

# INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## INPSySR

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#### Article 1: Name, Registered Address

1.1. The Network shall be referred to in the following way:  
International Network of Psychologists for Social Responsibility.  
**abbreviated INPSySR**

1.2. The Network is a non-registered organisation. Its contact information will be located at: [www.inpsysr.org](http://www.inpsysr.org).

#### Article 2: Definitions

2.1. In the context of INPSySR, a Member Organisation of the Network is a national or regional organisation, or its substructure (association, division, section or committee), of psychologists, which exists to promote the goals of the movement of Psychologists for Social Responsibility as specified in Article 3.

2.2. A psychologist is a person who has graduated in psychology from a university or equivalent institute of higher education, having undertaken a course in psychology recognized by his/her national psychological association, and who has fulfilled the criteria for professional status prescribed by that association.

2.3. In countries where there is legal recognition of psychologists, psychologists are those who are entitled, by law or through registration, to call themselves psychologists and to practise professionally as such.

#### Article 3: Aims of the Network

The Network strives for the following aims:

- To unite the efforts of psychological organisations around the world in which psychologists currently are involved in peace, conflict resolution, and social justice activities.
- To promote communication and co-operation between psychologists and their organisations in the area of social responsibility
- To support Member Organisations in developing their work in their own countries.
- To facilitate contacts with international bodies of psychology and related disciplines and to be an important source of advice to international institutions, government departments and to political and social organisations.
- To promote social responsibility in the practice and development of psychology.

#### Article 4: Promotion of the aims of the Network

The aims of the Network shall be promoted especially by:

4.1. Arranging contacts between the Member Organisations with various media.

4.2. Establishing relations with relevant national and international organisations and administrative bodies.

4.3. Collating and disseminating information concerning research and professional matters related to the area of social responsibility (training, research programs, ethics, professional organization)

4.4. Arranging regular conferences, seminars and meetings for psychologists – especially in conjunction with the International, European and other wider regional conferences.

4.5. Facilitating links between interested professionals in countries where there is no established psychological organisation for peace or social responsibility.

## **Article 5: Admission of members**

5.1. An organisation (as defined in article 2) is eligible for membership of the Network, if the aims, statutes and rules of the organisation are in accord with the Definitions (Art. 2) and Aims (Art. 3) of the Network

5.2. Application for membership has to be made in writing to the Network. The Network will determine the result of the application. A written decision will be given to the applicant. The Network does not have to justify its decision.

## **Article 6: Termination of membership**

6.1. Membership of the Network shall be terminated in the following conditions:

- a. dissolution of a Member Organisation,
- b. withdrawal of a Member Organisation from the Network,
- c. expulsion from the Network.

6.2. Dissolution or withdrawal

When a Member Organisation is in the process of dissolving itself, it should notify the Network in writing as early as possible. Withdrawal from the Network shall be notified in writing to the Network.

6.3. Expulsion

6.3.1. A Member Organisation can be expelled from the Network in the case where there are Actions taken that are deemed to be in disagreement with, or in contravention of, the regulations or aims of the Network.

6.3.2. Termination of the membership of an association by way of expulsion must be recommended by the Network Steering Group and finally decided by the Network General Meeting.

## **Article 7: Obligations of the members**

7.1. The Member Organisations shall observe the regulations of the Network, and shall promote its aims.

7.2. Member Organisations shall inform the Network about their activities and any substantial changes to their structure or statutes.

## **Article 8: Constituent parts of the Network**

The Network has the following organs:

8.1. The Network General Meeting is a meeting of the Network, which usually takes place during an International or European or other wider regional Congress of psychology annually.

8.2. The Network Steering Group consists of 3-10 representatives of the Member Associations. The members of the Steering Group are elected among the representatives of the Member Organisations. The election is decided by the Network General Meeting. The Steering Group operates the Network between Network Meetings.

8.3. The Network can establish an Expert Group or Groups for certain purposes, e.g. for a project to give advice to international bodies and authorities on matters relevant to the area of social responsibility. An Expert Group reports to the Network Steering Group.

## **Article 9: The Network General Meeting**

9.1. The following persons may attend the Network General Meeting: delegates of Member Organisations, members of the Network Working Groups, and any other persons invited as guests by the Network Steering Group. The Network General Meeting is recommended to be held open to all individuals interested in the activities of the Network. Each member organisation has one vote in the meeting.

9.2. Announcement of a Network Meeting has to be made at least four months before the Network Meeting, and should contain preliminary information concerning the agenda and place and dates of the meeting.

## **Article 10: Tasks of the Network General Meeting**

- 10.1. The Network General Meeting elects the members of the Steering Group for the following two years.
- 10.2. The Network General Meeting considers the report of the Steering Group for approval.
- 10.3. The Network General Meeting decides upon the activity plan for the next period.
- 10.4. The Network General Meeting concludes the nomination of applications for membership and expulsion from membership.
- 10.5 The Network Meeting can include any other item on the agenda.
- 10.6. The Minutes of the Network General Meetings should be submitted for confirmation to the Network Steering Group and they should be finally accepted by the following Network General Meeting.

## **Article 11: The Steering Group**

- 11.1 The Steering Group meets whenever the interest of the Network requires it or when 1 member asks for a meeting. The quorum is at least half of the members, these include members who have been consulted presently or previously on the issue at hand, for example by means of email. Votes are by simple majority.
- 11.2. The members of the Steering Group are elected for two years by the Network Meeting.
- 11.3. The Steering Group elects a Chairperson and a Secretary General among its members.
- 11.4. The Steering Group may invite relevant persons to attend any meeting of the Steering Group as an observer.
- 11.5. The Steering Group shall meet at least twice per year.
- 11.6. No member can serve on the Steering Board for more than ten (10) years.
- 11.7. Not more than two representatives of one Member Organisation may be elected to the Steering Group.
- 11.8. All Steering Group members shall have deputies from the same Member Organisation in case they would be unable to participate in a meeting or a decision or would resign from the duty before the two years time has passed.

## **Article 12: Tasks and meetings of the Steering Group**

12. The Steering Group has the following duties and powers:
  - a. To prepare an activity plan for the next year (or two years) to each Network General Meeting.
  - b. To present an activity report to each Network General Meeting.
  - c. In general, to make all decisions necessary for the operation of the Network and the realization of its aims, in the intervals between Network General Meetings.
  - d. Minutes of the meetings of the Steering Group are to be made available to the Member Associations.

## **Article 13: Finances of the Network**

13. The Network will carry no membership fees. Its activities are funded by
  - a) Member Organisations who are responsible for the costs of their representatives in the Network activities and by
  - b) possible project funding which will be separately agreed upon.

## **Article 14: Language**

14. The working language of the Network is English.

**Article 15: Change of the Regulations**

15. Change of the regulations is subject to a majority vote in the Network Steering Group and a consecutive Network General Meeting.