



Statutes of the EUSUHM

Chapter 1: Title and seat

Article 1: The title of the association is the “European Union for School and University Health and Medicine”.

Article 2: The seat of the association is established in Utrecht, Holland. It can be relocated by a decision of the General Assembly.

Chapter 2: Aims and independency

Article 3: The aims of the European Union are:

- to foster and encourage population-based health care for children and young people in all European countries with the emphasis on the relevant setting related to their stage of life (e.g. daycare centres, kindergartens, schools, universities).
- to foster and encourage the development and improvement of health services in these settings.
- to keep member associations and individual members informed regarding the current demands and changing pattern of preschool, school and student health care in the different countries.
- to support and harmonise the development and maintenance of specific medical training in school health, respecting the rights and needs of individual countries to create, continue and develop nationally relevant training programmes.

Article 4: The aims are realised by:

- organising congresses, symposia and other professional meetings at times decided by the Executive Committee;
- publishing a bulletin with information regarding the aims of the Union and a resume of scientific papers;
- co-operation with other national and international associations dealing with child, pupil and student health care;
- taking the initiative in organising and co-ordinating research in preschool, school and student health care.

Article 5: The European Union is completely independent with no political, religious or ethnic commitments or associations.



Chapter 3: Membership of the association

Article 6: The membership of the association is open to ‘active members’, ‘adhering members’ and ‘individual members’.

Active membership is open to all nationally or regionally organised associations working in all kinds of preschool, school and student health services. Active members receive all written communications and have the right to vote in the General Assembly.

Adhering membership is open to all individuals who are in membership of an active member.

Individual membership is open to any individual working in preschool, school and student health services. They receive all written communications but have no right to vote at the General Assembly.

Adhering and individual members are entitled to a reduction in the registration fee of the congresses.

Article 7: Active membership of the association is granted by the Executive Committee after receipt of a written application addressed to this committee, accompanied by the agreed annual fee then in force and by a list of members of the applying association.

The Executive Committee checks the representative character of the applying association and the authenticity of its members. Admission of the applying association to active membership implies the admission, as adhering members, of its members.

Every two years the Executive Committee can check the authenticity of the membership of the active members. The admission of an active member has to be ratified by the General Assembly at its next meeting. Individual membership is granted by the Executive Committee after receipt of a written application addressed to this committee, accompanied by the agreed annual fee then in force.

Article 7A: If an active or individual member fails to adhere to the Statutes or brings the name of the Union into disrepute, the Executive Committee will have the right to recommend to the next General Assembly that that member be



expelled. The member will have the right of reply at that meeting but will be expelled if there is a two thirds majority vote of the active members represented, in favour, as in Article 12.

Chapter 4: Contributions

Article 8: The active members shall pay a yearly subscription consisting of an equal sum for every member association and a variable sum according to the amount of adhering members it represents.

The amount of the annual subscription is decided by the General Assembly.

Article 9: The Treasurer of the European Union will be responsible for collection of the annual subscription from the active members and individual members.

He will pay all bills incurred by the association and discharge all debts to Officers and Committee members for travelling and subsistence and incidental office expenses.

Chapter 5: The General Assembly

Article 10: The General Assembly is composed of all active members of the association. Adhering members and individual members may attend the meetings of the General Assembly. It is presided over by the President of the Union, i.e. the President of the Executive Committee; the secretary of the meeting will be the Secretary General of the Executive Committee.

Article 11: The General Assembly shall hold a meeting once a year. Every two years the yearly meeting will take place on the occasion of a congress or symposium. Special meetings shall be convened if more than three active members or the Executive Committee request it.

The Executive Committee shall decide when and where such a meeting of the General Assembly shall take place and shall inform in writing all active members at least four weeks before the meeting.

Article 12: An active member can only use his right to vote when the annual subscription has been paid within twelve months of the General Assembly. All decisions



affecting the constitution and membership of the Union must be passed by a two third majority of all the votes represented at the meeting; a simple majority vote will be accepted for all other matters; the quorum consists of one half of the paid-up active membership plus one. Voting by proxy is permissible with a maximum of one proxy per active member.

Article 13: 1. The following items are to appear on the agenda of the meeting of the General Assembly:

- approval of the minutes of the previous meeting,
- election of two persons to check the minutes,
- renewal of the register of voters with the authorisation of the association they represent,
- approval of the agenda,
- presentation and approval of the President's and Secretary-General's reports and the Treasurer's audited accounts covering the period since the last General Assembly.
- presentation of the budget for the next period,
- fixing of the annual subscription ,
- arranging of a programme for the coming years,
- election of a President,
- election of a Secretary-General,
- election of a Treasurer,
- election of committee members,
- election of two auditors.

The elections take place only for those officials whose mandate comes to an end.

2. Active members wishing the General Assembly to deal with any special constitutional matter shall inform the Secretary-General two months before the meeting.

Notice of such matters shall be sent to all active members at least four weeks before the meeting.

Chapter 6: The Executive Committee

Article 14: The Executive Committee consists of the President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer of the Union and an Editor or Co-Editors and as many members as the General Assembly appoints. The total number of members shall be uneven and not more than nine.

All members are appointed for a period of four years, renewable for one term



only. Exceptions can be made by the General Assembly if no other candidates are available.

The Executive Committee may elect from its members a Vice President, an assistant Secretary-General and an assistant Treasurer.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year at a time and place to be decided at the previous meeting.

Notice of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be circulated to its members at least four weeks before the date of the meeting, together with the agenda.

Decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by a simple majority of its members present at the meeting. The President has a casting vote.

The officers of the Union, President, Secretary-General, Treasurer and Editor shall decide the location and venue of the Executive Committee meetings.

Chapter 7: Amendments of the Statutes

Article 15: Amendments of these Statutes can only be effected at a meeting of the General Assembly, within the conditions of Article 11, notice of such proposed amendments having been sent to all active members at least four weeks prior to the meeting, as in Article 13.2.

Chapter 8: Dissolution

Article 16: A decision to dissolve the Union will be taken, only after very careful consideration, in the first place in a meeting of the Executive Committee.

The final decision can only be taken by a specially convened General Assembly at which authorised proxy votes from all active members entitled to vote will be allowed. A two third majority for dissolution as in Article 12 must be secured. In the case of dissolution of the Union, the residual funds shall be disposed of as the General Assembly agrees.

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