

Friends of the Research Centre Borstel Association

STATUTES

§ 1 Name, registered office and financial year

1. The association bears the name "Friends of the Research Centre Borstel e.V.", hereinafter referred to as "the Association".
2. Until 26 April 2017, the association was named "Verein zur Erforschung infektiologischer und allergischer Prozesse e.V. (VEIAP)" (Association for Research into Infectious and Allergic Processes).
3. The association has its registered office in 23845 Borstel and is entered in the register of associations at the Bad Segeberg Local Court.
Segeberg.
4. The financial year runs from 1 October to 30 September.

§ 2 Purpose

1. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable and benevolent purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.
2. The purpose of the association is to promote science and research, the preservation of historical monuments, public health and public health care.
3. The purpose of the statutes is realised through the conceptual and financial promotion of the goals and significance of the Research Centre Borstel.
4. The purpose of the statutes is realised in particular through the following measures:
 - (a) Promotion of research projects carried out at the Research Centre Borstel and its clinic
 - (b) Awarding of prizes and scholarships as well as grants for conference travel
 - (c) Providing information and education about the activities, goals and developments of the Research Centre Borstel
 - (d) Supporting and organising lectures, conferences, and training and education measures
 - (e) Cooperation with non-profit corporations, associations, organisations and public institutions in the fields of science and medicine
 - (f) Provision of material resources and donations to preserve the cultural significance of the Research Centre Borstel
 - (g) Support for indigent or needy patients during their stay at the clinic
5. The association is a non-profit organisation; it does not primarily pursue its own economic interests.
6. The association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with its statutes.
7. The members of the association do not receive any payments from the association's funds in their capacity as members.
8. The association is politically and religiously neutral.
9. The exercise of offices in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association is voluntary.

§ 3 Membership

1. Any natural or legal person or association of persons who is willing to promote the objectives and purposes of the association on a long-term basis may become a member.
2. Supporting members are members who are not actively involved in the association but who promote and support the objectives and purposes of the association in an appropriate manner.

§ 4 Rights and obligations of members

1. Members have the right to submit motions to the executive committee and the general meeting.
2. Voting rights at the general meeting shall be exercised by personal attendance.

§ 5 Commencement and termination of membership

1. Membership must be applied for in writing to the executive committee. The executive committee shall decide on the written application for membership by a simple majority of votes. The executive committee is not obliged to inform the applicant of the reasons for rejection; there is no entitlement to membership.
2. Changes in membership status (from active membership to supporting membership) must be notified to the Executive Board in writing, without this affecting the obligation to pay membership fees for the current association year. There is no deadline for notifying the Executive Board of such changes.
3. Membership ends through voluntary resignation, expulsion, death of the member or loss of legal capacity in the case of legal entities.
4. Voluntary termination of membership must be declared to the Executive Board in writing at the end of the financial year.
5. A member may be expelled with immediate effect and for good cause if the member grossly violates the Articles of Association, regulations, the purpose of the Articles of Association or the interests of the association. The Executive Board shall decide on the expulsion of a member by a simple majority of votes. An appeal against this decision
, an appeal may be lodged with the general meeting, which shall decide by a simple majority. Both bodies shall give the person concerned the opportunity to be heard orally before the decision is taken.
6. Upon termination of membership, regardless of the reason, all claims arising from the membership relationship shall expire. A refund of contributions, donations or other support payments is generally excluded. The association's claim to outstanding contribution payments remains unaffected by this.

§ 6 Membership fees

The amount of the annual membership fees, sponsorship contributions, admission fees and other contributions shall be determined by the currently valid membership fee regulations, which are decided by the general meeting. Retroactive changes to the membership fee regulations are not permitted.

§ 7 Subsidy regulations

1. The applicable funding regulations stipulate the use of the association's non-earmarked funds in order to ensure the appropriate distribution of funding among the measures and tasks specified in §2(2).
2. The funding regulations are decided by the general meeting. Retroactive changes to the funding regulations are not permitted.

§ 7 Organs of the association

The organs of the association are

1. the general meeting
2. the executive committee.

§ 8 General meeting

1. The supreme organ of the association is the general meeting. It has the following tasks in particular:
 1. Receiving and discussing the annual reports,
 2. Approving the annual accounts following the report of the cash auditors
 3. Discharging the Executive Board
 4. Electing the Executive Board in election years,
 5. to decide on the Articles of Association, amendments to the Articles of Association and the dissolution of the Association,
 6. to elect the cash auditor, who may not be a member of the executive committee or an employee of the association.
2. An ordinary general meeting shall be convened by the association's executive committee as required, but at least once per financial year. The invitation shall be sent in writing or by e-mail by the executive committee at least four weeks in advance, together with the provisional agenda, to the last known address of the member.
3. The agenda of the ordinary general meeting shall include the following items in particular:
 - Report of the executive committee,
 - Report of the cash auditor,
 - Discharge of the executive committee,
 - Election of a cash auditor, if due,
 - Adoption of membership fee regulations and subsidy regulations,
 - Resolution on submitted motions.
4. Motions from members for the agenda must be submitted to the association's executive committee in writing or by e-mail at least one week before the general meeting. Later motions, including those submitted during the general meeting, must be added to the agenda if the majority of voting members present at the general meeting agree to consider the motions. Motions to amend

the statutes or the composition of the executive committee must be submitted at least four weeks before the general meeting.

5. The executive committee shall convene an extraordinary general meeting without delay if this is in the interests of the association or if at least one quarter of the association members entitled to vote request this in writing from the executive committee.
6. The first chairperson or one of their deputies shall chair the general meeting. At the suggestion of a chairperson, the general meeting may appoint a special chairperson.
7. Resolutions of the general meeting shall be recorded in minutes and signed by a member of the executive committee authorised to represent the association and the minute-taker. The minutes may be inspected by any member.

§ 9 Voting rights / Quorum

1. Active members of legal age and honorary members are entitled to vote.
2. Supporting members are not entitled to vote.
3. Each member has one vote. Voting rights may only be exercised in person. Voting rights may not be transferred.
4. The general meeting has a quorum if at least six members with voting rights are present. If there is no quorum, the executive committee shall convene another general meeting. This meeting shall have a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
5. The general meeting shall pass its resolutions by a simple majority. Abstentions and invalid votes shall not be taken into account. In the event of a tie, the motion shall be deemed rejected.
6. Votes on personnel matters shall be conducted in writing and by secret ballot if a member so requests.
7. Amendments to the Articles of Association require a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote. The dissolution of the Association requires a three-quarters majority of those present and entitled to vote.
8. Amendments to the Articles of Association shall be communicated to all members of the association in writing.

§ 10 Executive Committee

1. The Executive Board is composed as follows:
 - a 1st chairperson
 - one second chairperson
 - one treasurer
 - one secretary
 - as well as one assessor.
2. The members of the executive committee are elected by the general meeting for a term of two years. Re-election of members of the executive committee is permitted. After expiry of their term of office, the members of the executive committee remain in office until their successors take office.

3. The Executive Board manages the work of the association. It may adopt rules of procedure and may distribute special tasks among its members or appoint committees to deal with them.
4. The executive committee may admit or invite guests to meetings and conferences.
5. The executive committee within the meaning of Section 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB) consists of the first chairperson, the second chairperson, the treasurer and the secretary. Two members of the executive committee represent the association in and out of court.
6. The Executive Board decides by simple majority vote. The Executive Board has a quorum if at least three members are present or agree to a resolution by circular vote, which is carried out in writing or by e-mail. In the event of a tie, the motion is deemed rejected.
7. Resolutions of the executive committee are recorded in the minutes of the meeting and signed by at least two members of the executive committee authorised to represent the association.
8. If a member of the Executive Board resigns before the end of his or her term of office, the Executive Board is entitled to appoint a temporary member of the Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board appointed in this manner shall remain in office until the next General Meeting.

§ 11 Cash auditor

1. A cash auditor shall be elected at the annual general meeting.
2. The cash auditor is responsible for checking accounting documents and their proper recording and use of funds, as well as determining the cash balance for the past financial year at least once a year. The audit does not extend to the appropriateness of the expenses incurred by the executive committee. The cash auditor shall inform the general meeting of the results of the cash audit.

§ 12 Dissolution of the association

In the event of dissolution or termination of the association or discontinuation of its previous purpose, the association's assets shall fall to the Borstel Research Centre, which shall use them exclusively and directly for charitable purposes.

§ 13 Liquidators

The members of the Executive Board who are authorised to represent the association shall be appointed as liquidators, unless the General Meeting decides otherwise.

The above content of the Articles of Association was adopted by the General Meeting on 26 April 2017. The Executive Board signs as follows:

Chair

11.5.17 
Date, signature Christian Herzmann

Deputy Chair

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Date, signature O. Holst

Treasurer

8.5.17 
Date, signature Norbert Reiling

Secretary

3.5.17 
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Assessor

10.5.2017 
Date, Signature Heinz Fehrenbach