

Bylaws European Health Economics Association (EuHEA)

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A Name and Headquarters

Article 1

The “European Health Economics Association” (EuHEA) has been constituted under Article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code with headquarters in Basle. Said association is governed by Swiss Law.

B Purpose

Article 2

The purpose of the Association is to promote cooperation among all national health economics associations and health economics groups in Europe as well as to profile and foster health economics at European universities.

C Means

Article 3

- 1 In pursuing its purpose as defined in Article 2, the Association may use the contributions of its members as determined by its Assembly of Delegates.
- 2 Membership fees depend on a national health economics association’s or a health economics group’s respective number of votes in the Assembly of Delegates.
- 3 The Association may accept donations and earn money through its own efforts such as, but not limited to, organising the EuHEA Congress.
- 4 Liability for obligations is strictly limited to the Association’s endowment. Any personal liability of the members of the Association is expressly precluded.

D Membership

Article 4

- 1 European national or supranational health economics associations or groups may become members with the right to vote.
- 2 Applications for membership are to be sent to the Association’s President; the final decision on their acceptance rests with the Executive Committee.

- 3 Membership expires upon withdrawal or exclusion from the Association.
- 4 Resignation from the Association is possible only as per the end of the calendar year.
- 5 A member can be excluded from the Association. The Executive Committee takes the final decision on any exclusion; members may appeal any such decision before the Assembly of Delegates.

E Governing bodies

Article 5 The organs of the Association are:

- a the Assembly of Delegates;
- b the Executive Committee;
- c the Finance Committee.

Article 6

- 1 The Association's supreme organ is the Assembly of Delegates. An ordinary Assembly of Delegates takes place at least biannually on the occasion of the European Conference on Health Economics. The Executive Committee may call extraordinary assemblies.
- 2 Calls for the Assembly of Delegates will be sent out to members in writing one month prior to the Assembly and will include an agenda.
- 3 The Assembly of Delegates has the following inalienable duties:
 - a Voting into or out of office of the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee;
 - b Determination of and changes to the bylaws;
 - c Acceptance of the annual accounts and the auditor's report;
 - d Decision on the annual budget;
 - e Determination of the membership fees;
 - f Settlement of appeals against exclusions;
 - g Determination of the EuHEA Congress venue.
- 4 In the Assembly of Delegates, each member has at least one vote, to be exercised by a delegate. Member organisations with more than 200 individual members may appoint an additional delegate, and member organisations with more than 500 individual members may appoint a third delegate.
- 5 The Assembly of Delegates takes decisions with a simple majority and may be taken by circular letter.

Article 7

- 1 The Executive Committee has the authority to take decision on all matters not attributed to another organ. Decisions are taken with a simple majority and may be taken by circular letter.
- 2 The Executive Committee is composed of seven persons.
- 3 The Executive Committee include the Past President, the President, the President-elect, the executive secretary and three ordinary committee members.
- 4 The term of office of the presidency is two years.
- 5 The duration of all other members of the Executive Committee is three years. Re-election is possible once.
- 6 The interim Executive Committee will exist until 2014 when it will be followed by an Executive Committee elected by the Assembly of Delegates in that year.

Article 8

- 1 The President represents the Association vis-a-vis third parties. The President heads the Assembly of Delegates and the meetings of the Executive Committee and has the deciding vote.
- 2 If the President is unable to exercise his duties, the Executive Committee appoints as deputy.

Article 9

The secretariat supports the activities of the Executive Committee and is subordinated to the President. The secretariat is responsible for managing daily operations.

Article 10

Every two years, the Assembly of Delegates elects the Finance Committee which is composed of at least two experts. The Finance Committee produces a yearly audit report.

F Regulation of Implementation

Article 11

The Executive Committee stipulates procedural regulations for the Association's membership fees. Within the limits of the statutes, the Executive Committee can stipulate further procedural regulations.

Article 12

Any differences within the Association will be settled out of court by mediation according to recognized mediation rules.

G Dissolution of the Association

Article 13

In the case of dissolution of the Association, the Assembly of Delegates will decide on the use of any proceeds from the liquidation.

H Entry into Force of the Bylaws

Article 14

These Bylaws were accepted on the occasion of the founding assembly on January 21, 2013 and came into effect as per this date.

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