

**STATUTES
OF THE
EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF PSYCHOANALYTIC
PSYCHOTHERAPIES
(ECPP)**

Section 1. Name of the Association

The “EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF PSYCHOANALYTIC PSYCHOTHERAPIES” (ECPP) is a forum whose purpose is to bring together all psychoanalytic psychotherapists and psychotherapeutic organisations based on the concepts of transference and resistance. The ECPP is an association under the Austrian Civil Law.

Section 2. Preamble

ECPP is rooted in the Strasbourg Declaration of Psychotherapy 1990 commitment to establishing a unified and independent profession of psychotherapy across Europe.

Section 3. Registered Office and Jurisdiction of the Court

The Registered Office of the ECPP will be situated in Vienna, Austria. Disputes and differences within the ECPP shall be within the jurisdiction of the court in Vienna, and Austrian law shall be applicable.

Section 4. Object for which the ECPP is established

4. The object for which a Confederation is established is to promote the art and science of psychoanalytic psychotherapies for the benefit of public.

This is to be done by:

- 4.1. Promoting the dialog and the exchange of information among Members of ECPP to further their intellectual, scientific, creative and social knowledge and practice in a manner similar to other fields of psychotherapy;
- 4.2. Spreading and propagating the theory that psychoanalytic psychotherapies as practiced in a specific culture requires an understanding and appreciating of integration into that specific culture or society;
- 4.3. Offering its members a supporting structure through the exchange and interchange of information and experience;
- 4.4. Developing and supporting all kinds of activities as e.g. the organisation of congresses, workshops or other meetings, issuing a professional journal and/or other publications and collecting and compiling publications related to the subject;
- 4.5. Obtaining official recognition for the speciality of the psychoanalytic psychotherapies in various European countries;
- 4.6. Cooperating with other professional organisations, especially with EAP and WCP;

4.7. Encouraging education and research in psychoanalytic psychotherapy.

Section 5. Membership

5.1. Composition:

Members may be individuals or organisations. Reciprocal membership agreements may be concluded with organisations, which have similar objects.

5.2. Entry, resignation and exclusion

5.2.1. Admission of members shall be subject to the board of ECPP on submission of an application for membership in writing. The board may refuse the admission and will state the reason(s) for the refusal in writing to the candidate member.

5.2.2. The board of ECPP shall be informed in writing of a member's resignation. If in spite of being reminded, a member fails to pay his membership fees for at least 2 years, member(s) is to be excluded from ECPP and loses members rights.

5.2.3. The ethics committee of ECPP has the power to suspend or exclude a member for an offence of ethics - subsequent to the ratification to the board of ECPP. This decision may be brought before the General Meeting by any involved party and the decision of it is final.

5.3. Rights and Obligations of Members

The rights and obligations are:

5.3.1. Promotion and execution of the tasks and goals of ECPP as stated in this statutes and approved by the General Meeting;

5.3.2. Introducing motions to the General Meeting. These suggestions in writing shall reach the board of ECPP no later than 2 month prior to the General Meeting.

5.3.3. Attendance at the General Meeting, where member is entitled to vote and to be elected.

5.3.4. Entitled of all the advantages incorporated in the membership of the ECPP as well as those incorporated in other related corporate bodies.

5.3.5. Payment of the annual membership fee.

Section 6. Financial Year

The accounting period of one complete year shall start from 1st of January.

Section 7. Organs

7.1. Organs of ECPP are:

- a) The General Meeting
- b) The Extraordinary General Meeting
- c) The Board
- d) Auditors of the ECPP

7.2. The Biannual General Meeting

7.2.1. The ordinary General Meeting shall take place once every two years and shall usually be held within 4 month following the end of the financial year. At least 30 days notice in writing prior to the day of the session of the General meeting shall be given mentioning the subject(s) to be discussed.

7.2.2. The statutory subjects of discussion shall be:

- a) Adoption of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting.
 - b) Approval of the Biannual Report(s)
 - c) Report of the Treasurer and approval of the Biannual Accounts
 - d) Passing and adopting the budget.
 - e) Election of the President, Vice Presidents, the other members of the Board and the Auditors.
 - f) Alterations of the Articles of ECPP.
 - g) Motions put before the meeting by the Board or the Members.
- Decisions made by the General Meeting shall be written in Minutes.

7.3. The Extraordinary General Meeting.

The Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by a decision made by the Board of Directors or in accordance with a motion proposed in writing by one fifth of all the Members and shall take place within 60 days. Otherwise reference is made to Section 7.2.

7.4. The Board

7.4.1. The Board consists of the President, at least two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and Secretary as officers and at least 3 other Members. The officers shall be elected for the period of two years. At the end of their term of office the Members of the Board are eligible for re-election.

7.4.2. The Board shall make decisions in the presence of simple majority (50%+1) of its members. The Board shall deal with any businesses that are not specifically reserved to the General Meeting between these meetings.

7.4.3. The Board shall represent the Association in external matters and shall be authorized to establish a secretariat.

7.4.4. In order to deal with particular matters the Board may appoint Committees. At least one member of the Board shall sit on every committee; Committee may co-opt expert from outside the ECPP.

7.5. Election and Voting by Members

7.5.1. As a rule, elections shall be held and votes taken by a simple majority of votes by the Members present, unless a secret ballot is required.

7.5.2. The ECPP shall decide by a simple majority of votes on all such matters as shall not require a weighted majority. In case of an equality of votes, President shall be entitled to have a casting vote.

7.5.3. With a majority of two-thirds of the votes the ECPP shall decide on the exclusion of Members, on joining other corporate bodies, on alterations of the Statutes of ECPP.

7.5.4. Any change of Section 8 of these Statutes of ECPP as well as the decision to wind-up the Association require the approval of two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote at the General Meeting.

7.5.5. In the event of elections an absolute majority (i.e. more than half the votes given) shall decide after the first and second voting. In case of an equality of votes between candidates after a third voting the President shall be entitled to have a casting vote.

Section 8. Expenditure – Receipts and Liability

8.1. The ECPP expenses shall be paid from Members fees, receipts, i.e. the proceeds as the result of some activities, e.g. exhibitions, meetings, etc., gifts, donations and any further and additional receipts and income.

8.2. Obligations entered into by the ECPP shall exclusively be met by the assets of the ECPP. Neither the Members personally nor their organisations can be held responsible and liable for obligations entered into by the ECPP.

Section 9. Winding-up

9.1. Only a General Meeting may decide on the winding-up of the ECPP.

9.2. In the event of a winding-up the same General Meeting shall decide on the disposal of the assets of the ECPP.

Section 10. Final provisions

With the consent of the Constituent Meeting these Statutes of ECPP shall come into immediate operation as from the date of the said Meeting.

Lviv, 13-7-2003

Founding Members:

Nicole Aknin, Paris
Nicole Attali, Paris
Janko Bohak, Ljubljana
Markus Föh, Zurich
Alexander Filts, Lviv
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Cornelia Krause-Girth, Frankfurt
Eugenijus Laurinaitis, Vilnius
Roberto Parrini, Roma
Mikhail Reshetnikov, St. Petersburg
Adrian Rhodes, Manchester
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