

STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN EARLY MUSIC NETWORK

I. General provisions

Article 1.

All those who hereby adhere voluntarily to this Statute, set up thereby the European Association of early music, governed by the French law of the first of July 1901 and the decree of the sixteenth of August 1901. Its name shall be the European Early Music Network – E.E.M.N.

(In the text below referred to as « the Association »)

Article 2.

The Association acts as an autonomous cultural and professional organization, according to the terms of its Statute.

Article 3.

The Association's registered office will be in Ambronay, c/o Association Art et Musique, Place Thollon, B.P. 3, 01500 Ambronay, France.

II. Objectives and tasks of the Association

Article 4.

The main objectives of the Association are as follows :

4.1 To **cooperate** in the discovery and development of the European heritage of music on period instruments with an interpretation informed by the historic process, based on the work and the research of musicologists.

4.2 To **inform** all the members – possibly also by the creation of a special European « information bank ».

4.3 To **bring to light new talents** : To pick out and support emerging talents : directors, interpreters, producers, choreographers, artists and composers.

4.4 To **promote the programming of early music** : to favour the promotion of productions and convince programmers of the quality and the interest of the productions.

4.5 **Sensibilize a broad public** : organize European tours thanks to the network, and associate television and radio partners and all modern technology that can contribute to the widest possible impact.

4.6 **Commision of new works.**

Article 5.

In the implementation of its objectives, the Association in particular will :

5.1 Organize congresses and conferences as well as symposia on the problems concerning the discovery and the development of the European heritage on period instruments, as well as of the European heritage of music.

5.2 Cooperate with related and other associations, organizations and institutions ;

5.3 Stimulate the development and the integration of pedagogy of early music and the promotion of young interpreters thanks to the issue of information and of the recording of their work ;

5.4 To insure publication of the compendiums from the symposia, congresses, and conferences in the music field : Sending of News letters, Creation of a possible European « information bank », and of an inventory of early music and its performance.

5.5 Foster the knowledge of early music, of research and of studies. The Association will create tools in order to win new audiences and to support the dialogue between young musicians and the production of new works.

III. Membership of the Association.

Article 6.

The members of the Association are :

- Regular members
- Associate members
- Extraordinary members
- Honorary members

6.1. Regular member can only be juridical persons, associations or public organizations, who are active as organizers and promoters of early music. Ensembles (orchestras and choirs) can not be regular members of the network. Only regular members may benefit from any resultant subsidy from the European Community. The membership fee will be fixed by the Executive Committee. The regular members are directly involved in the policy and the development of the Association. They have election and voting rights at meetings.

6.2. Associate members can be any organization whose objectives correspond to the purpose of the Association's Statutes. Associate members have an advisory capacity at the General Assembly. The membership fee will be fixed by the Executive Committee. They have an advisory capacity at meetings.

6.3. Extraordinary members can be all persons who support the purpose of the Association. Extraordinary members have an advisory capacity at the General Assembly. The membership fee will be fixed at the Executive Committee..

6.4. Honorary members can be all physical and juridical persons who have achieved particular distinction in promotion of early music. They have advisory capacity at meetings..

All members are obliged to pay before the end of the fiscal year (31th of December in France) the membership fee will be fixed by the General Assembly.

Article 7.

Applications for membership in the Association are sent to the Executive Committee which may decide to present the application to the General Assembly.

7.1. The General Assembly will proceed as follows :

- *They admit regular, associate and extraordinary members*
- *They elect honorary members.*

7.2 Regular, associate and extraordinary members shall be admitted by a decision of 2/3 majority of the Executive Committee before the presentation to the General Assembly.

7.3 Honorary members shall be elected by the General Assembly, upon proposal by the Executive Committee with a 2/3 majority.

Article 8.

Membership shall be terminated by :

8.1 Withdrawal from the Association ;

8.2 Exclusion by the Executive Committee upon a proposal by the Board in case one or more conditions of admission are no longer met or when such member grossly and persistently fails in its duties as a member, in particular if it does not punctually pay the membership fee ;

8.3 Death in case of physical persons and dissolution in case of juridical persons.

IV. Organs of the Association

Article 9.

The organs of the Association are the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, the Board.

Article 10.

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the Association.

10.1. The General Assembly is composed of delegates with the right to vote (regular members). All the regular members have the right to participate at the General Assembly with the right to vote from the day of payment of their membership fees. The other members of the Association can participate at the General Assembly with a consultative role. The members of the Executive Committee and the former presidents of the Association are, by virtue of their positions, members of the General Assembly. The members of the Artistic Council who are not appointed as delegates may attend the General Assembly while having a consulting role. The Board may invite other persons to attend the General Assembly in their capacity as experts.

10.2 The General Assembly is held at least once a year. It will be convened by :

- the President ;
- the president on the request of at least 1/3 of the regular members of the Association having paid their membership fees ;
- paid up members, in the event of the President not having convened the Assembly as required above.

10.3 Notice of the General Assembly shall be conveyed to all members at least one month in advance.

10.4 The General Assembly shall have a quorum with the presence of at least 1/3 of its regular members present or represented. Decisions concerning changes of the Statutes will be taken with a 2/3 majority, concerning the dissolution of the Association with a 2/3 majority, all other decisions with a majority of the members present or represented : The quorum of the majority is necessary for the validity of the deliberations of the General Assembly. In case the quorum is not reached, a second General Assembly is convened within 15 days, and it then deliberates validly even without a quorum.

10.5 The General Assembly shall solely be responsible of the following matters :

- election of the members of the Executive Committee ;
- election of the auditors ;
- acceptance of the treasurer's financial report and the auditor's report ;
- ratification of the actions of the Executive Committee ;
- membership of the Association in other organizations ;
- amendment of the Statutes and approval of the Rules of Procedure ;
- the dissolution of the association and the disposal of the Association's assets ;
- all other matters concerning the Association.

10.6 An extraordinary General Assembly, with the same rights as a regular General Assembly, may be held when necessary, in the interests of the Association.

Article 11.

The President of the Association is at the same time President of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee. The President will be elected for a period of two year and can be reelected twice. The Vice-Presidents and the other members of the Board are elected for a period of four years and can be reelected.

Article 12.

The Executive Committee is the executive organ of the Association.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President , the Vice Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer and from 10 to 20 delegates from a maximum of national or international organizations and associations

representing a maximum of countries and activities, all regular members of the Association. They can only be

reelected twice within the Executive Committee in the same function. The Secretary General is a member of the Executive Committee by ex officio. The Artistic Council may be convened together with the

Executive Committee.

The former Presidents and the presidents of the commissions shall be invited for meetings of the Executive Committee with a consultative vote.

The other members of the Executive Committee are elected for a period of four years, and they may be reelected.

A majority of a third part of its members constitutes a quorum of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the President or the Vice-Presidents, or on request of the President by the Secretary General or the Associations Administrator.

The delegates of the member associations are to be indicated by the relevant authorities of these associations and their names and addresses be communicated to the Board before an Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible of the following matters :

- The representation and authority of the Association is the privilege of the President and the Vice-Presidents ;
- The Treasurer, together with the President or Vice-Presidents, shall be responsible for the financial transactions of the Association . The President shall be entitled to delegate the daily business dealings to the Administrator, including financial matters and the power to sign documents. The Administrator shall receive a financial remuneration from the Association .
- Minutes shall be made of the proceedings of the meetings, which will be approved at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee shall be responsible for all financial and administrative matters of the Association.
- The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the acceptance and exclusion of members.
- The Executive Committee shall control the management, and all other activities relative to the purposes of the Association.

Article 13.

The Executive Committee shall elect a Board from among its own members comprising :

- a President ;
- at least one Vice-President ;
- a Secretary General ;
- a Treasurer.

The Board will be elected for four years except for the President who will be elected for one year. If one Member withdraws before the end of the mandate all the members are to be reelected. The President and the

Vice-Presidents are responsible of the representation of the Association. The President, the Vice-Presidents and

the Treasurer are responsible for all the financial transactions. The Secretary General provides the link between the board, the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, and the administration.

Article 14.

The General Assembly elects one or two auditors. The auditors shall be responsible for checking the financial administration of the Association and shall report on their findings to the General Assembly.

Article 15.

An Administrator may be appointed by the General Assembly on a decision taken by the Board and Will be employed by the Association. He or she carries out decisions of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee

and the Board, and is responsible for the running of the Association. He or she can form a Secretariat, charged with the performances of administrative and accounting tasks.

Article 16.

In order to execute the projects of the Association, the General Assembly may constitute commissions including

an Artistic Advisory Panel. The commissions are to be coordinated by the Administrator.

V. Finances of the Association.

Article 17

The revenues of the Association are composed as follows :

- Annual dues of each member, the amount of which is fixed by the Executive Committee.
- Any subsidies.
- Other incomes, grants and gifts within the legislation in effect.

VII. Final Provisions

Article 18.

This Statute will apply from the date of adoption, by a majority vote, by the initiating General Assembly.

Article 19.

The Statutes will be submitted to all members after its registration at the local Prefecture.

Article 20.

The Association may be dissolved if 2/3 of the members of the General Assembly agree.

If the Association is dissolved, its assets or its liabilities shall be employed in furthering the aims of the Association.

VIII. The Association's regulations.

Article 21.

A regulation can be drawn up by the the Executive Committee and voted on by the General Assembly.

Article 22.

The President of the Association shall accomplish all the formalities concerning the declaration and the publishing of the Association, as provided for by the law by the law of the first of July 1901 and by the decree of the sixteenth of August 1901 upon the creation of the Association and afterwards, throughout its existence.

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