



INTERNATIONALE VEREINIGUNG
FÜR BINOKULARES SEHEN



IVBS



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR BINOCULAR VISION

International Association for Binocular Vision

Statutes

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§ 1 Name and domicile of the association

- 1.1 Under the name "Internationale Vereinigung für Binokulares Sehen (IVBS)" (= "International Association for Binocular Vision"), subsequently called IVBS, exists an association as defined by article 60–79 of the Swiss civil code (ZGB).

The original name "Internationale Vereinigung für Binokulare Vollkorrektur (IVBV)" was changed by ballot vote to "Internationale Vereinigung für Binokulares Sehen (IVBS)", valid from 01.07.2012.

The IVBS adopted all rights and duties from the IVBV.

- 1.2 The IVBS is an interdisciplinary, scientific association which is not aimed at material gain and which is politically and ideologically neutral.
- 1.3 The domicile of the IVBS is at the address of the regional contact person for Switzerland according to § 6.8. The office may be located in another country. The current addresses for service are stated in the legal notice of www.ivbs.org.
- 1.4 For easy readability the present statutes are valid for both genders regardless of the current linguistic form.

§ 2 Purpose of the association

- 2.1 In general: The best possible recognition and solution of problems caused by defective binocular vision.

- 2.2 In particular: Exploration and spread of the Measuring and Correcting Methodology after H.-J. Haase, consecutively called MCH.
- 2.3 The practical basic and advanced training at the Po-latest vision testing device or other equivalent equipment which enable the appropriate and professional application of the MCH.
- 2.4 The promotion of the exchange of experiences and the friendship among the user of the MCH.
- 2.5 To reach the goal of the association all suitable arrangements may be used, for instance meetings, lectures, seminars, publications and documentations.

§ 3 Membership

3.1 Full members are:

- 3.1.1 **Active members** may become: ophthalmologists, ophthalmic opticians /optometrists, orthoptists and members of other professions which are occupied with people having a defective binocular vision.
- 3.1.2 **Passive members** may become: Experts who belong to the group of people mentioned under 3.1.1, who however may only be able to use the activities and benefits of the IVBS in a limited way, caused for instance by linguistic and/or geographical reasons. The managing-committee decides on the acceptance into this category.
- 3.1.3 **Junior members** may become: Students of ophthalmic optics as well as ophthalmologists and orthoptists in training until one year after their graduation. The junior membership expires automatically at that time without the need for a notice of resignation.
- 3.1.4 **Honorary members** may become: Persons who have rendered outstanding services to the IVBS. They are recommended for nomination to the general assembly (GA) by the managing-committee.
- 3.1.5 **Senior members** may become by request: Persons who had been an active member for two years at least and who have withdrawn themselves from active professional life due to old age.

- 3.1.6 **Sustaining members** may become: Natural or legal persons who support the intentions of the IVBS financially or otherwise. The managing-committee decides on the acceptance into this category.
- 3.2 Extraordinary members
- 3.2.1 **Extraordinary members** may become: Persons who notably support the intentions of the IVBS, even if they do not practice the MVH themselves (e.g. personalities from teaching, science and research or from industry). They are recommended for nomination to the general assembly (GA) by the managing-committee.
- 3.3 Application for membership
- 3.3.1 The application for membership is to be addressed to the chairmanship in written form. They will verify the application and publish it in the next IVBS Info. At the end of a 30-day period from publication, during which there was no objection from members, the application is approved. The membership starts after payment of the membership fee for the time left of the accounting year.
- 3.3.2 If there is a justified objection by a member, the application for membership is to be suspended until the next regular general assembly (GA). The GA decides on the acceptance with absolute majority.
- 3.3.3 Notwithstanding the aforementioned regulation, the junior membership starts with receipt of a declaration of accession at the managing-committee.
- 3.4 Termination of membership
- The membership ends – with the exception of the junior membership – by termination in writing to the end of the accounting year with a notice period of three months or with expulsion by important cause. The managing-committee decides upon the existence of an important cause. As important cause counts, amongst others, the non-payment of the membership fee or a conduct detrimental to the association. An administrative appeal against this decision may be raised at the next GA. The GA decides with absolute majority of the present members entitled to vote.

Withdrawn or excluded members have no claim upon the funds of the association

§ 4 Rights and duties of the members

- 4.1 **Active members** have seat and vote in the GA. They are obligated to pay a membership fee.
- 4.2 **Passive members** have no vote, but may participate at the GA. They are obligated to pay a reduced membership fee.
- 4.3 **Junior members** have no vote, but may participate at the GA. They are exempted from paying the membership fee.
- 4.4 **Honorary members** have seat and vote in the GA. They are exempted from paying the membership fee.
- 4.5 **Senior members** have seat and vote in the GA. They are obligated to pay a reduced membership fee.
- 4.6 **Sustaining members** have no vote, but may participate at the GA. They constantly support the activity of the IVBS with donations and/or alternative achievements, e.g. equipment as a loan.
- 4.7 **Extraordinary members** have no vote, but may participate at the GA. They are exempted from paying the membership fee.
- 4.8 At withdrawal membership fees have to be payed until the end of the current accounting year.
- 4.9 Every member is obliged to support the goals of the IVBS until the end of the membership.
- 4.10 Commercial advertising with the membership in the IVBS, e.g. in advertisements, is not permitted. References to the membership in business documents and in business premises are permitted as well as links to the website of the IVBS.
- 4.11 All members are entitled to participate at the activities organized by the IVBS. When possible, benefits from the attendance at IVBS-events will be granted.

§ 5 Organization

The institutions of the association are:

- managing committee,
- scientific advisory council,
- general assembly,
- ballot vote,
- board of control,
- further organs.

§ 6 Managing-committee

6.1 The managing-committee is elected by the general assembly. The period of office is three years, reelection is possible.

The managing-committee consists of:

- president,
- vice-president,
- treasurer (bursar),
- actuary (secretary),
- scientific secretary,
- assessors.

6.2.1 President, vice-president, treasurer and actuary form the chairmanship. It constitutes a quorum when there are at least three members present.

6.2.2 The chairmanship can establish an office and determines its location, configuration and employment of staff.

6.2.3 The chairmanship determines the activities of the IVBS, in particular locations and dates of the annual congresses.

6.3 The **president** represents the association outwards and inwards. He presides meetings, coordinates the activities of the members of the managing-committee and organizes the operations of the association.

6.4 The **vice-president** represents the president according to agreement or at prevention.

6.5 The **treasurer** is responsible for correct book-keeping and for payment transactions.

6.6 The **actuary** is responsible for the outward correspondence, from and to the members, as well as for the proper keeping of the minutes of the managing-committee and the GA.

- 6.7 The **scientific secretary** is responsible for the publication of the lectures held at the congresses of the IVBS. He is furthermore responsible for the care of the internet presence of the IVBS.
- 6.8 The **assessors** are responsible for special tasks. For instance, from every country assessors can be elected who in the managing-committee act as regional contact person for the interests of the members of their country or their region respectively. Beyond that they assist the managing-committee in the exercise of its activities, particularly with the realization of congresses, seminars etc. in the respective countries or regions.
 - 6.8.1 The managing-committee can appoint provisional assessors as needed. These have to be nominated for election at the next GA.
 - 6.8.2 The spokesperson of the scientific advisory council (SAC) is assessor officially.
- 6.9 The **authority to sign** is arranged as follows:
 - 6.9.1 For all public-law responsibilities of the IVBS the president signs with another member of the managing-committee corporately.
 - 6.9.2 For ordinary payment transactions treasurer and president sign each with single signature. Authority to sign can be granted to the head of office by proxy.
 - 6.9.3 For ordinary correspondence single signature is permitted.
- 6.10 The managing-committee keeps a summary report of decisions about all meetings, which may be seen at the actuary on demand of a member. These reports must not be published, not in extracts either.

§ 7 **Scientific advisory council**

- 7.1 The scientific advisory council (SAC) consists of nine persons at the most, who should be members of IVBS as far as possible.

- 7.2 The scientific secretary belongs to the SAC officially. The other members of the SAC will annually be nominated for election at the GA by the managing-committee. Beyond that, the SAC may consult further persons to the meetings as guests because of current cause.
- 7.3 The members of the SAC elect a spokesperson who, in accordance with the chairmanship, coordinates the tasks of the SAC.
- 7.4 The main tasks of the SAC are:
- Editing of all professional information documents which will be issued by the IVBS,
 - consulting service for the managing-committee concerning the composition of the professional part of the yearly congress.

§ 8 General assembly

- 8.1 The general assembly (GA) is the topmost organ of the IVBS. It meets at least once a year, preferably in the second quarter of the calendar year in connection with the yearly congress.
- 8.2 The GA will be summoned by the managing-committee subject to a term of 42 days for the invitation and a draft of a temporary list of the items on the agenda.
- 8.3 Motions which shall be processed duly, have to be submitted to the president in writing at least 28 days ahead from the GA (date of the postmark).
- 8.4 Die GA includes at least the following agenda items:
- approval of the minutes of the previous GA,
 - annual reports,
 - annual accounts,
 - report of the board of control,
 - approval of the annual accounts,
 - exculpation of the managing-committee,
 - determination of budget and membership fees,
 - elections,
 - motions by members,
 - any other business.

- 8.5.1 The GA adopts its resolutions with absolute majority of the present members entitled to vote.
- 8.5.2 Determining for the resolution is the final list of agenda items.
- 8.5.3 If a change of the temporary list of the items on the agenda is necessary, the final list of agenda items has to be published at least ten days in advance of the GA on the website of the IVBS.
- 8.5.4 No decision can be made on not properly announced business.

§ 9 Ballot vote

- 9.1 The ballot vote contains the written voting of all members entitled to vote on decisions which are to be taken outside of the regular GA.
- 9.2 A ballot vote can be demanded by the managing-committee at all times or at a GA by at least 20% of the present members entitled to vote.
- 9.3 Members who request a ballot vote have to supply an adequate advance on expenses. At the next GA a request of refund may be placed.
- 9.4 The absolute majority of the votes, received within the period allotted, of at least 50% of the members entitled to vote decides upon the result of the ballot vote (exception: §17.1).

§ 10 Board of control

- 10.1 The GA elects three controllers among its members. The period of office amounts to one year. Reelection is permitted.
- 10.2 The controllers check book-keeping and annual accounts and propose a motion at the GA of acceptance or rejection of the annual accounts. The controllers are entitled to submit motions at the GA concerning the funds of the association.
- 10.3 They may ask for inspection of the book-keeping at any time.

§ 11 Further organs

By decision of the GA further organs may be established, the function of which is to be gathered from the minutes of the relevant GA.

§ 12 Accounting year

The accounting year runs from April 1st until March 31st of the following year.

§ 13 Means

- 13.1 The resources of the association consist of the membership fees, further grants and receipts from events (congresses, seminars, lectures etc.).
- 13.2 The maximum membership fee is sFr. 600,-.

§ 14 Liability

- 14.1 The funds of the association is exclusively liable for the commitments of the IVBS. Personal liability of members is excluded. There is no call liability for members.

§ 15 Relations to other associations with similar goals

- 15.1 Basic principle: The IVBS aims at being open to all aspects and to support the comprehension of its concerns. Cooperation or integration with other corporations (medical associations or working teams, orthoptic organizations, ophthalmic optician or optometrist associations and others) may be initiated by the managing-committee and recommended to the GA or decided by ballot vote, if this is beneficial for the goal of the IVBS.
- 15.2 Rivalry to or splitting of existing organizations are to be avoided.

§ 16 Revision of the statutes

Revisions of the statutes may be submitted for resolution at the next GA on application of the managing-committee or of at least five percent of the members. These have to be submitted for the attention of the members as regular resolution in due time to the GA. The approval may also be given by ballot vote.

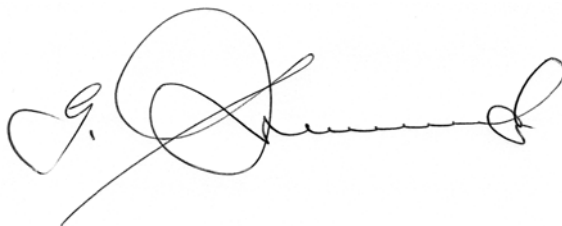
§ 17 Liquidation of the IVBS

- 17.1 The liquidation can be decided by the GA, if the majority of all members entitled to vote is present, or alternatively by ballot vote. In both cases the absolute majority of the members entitled to vote decides.
- 17.2 The officiating managing-committee is responsible for the liquidation. The GA or upon request of the managing-committee a ballot vote will decide upon the use of the possibly remaining financial means after the existing financial obligations have been deducted. The decision is made by the simple majority of the present members entitled to vote or of the received votes respectively.

§ 18 Place of jurisdiction

The place of jurisdiction is at the domicile of the association.

Approved by the constituent assembly on 12.05.1988 at Hotel Mövenpick, Egerkingen, Switzerland. Revised by ballot vote in December 1997, by decision of the GA in each case in June 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007 und 2009 as well as by ballot vote in January 2012 and decision of the GA in May 2012. Last revision by decision of the GA in May 2014.



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