

E.F.A.P.H.

European Federation of Associations of Patients with Hemochromatosis

STATUTES

(Law of July 1, 1901 - Decree of August 16, 1901)

## I – GOAL AND COMPOSITION OF THE FEDERATION.

Article 1: It is created between Associations of patients of Hemochromatosis in Europe, adherent with the present statutes, a Federation governed by the law of 1901, named "European Federation of Associations of patients with Hemochromatosis", (F.E.A.M.H. in summary), founded in 2004, on Sept. 11th 2004. *Its goal is to federate the whole of the Associations sensitized by Hemochromatosis, by taking actions in the field : prevention, tracking of the patients, training and information of their members and the public.*

Its duration is unlimited.

It has its registered office at " **Mr. Jean RIALLAND, 1 bld Jeanne d'Arc , 35000 RENNES.**" The registered office may be transferred on simple resolution of the Board of Directors.

Article 2: To carry out its objectives, the Federation delegates physical people to represent it near the various authorities of health international, national, regional, departmental, wards, medical and administrative, public and private, where its presence is necessary, and informs, by all the means at its disposal, the whole of its members and the public.

Article 3: E.F.A.P.H. is composed of Associations regularly declared in the Prefectures or Sub-prefectures of their respective Country or duly elected delegations, the goal of which is compatible with article 1 of these statutes. Associations founder are:

- A.H.O (Western Association of Hemochromatosis "Brittany- Country of the Loire")
- A.E.H (Asociacion Española de Hemocromatosis)
- A.H.B (Associatie Hemochromatosis van België)

The Board of directors decides by vote at the time of new requests for adhesion in conformity with article 1 of the statutes.

All adherent Associations were initially ensured of the conformity of their decision compared to their own statutes, and obtained the agreement according to cases of their their General meeting or Board of directors.

They designate duly elected representatives, a holder and a substitute, entitled by their vote to engage their Association within the limit of these statutes. Each adherent Association has the same capacity, as well within the General Meeting as the Board of Directors.

They pay every year a financial participation fixed by the preceding ordinary General meeting.

Article 4: The quality of adherent Association may be lost by:

- a) the resignation, decided under the articles by the General meeting or the Board of directors of known as Association ; a three-month's notice is necessary before the end of the current exercise – set on December 31<sup>st</sup> ;
- b) The dissolution of this Association or a substantial alteration of its statutes depriving it of its characteristics as defined by article 1 of EFAPH statutes ;
- c) ***The striking off pronounced by the EFAPH Board of directors, on grounds of repeated absences, lack of payment of the contribution or on serious grounds, after the president of the Association in question or its duly mandated representative has been invited by recorded delivery letter to stand before the Board of Directors and give explanations.***

Article 5: The resources of the Federation come from:

- 1) the amount of the import duties and of annual or exceptional contributions ;
- 2) State or European Community subventions, regional or departmental councils' grants, communal subventions and public or private establishments;
- 3) donations or provisions of services, of any nature in conformity with the law, either they come from natural persons or legal entities.

## II - ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION.

Article 6: The Federation is managed by a Council made up duly elected representatives entitled to vote in the name of their Association. These Associations must be up to date of their contribution.

The Council indicates within its members, at least, one president, one secretary, one treasurer, with ***if possible for each station an assistant, allowing to ensure the continuity of the functions in the event of impediment.***

The designation is carried out by vote with secret ballot once per annum, the term of the office of the administrators being fixed at one year.

The outgoing members can be re-elected.

In case of vacancy, the Council provides temporarily for the replacement with its members. Their replacement is carried out by the next General meeting.

The responsibilities within the Board of directors are redefined each year, after the General meeting. The Council can designate delegates of authorities chosen obligatorily among the administrators or the active members of adherent Associations.

Article 7: The Bureau includes/understands the president, the secretary, the treasurer, or associates to them in the event of impediment.

It applies the decisions of Board of directors, and dispatches current business.

Article 8: ***The Council meets at least three times per annum, including the statutory General meeting.***

***The presence of half of the members of the Board of directors is necessary to validate its proceedings.***

***The decisions are taken in the majority of the voices of present or represented Associations.***

An official report of the meetings is held which will have to be approved by the following Board of directors and signed by the president and the secretary. They are established without blanks, nor erasures, on numbered sheets and preserved at the head office of F.E.A.M.H.

In case of absence without excuse to three consecutive meetings, the representative of an Association could be regarded as resigning.

Article 9: The functions are voluntary, no remuneration can be perceived by the members of the Board. ***However, the expenses and outlays caused by the achievement of their mandate could be refunded to the administrators on presentation of a receipt.***

Article 10: The General meeting of EFAPH includes the duly elected, incumbent and temporary representatives, and ***is opened to the members of the Boards of adherent Associations.***

It meets once per annum on convocation of its president or on the request of the quarter at least of its members.

The various moral reports of activity and financial ones, as well as the orientations, projects, actions to come, subjected to the vote of the General meeting, will have to arrive to each adherent Association sufficiently early and at least two months before the date of the General Meeting, in order to collect the critical votes, opinions, suggestions and critics which will be consigned in the report of the General Meeting.

The convocations are sent in advance: they specify the agenda and the votes. They are addressed to the members of the board of directors of F.E.A.M.H and to the president of each adherent Association, with load for him to inform the members of them of his turnover.

The office of the General meeting is that of the Board of directors.

Article 11: The General meeting approves the account of the closed exercise, votes the budget of the following exercise, deliberates on the questions put on the agenda.

The annual report and the accounts are addressed each year to all the members of Association.

***Article 12: Extraordinary general meeting:  
if need be, or at the request of half plus one of the registered members,***

***the president can convene an Extraordinary General meeting, according to the formalities envisaged by article 10.***

Article 13: The expenditures are scheduled by the president who represents the Federation in court and in all the acts of the civil life. The president can delegate his powers.

The Federation must be ensured taking into consideration his responsibilities.

The president and the members of the Board of directors must enjoy the full exercise of their civil rights.

Article 14: It is held a day-to-day accountancy in accordance with the texts, decrees and laws in force. This accountancy is public and can be viewed on simple request.

Article 15: Rules of procedure, intended to fix various points of operation not envisaged at the statutes, in particular those having to do with the internal administration of the Federation, can be established by the Board of directors which then makes it approved by the General meeting.

### III - CHANGES, MODIFICATIONS AND DISSOLUTION.

Article 16: Any alteration under consideration of the statutes must be proposed by the Board of directors and be entered on the agenda of the Extraordinary General meeting. ***It must collect at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voices of the members attending the Extraordinary General meeting, and to represent at least fifty percent (50%) of the totality of the active members up-to-date with their subscriptions .***

In accordance to the law, the president must make known with the Prefecture of Brittany, within three months, of all the changes occurred in the administration or the direction of the Federation as all the modifications made to their statuts.

These modifications and changes are moreover consigned in the report of the General meeting and initialed by the president and the secretary of the session.

Article 17: the dissolution of the Federation can only be pronounced that by an Extraordinary General meeting convened especially to this effect.

The number of active members attending the Extraordinary General meeting will have to be equal to or higher than fifty percent (50%) of the totality of the active members up-to-date with their subscription.

The majority approving dissolution will have to be equal to or higher than seventy-five percent (75%) of the attending active members.

The Extraordinary General meeting appoints one or more commissioners in charge of liquidation with the goods of the Federation within the framework of the legislation in force.

It allots the net credit in accordance with article 9 of the 1901law and with the decree of August 16, 1901.

The dissolution must be declared to the Prefecture of the registered office.

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the President, the secretary.