



PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Pursuant to the articles 12 and 18 of the Law on Associations and Foundations in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette B-H No. 32/01, 42/03), and the article 35 of the Statute of the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the General Assembly of the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina, at its first regular meeting held in Bihac on 15.10.2010, has adopted:

AMENDED STATUTE

OF THE PSYHIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIA – HERZEGOVINA

Article 1

This Statute defines: name, address and area of Association's responsibility, scope of work, purpose and Program goals of the Association, membership as well as rights, duties and responsibilities of the members, management bodies of the Association, procedures for their election, conditions and ways of termination, mandate duration, decision-making procedures and responsibilities, procedures for acquiring and using sources of the Association, duration and termination of the Association, transparency of activities, procedure for adopting the Statute, changes and amendments to the Statute and other general regulations of the Association, seal and representation and presentation of the Association.

Article 2

Psychiatrics Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") is a voluntary organization of professionals involved in psychiatry (medical doctors, specialists of psychiatry and neuropsychiatry, and medical doctors, trainees in psychiatry and neuropsychiatry). The Association is founded due to organized activity on improvement and popularization of medical science through improvement of the work of psychiatrists.

Article 3

Association has a character of a legal entity and shall be signed into Register at the responsible Ministry according to the Law.



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I) NAME, HEADQUARTER AND SCOPE OF WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 4

Full name of the Association is:

UDRUŽENJE PSIHIJATARA U BOSNI HERCEGOVINI

UDRUGA PSIHIJATARA U BOSNI I HERCEGOVINI

УДРУЖЕЊЕ ПСИХИЈАТАРА У БОСНИ И ХЕРЦЕГОВИНИ

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Article 5

The Headquarter of the Association is in Sarajevo, at the address Bolnička 25.

Article 6

The Association works within the entire territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and can open its offices outside their Headquarter within entire territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with the Law.

II) PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 7

Program objectives and activities of the Association are:

- monitoring development and achievements of psychiatry and related sciences and introducing them to the Members in order to improve their professional skills, creating material conditions for scientific research in psychiatry and allied disciplines, developing ethical awareness of morality, responsibility and awareness of members of the Association in accordance with the Code of Ethics of Health Care Professionals of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- exchanging experiences with the appropriate professional organizations and institutions in the World and with the World Psychiatric Association,



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- professional publishing activity with purpose of informing its Members and the public on the development of psychiatric science and practice,
- exchanging experiences with the associations of psychiatric patients, their families and other citizens' associations in the community where patients live, and cooperation with similar organizations, and
- keeping an accurate database.

III) PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 8

Membership in the Association is voluntary.

A Member of the Association may become any citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 9

Association membership is acquired by applying, from the day of entering to the Members' Register of the Association, filling Admission form and paying annual membership fee.

Article 10

Each Member of the Association is obligated to pay a membership fee in the amount specified by the authorized body of the Association.

Membership fee is paid once, annually.

Article 11

The Association makes a decision on the amount of membership fee, at the end of each calendar year.

Psychiatry and neuropsychiatry trainees pay reduced membership fee of 50% of the fee determined by the decision. Their status is confirmed by appropriate proof from their respective health institution or issued by the mentor, on a one-time basis.

Honorary members of the Association are exempt from payment of membership to the Association.

With retirement, members of the Association are exempt from payment of membership fee to the Association.



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Article 12

Members of the Association have the following rights and duties:

- to elect the bodies of the Association and to be elected,
- to take part in the Association activities,
- to asses and evaluate the Association's work,
- to initiate questions of responsibility and termination of Members of the Association,
- to be regularly informed on the work of the Association,
- to attend General Assembly, give suggestions, ask questions and seek answers,
- to enjoy certain rights and conveniences according to the Decisions and other acts of the Association,
- to seek help and support from the Association in addressing social, health, education and other issues,
- to enjoy privileges that the Association provide or achieve through other agencies and institutions,
- to comply with the Articles of this Statute,
- to actively participate in achieving goals and fulfilling assignments of the Association, and
- to preserve reputation of the Association.

Article 13

Members of the Association are equal in accomplishment of their rights.

Article 14

The Association Membership shall be terminated upon:

- death of the Member,
- based on the written notification,



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- non-payment of membership fee within deadline, not later than 6 months,
- violation of reputation of the Association, based on decision of the Council, and
- if a Member of the Association is serving a prison sentence longer than six months, if an investigation is launched, if remanded in custody for committing a criminal offense.

Article 15

Final decision upon membership's termination is made by the Board.

IV) ASSOCIATION BODIES

Article 16

Association bodies are:

- General Assembly,
- Council,
- President and three Vice-Presidents
- Secretaries General
- Supervisory Board,
- Commissions, and
- Court of Honor.

The General Assembly is the highest body of the Association.

Article 17

The General Assembly meets as required, at least once a year. President of the General Assembly calls for it at least 15 days before the actual meeting.

President of the General Assembly is obliged to call for the General Assembly as requested by at least 1/3 of the Members of the General Assembly or as requested by the Council.

The work of the General Assembly is managed by the President.

The mandate of the President is four years with the possibility of re-election.

The General Assembly acts and makes decisions based on the Procedure Regulation. This document is being accepted on the first General Assembly meeting.



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The General Assembly makes valid decisions with the plain majority of votes of the Members attending.

Speaking in the General Assembly is public.

Article 18

The General Assembly of the Association has the following tasks:

- to adopt Statute, changes and additions to the Statute and other enactments of as stipulated by the Statute,
- to make decisions on merging, separation, transformation, dismissal and termination, as well as other status changes of the Association,
- to appoint and release the President and three Vice-Presidents,
- to appoint and release the President and members of the Council,
- to appoint and release the President and members the Supervisory Board,
- to appoint and release members of the Commissions of the Association,
- to appoint and release President and members of the Court of Honor,
- to adopt reports prepared by the Council,
- to adopt Annual program and plan of the Association,
- to adopt the Financial plan of the Association,
- to adopt Final account of the Association, and
- to perform other duties and assignments according to the law, this Statute and other general acts of the Association.



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Article 19

The General Assembly of the Association is in charge for:

- implementation of the Statute and other enactments of the Association,
- implementation of the Program and Work plan of the Association,
- regularity in the field of financial and material operations of the Association, and
- implementation of decisions, conclusions and other acts of the Association.

Article 20

For performance of certain activities the General Assembly may establish other Working Bodies, Committees, Sections, etc.

Article 21

The Council is executive body of the Association's General Assembly.

The Council consists of 11 members who are being elected from the Association's General Assembly Members.

The mandate of the Council members is four years, with the right to be re-elected.

Article 22

Council is obliged to:

- prepare the General Assembly meetings,
- prepare draft Statute and other acts passed by the General Assembly,
- implement policies, conclusions and other decisions adopted by the General Assembly,
- manage Association's property,
- submit annual or periodic reports about their work to the General Assembly,
- create Boards and Commissions to perform special assignments from the Association activity,
- elect Secretaries General of the Association, and
- perform other tasks determined by the Statute.



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Article 23

Work of the Council at the meetings is regulated by the Standard Operating Procedures. The Council is entitled to make valid decision if the meeting is attended by more than half of the total members of the Council. Decisions are made by majority vote of the members. In absence, President of the Council is replaced by the Vice-President, authorized by the Council, in all rights and duties of the President of the Council.

Article 24

The President and three Vice-Presidents have the following tasks:

- to represent and present the Association's work in accordance with the General Assembly decisions,
- to participate in the work of the Association's bodies,
- responsibility for the legality and work of the Association,
- to submit report on material-finance operations of the Association to the General Assembly, and
- to perform other activities as authorized by the Council, determined by this Statute and the General Assembly decisions.

Article 25

The mandate of the President and Vice-Presidents is two years, however they rotate every two years in place of President with the possibility to be re-elected for President and Vice-Presidents.

Article 26

President and Vice-Presidents can be dismissed from the duty before expiry of their mandate in the following cases:

- at own request,
- if irregularly perform tasks and duties of the President of the Association,
- in other cases provided by Law and this Statute, and

Dismissal of the President can be initiated by the General Assembly and the Council.



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Article 27

President and two members of the Supervisory Board are elected by the General Assembly.

The mandate of the President and members of the Supervisory Board is four years, with the right to be re-elected.

President and members of the Supervisory Board can be dismissed from duty before expiry of the mandate in the following cases:

- at own request,
- not attending the Supervisory Board meetings three times consecutively (without good reason),
- if their acts related to the Supervisory Board activities jeopardize the reputation of the Association, and
- in other cases provided by law, the Statute and acts of the Association.

President and members of the Supervisory Board can be recalled by the General Assembly with the plain majority of votes of the Members attend.

Article 28

The Supervisory Board controls the following:

- implementation of the Statute and other acts of the Association,
- implementation of decisions of the General Assembly and the Council,
- implementation of the Program and Work Plan of the Association,
- regularity in the field of financial and material operations of the Association, and
- implementation of decisions, conclusions and other acts of the Association.

Article 29

The Secretaries General of the Association perform tasks and have authorizations regulated by the Standard Operating Procedures and other acts of the Association.

The mandate of the Secretaries General is four years, with the right to be re-elected.



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Article 30

In order to conduct expert, finance, administrative-technical tasks, the Council may form, consult or lease-engage an appropriate expert department.

Person or an expert department to conduct the financial affairs of the Association can be recommended to the Council by the President of the Association.

The mutual rights and obligations of the Association and the expert department are regulated by the exclusive act.

Article 31

The Court of Honor is an independent body of the Association, elected by the General Assembly, which determines a violation of professional duty or reputation of the Association Member through the implementation of appropriate procedures.

The Court of Honor consists of President and two members.

The mandates of the President and two members of the Court of Honor are four years, with the right to be re-elected.

The Court of Honor can only judge the Members of the Association, based on appropriate legislation, the Statute of the Association and the Standard Operating Procedures of the Court of Honor, which must be adopted by the General Assembly.

The Court of Honor reports to the General Assembly for its work.



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V) ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION, USE
AND CONTROL

Article 34

The Association acquires assets from membership fees, contributions, gifts, donations and other sources in accordance with the Law.

Article 33

Association is obligated to maintain financial records according to commonly accepted accounting standards and to build up financial reports according to relevant laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 34

President of the Association is responsible for the finances, and the Supervisory Board for its legal implementation.

Article 35

The Association Presidency decides upon access of the available assets, the coverage of losses and write-off bad debts of the Association, and supervision of procedure legality of these activities is conducted by the Supervisory Board.



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VI) TRANSPARENCY OF WORK

Article 36

The Association's work is transparent.

Transparency of work is achieved through keeping informed Members of the Association and through the public media.

The Association Presidency and the Secretaries General, or person/persons authorized by the Association Presidency, are authorized to represent the Association in public.

Article 37

Members of the Association must be regularly and truthfully informed about the work of the Association. President and Vice-Presidents of the Association are responsible for the work transparency.

VII) CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE

Article 38

The General Assembly is exclusively authorized for the changes and amendments of the Statute. General Assembly is a genuine interpreter of the articles of the Statute.

Article 39

The Council, President and Vice-Presidents of the Association, and 1 / 3 (one third) of the members of the Association Assembly may initiate procedures to amend the Statute.

Decision for amendments to the Statute shall be adopted by a two thirds majority vote of Members present at the General Assembly.



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VIII) DESCRIPTION, SHAPE, CONTENT AND USE OF THE SEAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 40

The Association has its seal of the following features: seal of the Association is round-shaped, diameter 30 mm, with the Association's title „Udruženje psihijatara u Bosni i Hercegovini”.

Article 41

The seal of the Association is kept by the President of the Association or person who is authorized by him/her to temporarily keep and/or use it.

Article 42

The President of the Association and/or person authorized by him/her to keep and use the seal are fully responsible for its use.

IX) REPRESENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 43

In performing its activities, the Association is represented and presented by President of the Association in accordance with the decisions of the Council.

President of the Association represents and presents the Association in accordance with the decisions of the Council.



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X) CHANGES OF THE STATUS
(terms and procedures for merging, separation and
transformation or dismissal, in fact termination of
Association's work)

Article 44

The Association may be merged, separated or transformed only into another association or foundation.

Article 45

Procedure for merging or separation and transformation is determined by the General Assembly according to proposal of the Council.

Article 46

Decisions regarding changes to the Association's Statute, its merging or separation shall be passed by the General Assembly by two-third majority votes of all Members present at the General Assembly.

Article 47

Decision upon termination of the Association can be exclusively made by the General Assembly, if the decision is voted by two-third majority votes of all Members present at the General Assembly.



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XI) PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSAL OF
PROPERTY AND REMAINING ASSETS OF
THE ASSOCIATION

Article 48

Procedure for disposal of property and remaining assets is to be passed by the General Assembly by two-third majority votes of all Members present at the General Assembly, provided that the assets and property may be granted exclusively to registered non-governmental entities.

Upon termination of the Association, the General Assembly will have exclusive decision to appoint the liquidator in the liquidation process of the Association and regulate the manner of distribution of the remaining property.

XII) SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Article 49

The Association may conduct unrelated business activities (commercial activities not directly related to accomplishment of basic statutory goals of the Association) only through specially established legal entities.

The decision mentioned paragraph above is made by the Council.

Article 50

The Association acquires legal entity status upon registration in the Association Register which is kept in relevant Ministry of B-H.

Article 51

Association is responsible for its obligations with all of its property.



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Article 52

The Association will seek to exchange information with the European network of similar organizations and the World Psychiatric Association, on the following activities:

- evaluation of existing organizations, and
- co-determination in joint projects and achievements of the programming tasks.

Article 53

The Acknowledgements and awards can be given to activists, partners and employees of the Association, organizations and other deserving citizens for long-standing work and special merits, by the Association.

The Association awards:

- Letters of Thanks,
- Acknowledgements,
- Awards, and
- The Association Plaque.

For outstanding contribution in the work and functioning of the Association, the Association may appoint the Honorary President and the Honorary Members.



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I) TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 54

This Amended Statute of the Association comes into force on the date of its adoption at the General Assembly of the proposed amendments and changes to the Statute of the Association adopted at the Constituent Assembly of the Association.

N°: 01/10

Bihać, October 15th, 2010

PRESIDENT of the General Assembly:

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