§ 11 The International Council**

The International Council convenes annually on invitation of the President issued in writing at least 30 days in advance of the meeting to each National Vice-President named by the members of the respective countries, in accordance with § 7 above (“Annual Meeting”).

The Executive Committee at any time may call a Special Meeting of the International Council (“Extraordinary Meeting”). It must call such meetings when requested in writing by one-fifth or more of the National Vice-Presidents. Such request shall state the purpose of the meeting. Written Invitations of Extraordinary Meetings shall be given at least 30 days in advance, which interim shall be determined by the postmark of the mailed invitation or by the date of the outgoing email.

Business transacted at the meeting (Annual and Extraordinary Meeting) shall be confined to the purpose stated in the invitation.

Each National Vice-President has one vote in the International Council.

The proceedings of the annual meeting must be recorded in writing and the resolutions must be noted down exactly as enunciated in their passage. The minutes have to be signed by the President (Executive Committee) or his deputy and the Secretary.

## § 12 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of the President, the Immediate Past-President, the Vice-President, the General Secretary and the other Secretaries and the Treasurer. The International Council elects the members of the Executive Committee and the Vice-President. Otherwise the Executive Committee allocates tasks among its members.

The Executive Committee represents the association in and out of court and in all other external affairs. The president, the vice president, the general secretary and the treasurer are authorized to represent the association in their individual capacities

The members of the Executive Committee are elected for a term of three years. Re-election of the Executive Committee members is possible, except for the President. All other members of the Executive Committee can be re-elected for one more term.

The Executive Committee shall manage the business of the association. The Executive Committee may exercise all the powers of the association except those that are explicitly reserved for the International Council in this *Constitution*. Further limitations may be contained in the *Procedures*.

Any member of the Executive Committee appointed by the International Council to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term.

The President chairs the International Council and the Executive Committee. The duties of other members of the Executive Committee are determined in the *Procedures*. In the event of the disability or the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall take over all the duties and powers of the President. In the event of a prolonged disability or absence, lack of interest and/or capacities in performing duties, resignation or any inexcusable reason, an officer may be replaced. In this case, International Council shall elect a new Executive Committee officer. However, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by appointment of an Interim till the next IC meeting where an election shall take place

The Executive Committee is working in a volunteer capacity.



The resolutions of the Executive Committee are adopted by a simple majority. In urgent cases resolutions can be made in written form or by telephone, if all members of the Executive Committee agree in writing or by telephone. Written resolutions or resolutions by telephone have to be recorded in writing and signed by the President or Vice-President (deputy) of the Executive Committee and the Secretary.

The Executive Committee Members are allowed to receive an appropriate reimbursement for their functions.

### **§ 13 General Secretariat**

The General Secretariat consists of the General Secretary and one or more Secretaries. The International Council elects the General Secretaries. The General Secretary is responsible for the administration of the association as well as dissemination of information to their members.

The organization and the allocation of tasks among the Secretaries are determined in the *Procedures*.

### **§ 14 Cash Auditors**

The International Council elects two Cash Auditors at its Annual Meeting. They may be selected from individual members or associate members. The international Council elects for a period of one year appropriately professionally qualified non-members, who are also eligible to serve in this capacity.

The Cash Auditors are not allowed to belong to the Executive Committee or another committee assigned to the Executive Committee and they are not allowed to be employees of the association.

Instead of the two Cash Auditors, a chartered accountant or a trustee company may be nominated as Auditor. Re-election of the Auditors is permissible.

The Cash Auditors shall check the Accounting of the association and submit a written report to the International Council on the annual balance sheet and disclose the result of their audit.

### **§ 15 Working Committees**

The International Council and the Executive Committee may both appoint Working Committees that are composed of individual members and/or associate members or of third persons, as needed, in addition to those Committees for whom there is provision in the *Constitution* and in the *Procedures*. Such Committees shall have powers, procedures and duties determined by the International Council or by the Executive Committee and limited in the *Procedures*.

### **§ 16 Procedures**

*Procedures* are enacted by the Executive Committee and must be presented to the International Council for ratification.

*Procedures* may deal with matters explicitly stated in the *Constitution* and with all matters determined by resolutions of the Executive Committee.

### **§ 17 Modifications and Amendments of the Constitution**

Amendments of the *Constitution* may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by any individual full member. Amendments and modifications may be adapted by a two-thirds vote of the National Vice-Presidents present at a meeting appropriately called for that purpose.

Resolutions concerning an amendment of the constitution can only be made if the amendment was announced in the invitation to the meeting of the International Council and if the invitation includes the former and future wording of the *Constitution*.

Amendments of controlling institutions, the court or tax authorities for formal reasons can be made by the Executive Committee. The members have to be informed about these amendments in writing without any delay.

### **§ 18 Quorums**

A quorum of the International Council shall exist, when at least one third of the National Vice-Presidents is present.

The International Council decides by simple majority vote of the delegates present, except where this *Constitution*, the law or the *Procedures* determine otherwise.

### **§ 19 Congress**

The institutional members of every country may request the honor of organizing an International Congress. There shall be only one Congress per year. The Congress shall be a platform at which homeopathic information shall be presented. Each LMHI Congress shall be organized according to the rules and recommendations defined in the LMHI document: *Congress Organization*.

The association will support the organization of Congresses by its institutional members.

The Annual Meeting shall be coordinated with the Congress and be held before, during or immediately after the Congress.

### **§ 20 Language**

The German version of the Constitution is relevant.

### **§ 21 Legal effect**

Resolution taken at the first Extraordinary Meeting of the International Council dated .....2013 within the Inaugural Meeting.

Köthen, .....2013

Signed: The President (Executive Committee)