

Constitution of the IAVH (International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy)

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1. NAME, HEADQUARTERS

The Association shall be called the International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy (IAVH). Where hereinafter the term Association is used, it refers to the International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy.

The headquarters of the Association is in Switzerland at the place of the STVAH (Swiss Veterinary Association for Acupuncture and Homeopathy). According to Swiss law the IAVH is an association according to art. 60-70 of civil code ("ist ein Verein nach Art. 60-70 ZGB").

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be:

- a. To promote internationally the discussion and exchange of information, and the advancement of knowledge pertaining to veterinary homeopathy.
- b. To encourage collaboration between this Association and other organisations.
- c. To encourage and help the formation of National Associations for Veterinary Homeopathy in countries where none exists.
- d. To provide informed opinion on homeopathic matters to other organisations.
- e. To further education in veterinary homeopathy.
- f. To further research in veterinary homeopathy.
- g. To publish news in relevant journals of veterinary homoeopathy.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Association is composed of individuals or organisations having legal right of existence and activity in their country of residence. There are two categories of members, full members and associate members.

- a. Full members shall be qualified veterinarians holding qualifications accepted in their own country.
- b. Associate membership shall be open to all veterinary students, members of industry, etc.
- c. Election to honorary membership shall be permissible. Names suggested for Honorary membership shall be forwarded to the General Secretary, who shall place them before the Board of the Association for consideration and, if approved, shall be adopted at the next annual Board Meeting.
- d. The annual subscription to the Association shall be due on the 1st January and shall be an amount determined from time to time by the IAVH Officers. The Board Committee may reverse the Officers' decision by an absolute majority vote. Full and Associate membership will cost the same. For national organisations fulfilling the criteria of full membership, a special annual rate for collective membership may be decided by the Board Committee.
- e. Resignation of membership shall be signified in writing to the General Secretary and the member so resigning shall be liable for the payment of the annual subscription for the current year and any arrears up to the date of tendering resignation.

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- f. The Officers of the Association shall exercise the right to remove a member whose subscription is six months in arrears after due notification has been given to said member.
It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that his address is kept up to date in the Association's file.
The Association's Board Committee has the right to reinstate a member, with an absolute majority vote.
- g. Only Full members shall be entitled to become Board members and Officers of the Association.

4. OFFICERS

- a. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a General Secretary and a Treasurer. A Vice-President, Vice Gen. Secretary and Vice-Treasurer may also be elected.
- b. The Officers shall be elected by the Board every three years. Officers may stand for re-election only if no other person stands for election.
- c. If possible the annual Board Meeting (see under point 6) will be hosted by a different country each year. If necessary, a representative of the host country may be elected as an Officer of the Association.
- d. Officers of the Association may only hold posts in industrial or commercial organisations whose activities overlap with those of the Association, and only if it can be demonstrated that such a dual responsibility will not prejudice the independence of the Association. Nominees for Officer shall declare any interest in any such organisation. Should an Officer be seen to fail in this direction, the Board has the power to force his resignation forthwith.

5. COMMITTEES

5.1 BOARD COMMITTEE

The Board of the Association shall consist of the Officers, the National Representatives, one from each country having at least 10 members of the Association, and of the subcommittee co-ordinators. Countries having less than 10 members may have a Contact Person who also has the right to attend the Board Meetings, but may not vote. National Representatives should be, if possible, members of the national Boards. They act as delegates of the single countries provided with full powers.

The National Representatives must receive a confirming absolute majority vote of the Board of IAVH.

5.2 SUBCOMMITTEES

The Board of the Association has the power to set up Subcommittees to cover areas for special attention (for example, but not limited to, education, politics, research, materia medica). Such subcommittees have a defined commission and are dissolved after execution of the duties. Each subcommittee is directed by a co-ordinator, who is an ex officio member of the Board Committee.

Subcommittee co-ordinators will be elected by the Board Committee.

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6. MEETINGS

- a. A General Assembly will be held at intervals, as decided by the Officers. If possible these will take the form of a congress.
- b. An annual Board Meeting shall be organised by the Officers and the business shall be:
 - I. To read the minutes of the last Annual Board Meeting
 - II. To receive reports from the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and National Representatives.
 - III. To elect new Officers (if necessary).
 - IV. To elect the Auditors.
 - V. To take into account the Auditor's report and to receive accounts.
 - VI. The exoneration of Officers.
 - VII. Any other business.

For this meeting at least two Officers shall be present, and all National Representatives shall be summoned. Reasonable expenses for attending this meeting will be paid to Board Members partly through their own country (if National Representative) and partly through the Association's funds.

- c. Extraordinary Board Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Officers, and must be called by the written request of at least half of the number of National Representatives, specifying the business for which the meeting is called.

7. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- a. Ordinary general meetings or Board meetings shall be convened by circular, with at least six weeks' notice.
- b. The General Secretary shall notify all Board members of the Agenda of any Board meeting with at least four weeks' notice.
- c. The same requirements apply to General Assemblies.

8. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- a. The president shall preside at the meetings, uphold the dignity of the chair and observe the rules of the Association.
- b. The General Secretary shall attend all meetings, keep a record of the Association's transactions, read the minutes of the previous meeting and conduct all general correspondence.

9. FINANCE

- a. The Treasurer shall receive, on behalf of the Association, all monies due to the Association, and out of such monies, shall discharge all bills for which the Association is liable, and shall keep true and just records.

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- b. The income and property of the Association, whensoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members.
- c. The Association will pay any reasonable travel and subsistence expenses of the Association provided these expenses cannot be reclaimed from other sources. The amount in question will be at the discretion of the Officers.
- d. The accounts of the Association shall be audited by two Auditors or an accountant, who are elected by ordinary annual Board meeting.
- e. The financial year starts on 1st January and ends on 31st December.

10. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association, there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other international institution or institutions having objects similar to those of the Association, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed by the association, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Board members at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.

11. RESOLUTION

The General Secretary shall require eight weeks notice of any motion which a member wishes to propose at a Board meeting. The General Secretary shall place it on the Agenda of said meeting.

12. PAPERS READ TO MEETINGS

Any papers read to Association meetings should be recorded, and speakers should agree to the taping of their papers. In the case of non members (i.e. guest speakers) the convenor of the meeting or his deputy should ask the speaker's permission for the recording of the paper and only record if such permission is granted.

13. VISITORS

Should a Board member wish to bring a visitor (i.e. non Board member) to a Board meeting for a particular purpose, notice should be given to the General Secretary and the President stating the name and purpose. Should the General Secretary and the President agree to said visitor's presence the name of said visitor shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. At General meetings (e.g. Congresses) it must be decided by the Officers in advance whether or not non-veterinary delegates shall be allowed to attend the "scientific" proceedings. Due notice of any ruling on this subject must be published in any advertisement of said scientific proceedings.

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14. ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The rules of the Association may be modified by alteration, amendment or repeal, but all such proposed alterations shall be conveyed to the General Secretary in writing at least twenty eight days prior to the next Board meeting. If confirmed by an absolute majority vote, such modifications shall come into effect at said Board meeting.

15. INTERNAL RULES

The Officers and Board members have the power to make additional rules of Association by majority vote at annual Board meetings only within the confines of the above articles of the Association. In the case of there being no majority vote, the power of decision is lies with the President.

16. CLAIMS

For any controversy inside the Association three honourable members will be elected by the Board Committee to pass judgement on the issue. Their decision will be final.

Approved at the Board meeting of July 4th 2011, Stockport, England.

President

General Secretary

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