

**Articles of
Association of the
Europäische Gesellschaft für Eisenstoffwechsel
(“European Iron Club”)**

Section 1

The name of the association is: *Europäische Gesellschaft für Eisenstoffwechsel* and in English: *European Iron Club*. The club is registered in Innsbruck.

Section 2

The aim of the European Iron Club is to promote education and research into the importance of iron in fields of biology and medicine. This objective is being pursued through the following activities:

- (1) Organisation of training courses and other educational activities or events;
- (2) Promotion of scientific knowledge through the dissemination of research findings via conferences, webinars, workshops and other events;
- (3) The awarding of grants to trainees to enable them to attend the Club’s scientific events;
- (4) The awarding of prizes for outstanding scientific ideas or achievements
- (5) The promotion of collaboration and the exchange of information between various academic disciplines through partnerships with charitable and non-charitable organisations with similar objectives;
- (6) The funds required to achieve the objectives of the club are raised through annual membership fees, donations, conferences and grants.

Section 3

The purpose of the club is exclusively and directly one of public benefit. Any profits may only be used for the purposes specified in these Articles of Association.

- (1) Members do not receive a share of the profits.
- (2) Should members leave the club or should the club be dissolved or wound up, the members shall forego their share of the club’s assets.

Section 4

Membership of the club is open to the following individuals:

- (1) Scientists and healthcare professionals working in the field of iron metabolism;
- (2) Medical or research trainees, such as undergraduates, PhD students and postdoctoral researchers;
- (3) Professionals working in the field of iron metabolism, such as pharmacists, nurses, physiotherapists, technologists, nutritionists and dietitians;
- (4) Other persons who are interested in supporting the goals of the club.

All members must apply for membership and give their consent to become a member. Legal entities may join the club exclusively as supporting members. The Executive Committee reserves the right to make the final decision on the admission of members. Admission may be refused without reasons being given.

Section 5

All members, with the exception of supporting members, are entitled to use the club's facilities. All members have the right to vote (legal entities exercise this right through authorised representatives) as well as the right to stand for election and to vote in elections. Supporting members and their representatives are not eligible to stand for election. All members are obliged to pay the annual membership fees, the amount of which is determined by the general meeting on the recommendation of the executive committee. All members are to do their utmost to further the objectives of the club.

Section 6

Membership ceases upon the death of a natural person, the dissolution of a legal entity, by resignation or expulsion. Resignation from the club must be notified to the Executive Committee in writing and may only take place at the end of the financial year (the financial year corresponds to the calendar year). The general meeting is responsible for the expulsion of members.

Section 7

The club has the following governing bodies:

- (1) The Executive Committee
- (2) The General Meeting
- (3) The Auditors
- (4) The Arbitration Tribunal.

Section 8

The Executive Committee consists of three members. The members of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Meeting for a term of three years. Each member of the Executive Committee may be re-elected up to three times. The members of the Executive Committee serve in an honorary capacity. They will only be reimbursed for their documented expenses. The Executive Committee is responsible for managing the administrative affairs of the club, preparing the Annual General Meeting and maintaining links with other international and national societies. The Executive Committee has a quorum when three of its members are present. Its decisions are taken by a simple majority.

The Executive Committee elects a chairperson, a treasurer and a secretary from among its members. Each serve for a term of three years. The chairperson represents the club externally, chairs the Executive Committee and signs the club's official documents. The treasurer is responsible for the financial affairs of the club. The secretary is responsible for membership administration and acts as the representative of the chairperson in their absence.

Section 9

The general meeting is held annually. Extraordinary general meetings may be convened if the interests of the club so require, or if at least one-tenth of the members request such a meeting in writing, stating the purpose and reasons. Invitations to general meetings are sent in writing, accompanied by the agenda. Every member has the right to make requests regarding the agenda.

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Every member has the right to attend and vote at the general meeting. General meetings may be held in person or virtually. The general meeting shall constitute a quorum if at least 5% of the members are present. Should the general meeting not have a quorum at the appointed time, a general meeting with the same agenda shall be held half an hour later, which shall have a quorum regardless of the number of members present. Unless otherwise provided for in the Articles of Association, the general meeting shall take decisions by a simple majority of votes. Resolutions regarding amendments to the Articles of Association or the dissolution of the club require a two-thirds majority of the members present. Minutes must be taken of the resolutions passed at the general meeting, and these must be signed by the chair of the executive committee.

Section 11

The general meeting is responsible for the following tasks:

- (1) Election of the executive committee.
- (2) Approval of the executive committee's annual report.
- (3) Resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association and the dissolution of the club.
- (4) Setting the annual membership fee.
- (5) Election of the auditors.

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- (1) Two auditors are elected by the general meeting for a term of three years. Re-election is permitted.
- (2) The auditors are responsible for the day-to-day monitoring of the business of the club and for auditing the financial statements. They must report to the general meeting on the outcome of the audit.
- (3) In addition, the provisions governing the appointment, removal and resignation of the governing bodies apply mutatis mutandis to the auditors.

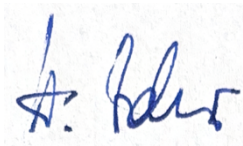
Section 13

The arbitration tribunal shall settle all disputes arising from membership of the association. The tribunal shall be constituted in such a way that each party to the dispute nominates a member of the club to act as an arbitrator.

They shall appoint a chairperson of the arbitration tribunal (in the event of a deadlock, the chairperson shall be chosen by lot from among the nominees). The arbitration tribunal shall constitute a quorum when all of its members are present and shall take final decisions by a simple majority of votes.

Section 14

In the event of the dissolution of the club, the club's assets shall be used for charitable or benevolent purposes within the meaning of Sections 34 et seqq. of the Federal Tax Code (BAO), as determined by the general meeting convening the dissolution.



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