



**INTERNATIONAL  
FELDENKRAIS  
FEDERATION (IFF)**

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*STATUTES*

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# **CHAPTER I — NAME, PURPOSE, AND HEADQUARTERS**

## **Article 1 — Name and Legal Form**

An association governed by the French Law of 1901 is hereby established between the undersigned and all persons adhering to these statutes. The association is called the International Feldenkrais Federation, abbreviated IFF. The Association is independent of any political or religious affiliation and shall not engage in activities of a political or religious nature.

## **Article 2 — Purpose**

The IFF aims to promote communication, cooperation, and mutual understanding among professional and educational bodies in the international Feldenkrais community; to support research, education, and public awareness of the Feldenkrais Method; and to contribute to the advancement of professional standards and ethical practice. The IFF acts in a spirit of service and collaboration, without interfering in the internal administration of its member organizations.

## **Article 3 — Means of Action**

To achieve its aims, the IFF may:

- Use the IFF Annual General Assembly as a forum for discussion and preparation of decision making among members, in addition to the Assembly's decision-making role
- Develop and support programs of cooperation, education, and research
- Collect, publish, translate, and distribute materials related to the Feldenkrais Method
- Organize meetings, forums, and assemblies
- Maintain archives and documentation
- Collaborate with national and international bodies
- Raise funds, employ staff, and enter into agreements or contracts consistent with its purposes

## **Article 4 — Duration**

The IFF is established for an unlimited duration.

## **Article 5 — Registered Office**

The registered office of the IFF is:

Maison des Associations du 11e arrondissement, Boîte 100, 8 rue Général Renault, 75011 Paris, France.

It may be transferred to another location in France by decision of the Board of Directors, subject to ratification by the Annual General Assembly.

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## CHAPTER II — MEMBERSHIP

### Article 6 — Membership Categories

The IFF is composed of recognized bodies within the Feldenkrais community. Membership may be held in one of two categories:

**1. Full Members:** may participate fully in the life of the IFF, vote at the General Assembly, and stand for election. Full members are:

a. Guilds or Associations of professional teachers/practitioners of the Feldenkrais Method, the majority of whose full members graduated from a Feldenkrais accredited training by any Training Accreditation Board recognized by the existing TABS or have been trained only by either Mia Segal or Yochanan Rywerant or Eli Wadler.

b. Family of Moshe Feldenkrais

**2. Associate Members:** may enjoy the services and facilities of the IFF and may participate in its meetings but may not vote or stand for election to official positions, with the exception that one of the IFF Board members may be from an Associate Member group. Those eligible to apply as Associate Members of the IFF include other recognized bodies in the Feldenkrais community.

Further criteria and procedures for admission are defined in the Internal Regulations.

### Article 7 — Termination of Membership

Membership may cease through:

- Voluntary resignation
- Dissolution of the member organization
- Non-payment of annual fees
- Serious breach of the Statutes, or
- For a serious reason, after the Members concerned have previously been called upon to provide an explanation before the Annual General Assembly

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## CHAPTER III — GOVERNANCE

### Article 8 — General Assembly

The General Assembly is the sovereign body of the IFF. It includes all Full and Associate Members represented by delegates in proportion to their respective membership numbers. The method for determining this proportion is decided at each Annual General Assembly and

is detailed in the Internal Regulations. Voting by proxy is permitted. Unless otherwise specified in these Statutes, decisions are adopted by simple majority of votes cast.

The Assembly meets at least once each year on convocation by the Board of Directors, which sets the date, place, and agenda. It can be held in person, remotely or hybrid (both at the same time). In the case of a remote or hybrid Assembly, the members who are not physically present can connect by video or audio conference. In case of a remote or hybrid Assembly, the convocations must include a connection link to join the Assembly.

The General Assembly:

- Receives and approves reports from the Board of Directors and committees
- Determines membership fees
- Reviews and approves accounts and budgets for the current financial period
- Elects the Board of Directors and its officers
- Considers and votes on matters and resolutions placed on the agenda

Voting procedures and proxy rules are further defined in the Internal Regulations.

## **Article 9 — Extraordinary General Assembly**

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the Board of Directors or at the request of at least half of the Full Members. It decides on amendments to the Statutes or dissolution of the association.

It can be held in person, remotely or hybrid (both at the same time). In the case of a remote or hybrid Assembly, the members who are not physically present can connect by video or audio conference. In case of a remote or hybrid Assembly, the convocations must include a connection link to join the Assembly.

A quorum for the alteration of Statutes, or dissolution of the IFF, requires two-thirds of the Full Members at the time of the initial Extraordinary General Assembly to be present or represented. If this quorum is not achieved, a majority is required of the Full Members present or represented at a second Extraordinary General Assembly, convened a minimum of fifteen days after the initial one. A majority vote of two thirds of Full Members entitled to do so is required to confirm an alteration of a statute or dissolution of the IFF.

## **Article 10 — Board of Directors (Officers)**

The IFF is administered by a Board of Directors composed of five (5) to seven (7) elected members, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director. All Board members are elected by the General Assembly from among Full Members, except that one Board member may come from an Associate Member organization, and the Treasurer may be any person of appropriate competence and integrity.

Board members serve three-year renewable terms. If a vacancy occurs during a term, the Board may appoint a temporary replacement until the next General Assembly.

The Board meets at least twice per year, in person or remotely. A simple majority of Board members constitutes a quorum. Decisions are adopted by simple majority.

The Officers—President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director—ensure the execution of Board decisions and the smooth running of the IFF.

- **The President** represents the IFF in all civil acts and legal proceedings, convenes meetings, and oversees implementation of programs and budgets.
- **The Vice President** assists the President and may act in their stead when necessary.
- **The Secretary** ensures proper administration, keeps minutes, and maintains official records.
- **The Treasurer** manages the financial affairs of the IFF under delegation of the President and prepares annual accounts.
- **The Director**, while holding equal standing on the Board, assists the Board and the President in carrying out IFF activities and special projects.

Detailed procedures for elections, responsibilities, and internal functions of the Board/Officers are defined in the Internal Regulations.

## **Article 11 — Internal Regulations**

Internal Regulations are established by the Board of Directors and submitted for approval to the General Assembly. They specify provisions not covered by these Statutes, including but not limited to detailed rules on membership, voting, meetings, committees, finances, and reimbursement.

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# **CHAPTER IV — FINANCES AND DISSOLUTION**

## **Article 12 — Financial Resources**

The resources of the IFF include:

- **Membership fees** — annual fees for Full members and Associate members are proposed by the Board of Directors and determined by the Annual General Assembly. Non-payment of the fee may result in suspension of membership rights. Internal Regulations define the periods and methods of collection
- State grants from departments (counties or states), communes (boroughs or parishes), public and semi-public establishments, and international bodies
- Income from publications, educational programs, and services
- Revenues from the sale or licensing of Feldenkrais Method resources, including documents, books, videos, photographs, and other materials
- Donations and legacies accepted in accordance with the law
- Any other lawful source consistent with its aims

## **Article 13 — Financial Year and Accounts**

The financial year runs from January 1 to December 31. Annual accounts are prepared by the Treasurer, reviewed by the Board of Directors, and approved by the General Assembly. An external auditor may be appointed when required by law, decision of the Board, or decision of the General Assembly.

## **Article 14 — Dissolution**

In case of dissolution decided by the Extraordinary General Assembly, one or more liquidators are appointed to carry out the liquidation. The remaining assets shall be transferred to one or more recognized non-profit organizations pursuing similar aims, or, failing that, to associations serving persons with disabilities.

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## **FINAL PROVISION**

*These Statutes were approved by the Extraordinary General Assembly of 2025 and replace those adopted in 1993 and revised in 1997, 1998, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2013, and 2022.*