

European Parkinson's Disease Association, International Association, in short: EPDA

1000 Brussels

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CONSTITUTION

Name, headquarters and object.

Article 1.

An association pursuing a philanthropic purpose, Scientific and Educational Association, called the European Parkinson's Disease Association (EPDA), is constituted by the present.

This association will be governed by the Belgian law of October 25, 1919 amended by the Law of 6 December 1954.

The vehicular language of the association is English and all efforts will be made to facilitate understanding across Europe.

Art. 2.

The head office of the association shall be established in Brussels region. It is currently located at the following address:

Rue Montoyer 47, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium.

This head office may be transferred to any other address in Belgium by simple decision of the Board of Directors published in the appendices to the Moniteur Belge in the month of this decision.

Art. 3.

This non-profit, non-religious and apolitical association has the purpose of promoting international knowledge of Parkinson's disease, allowing people suffering from the disease Parkinson's and their family members to benefit from best treatments in the world, to have access to information medical and surgical procedures and therefore to informed choices to ensure optimal living conditions.

To this end, the European Parkinson's Disease Association (EPDA) aims, with its members, to:

- to determine the extent of Parkinson's disease in Europe;
- provide statistics and information on the care and medical treatments and update them continuously;
- make this information accessible to patients and teams care providers, Associations, groups of people with disease and other interest groups, all over Europe;

- to provide Parkinson's and their families with technology information and the global network, a community information and help;
- promote and encourage cooperation between scientific groups and other professional groups for improvement
- the well-being and health of patients and their families;
- motivate, promote and support organizations new and existing national services to assist them in providing optimal treatment and recovery for their members;
- promote cooperation and relay experiences among member associations.

The means implemented to achieve these objectives will be described in the By-Laws of the Association.

Admission.

Art. 4.

The Association is composed of active members (with voting rights) and associate members (non-voting).

Active members are associations for the disease of Parkinson's disease from European countries or countries around the Mediterranean Sea legally constituted in accordance to the laws and practices in force in their country of origin.

Associate members are natural or legal persons from any country legally constituted in accordance with the laws and practices in force in their country of origin.

Art. 5.

Admission of new members will be subject to the approval of the General Assembly. The minimum criteria for eligibility as a member will be set out in the Rules internal order of the Association. Members may terminate their membership by notification written to the Board of Directors.

The exclusion of a member association may be subject to the assessment of the Board of Directors, after hearing the defence of the member association concerned and after having been by the General Assembly by a two-thirds majority of the members present or presented. The rights of the defence must be respected and excluded members must be heard beforehand such a decision.

A member who ceases to be a member of the association will not have rights vis-à-vis the social fund.

Art. 6.

Members pay a membership fee set annually (for the category to which they belong) by the Assembly on the proposal of the Board of Directors. The annual fee will be paid to the EPDA account not more than late March 1st of each year. There is no admission fee. If, despite a written reminder dating back more than a year, a member is failing it is deemed to have withdrawn from the Association. This decision must be taken by a two-thirds majority of the members of General Assembly present or represented by a written mandate.

General Assembly.

Art. 7.

The General Assembly holds the full powers to ensure the achievement of the objectives of the Association.

The quorum required for an assembly is more than 50 active members (with voting rights) present.

The General Assembly is composed of one representative from each active member association (right to vote). Active members (with voting rights) each represent a voice. If any delegate present so requests, the ballot may be secret.

Associate members (without voting rights) may participate in meetings of the General Assembly.

Meetings in General Assembly must deal with actions European issues, national issues will be dealt with in national speakers.

The powers of the General Assembly are as follows:

- a) approval of the budget and accounts;
- b) the approval of an international auditor;
- c) the election and dismissal of directors;
- d) admission of members to the association;
- e) the examination and determination of the calculation of annual contributions;
- f) the amendment of the statutes of the Association;
- g) the approval of internal regulations;
- h) the dissolution of the Association.

Art. 8.

The General Assembly will meet annually and will be announced six months beforehand.

Proposals for the agenda should be sent to the Board of Directors four months before the General Assembly. The agenda of the General Assembly will be notified in writing to all active and associated members, no later than ten weeks before the general Assembly.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the request of the majority of the active members.

Proposals for the agenda should be sent to the Board of Directors three months before the proposed date for the extraordinary meeting.

The proposed agenda of this special meeting must be notified in writing to all active and associate members, later eight weeks before the proposed date for the meeting extraordinary.

It is the responsibility of each active member to notify in writing to the name of his delegate one month before the General Assembly or the Extraordinary Assembly.

Art. 9.

Each of the active members (with voting rights) may be represented at the General Assembly by another active member bearer of a special written warrant. However, no active member may carry more than one

written mandate. Decisions taken at the General Assembly will not be deemed valid only if two-thirds of its active members are present or represented.

The General Assembly is chaired by the President of the Association or the Vice-President.

Art. 10.

With the exception of the cases provided for in these Statutes, the decisions will be made by simple majority of active members present or represented and will be brought to the attention of all the members.

The General Assembly can not take decisions on any item not on the agenda.

The decisions of the General Assembly are recorded in a register signed by the President and kept by the Secretary who at the disposal of the members.

Art. 11.

Without prejudice to Article 5 of the Law of October 25, 1919, any proposal for an amendment to the Statutes of Association or the dissolution of the Association comes exclusively from the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors must notify the members of the Association no later than three months before the date of the General Assembly its intention to take a decision on the said proposal.

Decisions taken by the General Assembly are valid only if two-thirds of its active members (with voting rights) are present or represented by a written mandate.

No decision will be effective unless it is approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes. However, if two thirds of the active members of the association are neither present nor represented by a written mandate, a new General Assembly must be convened in the manner provided for above. The final decision of the General Assembly on the proposal will be valid regardless of the number of active members present or represented by a written mandate. Amendments to the Statutes must be submitted to the Board of Directors and discussed and decided at the General Assembly. These will only be effective if they have been approved by Royal Decree and that if the advertising conditions prescribed in Article 3 of the Law of 25 October 1919 have been respected. The General Assembly will determine the mode of dissolution and liquidation of the company.

Administration.

Art. 12.

The Association shall be administered by a Board which is composed of a minimum of six members and a maximum of 10 members, one of whom has Parkinson's; at least one Board member must have Belgian nationality.

Board members are appointed by the General Assembly to a period of two years and may be re-elected by the Assembly at the end of their mandate.

Nominations for the Board of Directors must be sent to the Secretary no later than 3 months before the General Assembly, which will communicate in writing to the member associations the applications and will be included in the agenda of the General Assembly.

Directors may be dismissed by the General Assembly by a two-thirds majority of the active members present or represented by a written mandate.

Art. 13.

The General Assembly shall elect from among its members a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and others members of the Board of Directors.

Art. 14.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are convened by the President or by consent of the majority of the Board members. The decisions of the Board of Directors will only be valid if the majority of the members is present.

Art. 15.

The Board of Directors holds full powers to provide leadership and administrative functions under the control of the General Assembly. He can entrust the daily management of the association to its chairman or a director or representative. It can also confer some special powers under his responsibility and grant them to one or more persons. He can also co-opt a specialist.

Art. 16.

The decisions of the Board of Directors may be taken by a majority of the directors present. In case of parity voices, the president's voice will prevail. Decisions will be recorded in a register signed by the President and kept by the Secretary who will make it available to members of the association.

Art. 17.

With the exception of special warrants, all instruments legal obligations that bind the association will be signed by two Board members, the president and the secretary, who will not have to justify to with respect to third parties the powers conferred to that effect.

Art. 18.

The right to sue as plaintiff defendant, returns to the Board of Directors, which will be appointed by its chairman or a director for that purpose.

Budget and accounts.

Art. 19.

The exercise begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

The Board of Directors is required to submit for approval of the General Assembly the accounts of the past year as well as the budget for the coming year. Accounts will be audited by an international auditor duly appointed by the General Assembly.

If needed:

The General Assembly may decide to constitute a fund of reserves, set the amount and determine the arrangements for contributions due from each of the member associations for the benefit of of this background.

General provisions.

Art. 20.

The provisions of the law will govern all non-provided for in these Statutes, in particular as regards the mandatory publications in the appendices to the Moniteur Belge.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

List of Directors of the Board of Directors.

Chair: Mary Baker, UK Nationality, Consultant for the national and international development Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom, Vauxhall Bridge Rd 215, London, SW1 1EJ, UK;

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Liaison Officer: Liz Graham, British Nationality, Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom, Vauxhall Bridge Rd 215, London SW1 1EJ, UK;

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