

**Agenda
for the 25th Annual General Assembly
of the International Feldenkrais Federation
to be held in Hinterbrühl, Austria, 26 May through 29 May, 2016**

1. Welcome to the 25th Annual General Assembly

2. Standard Business Items

- 2.1 Notifications of Absence, Proxies. Appointment of tellers
- 2.2 Minutes of the last Assembly: 2015, Berlin, Germany
- 2.3 Size of the Board of Directors
- 2.4 Elections for Boards and Committees. Approval of appointments as necessary
- 2.5 Setting membership fees for 2017
- 2.6 Future Assemblies

3. Membership

4. Reports from the Board of Directors

- 4.2 General Report
- 4.3 Financial Reports
- 4.3 IFF Distribution Centre
- 4.4 Materials Manager Report

5. Committee Reports

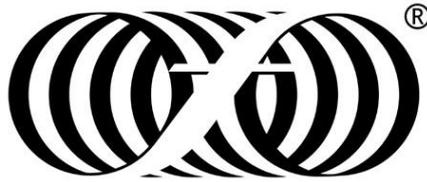
- 5.1 Mediation Committee
- 5.2 Finance Committee
- 5.3 Search Committee

6. Working Groups Reports

- 6.1 Contemporary Image Group
- 6.2 Research Journal
- 6.3 Research List
- 6.4 Newsletter

7. Agenda Items from Previous Assembly

- 7.1 Synergy Group
- 7.2 Competency Profile



AGENDA ITEMS FOR IFF ASSEMBLY, MAY, 2016

Agenda Item from the IFF Board of Directors: IFF Membership for Chilean Feldenkrais Teachers Association.

Discussion and vote: That the Chilean Feldenkrais Teachers Association be welcomed as a Full Member of IFF.

Background: The Chilean Feldenkrais Teachers Association has applied for membership in the IFF. In discussions with the Board of Directors over the past months, the Association has prepared all material and demonstrated that it meets all criteria, including (from IFF Internal Regulations):

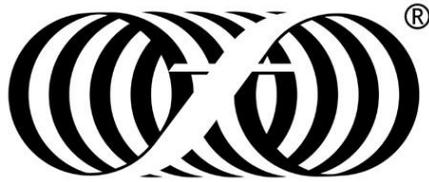
1.5.1 The Guild or Association must represent at least seven teachers/practitioners. **(Chile has 12 at time of application)**

1.5.2 PURPOSES: the purposes of the Guild/Association must include: promoting the Feldenkrais Method and profession, and developing, supporting and monitoring the quality and consistency of its practice. The Guild/Association must have a Code of Ethics or similar, and a Standards of Practice or similar. **(see Appendix: Chile Statutes Translation for IFF)**

1.5.3 Voting Rights in the Guild or Association: Full teacher/practitioner members of the Guild or Association shall have voting rights and be allowed to serve in the governing body of that Guild or Association.

1.5.4 All members will annually sign a declaration of compliance with the current IFF membership criteria.

1.6 APPLICATION PROCESS: 1.6.1 An organisation applying for membership of the IFF, should supply a copy of its own Constitution, Bylaws/Internal Regulations, Code of Ethics or similar, Standards of Practice or similar or other evidence of its professional organisation. Its officers should sign the following declaration: - "The officers and members of the above named organisation meet the current membership criteria and have read the declared purposes of the IFF and its constitution and we declare that we agree to support and uphold these purposes and to abide by the Articles of the Status. We wish to support the essential principles and ideals of the Feldenkrais Method and to contribute positively to the development and work of the IFF".



Agenda Item from the German Guild FVD: Ethics guidelines discussion

Discussion

Exchange about ethics guidelines and the work of the ethics committees (of various guilds). Have they had to do something in recent years? Which cases emerged and what were the consequences of? Do the guilds have any responsibility for ethical issues in trainings?

Agenda Item from the German Guild FVD: Research studies

A question or topic being referred to member organizations for their further discussion – to be followed by a discussion at Assembly

Background: The German guild is preparing a proposal for the prevention catalogue of the health insurance. The Association of the German health insurances changed their statutes during last year. Now we have to add two German and two English studies. Until now we have not the information about the quality and size of the studies.

We hope that we will have it up to the assembly. ***We would like to ask, if other guilds have similar requests. If so, it could make sense to cooperate, especially for English studies.***

Agenda Item from NATAB

Discussion

Background: The North American Training Accreditation Board has continued work on multiple projects intended to keep the Feldenkrais Method accessible and vital. This includes:

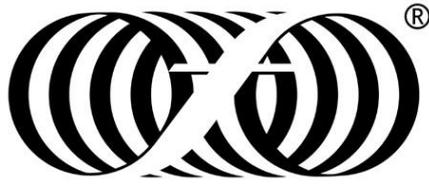
The Trainer Application Streamlining Project which was in its final stage at this time last year and has been approved under the exceptions clause by all TABs and their Governing Bodies.

Proposed policy change regarding Trainer Candidate and Trainer Applications

The Pilot Project Policy for Trainings in North America which was approved by the FGNA Board. NATAB is now open to receive experimental training proposals under this policy.

The Legacy Forum which held its first gathering in New York in December, 2015 and will be gathering again in California in December, 2016.

See Appendix for related documents: GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION AS A FELDENKRAIS® TRAINER – STREAMLINED and REQUIREMENTS FOR PILOT PROJECT FELDENKRAIS® TRAINING PROGRAMS



Agenda Item from the IFF Board of Directors: Considering EuroTAB Council membership in IFF

Discussion, possibly leading to a vote

Background: The following background has been provided by EuroTAB council:

A brief precis so far as to why we would like membership of the IFF:

ETC is requesting membership of IFF as it is the only governing body of a TAB which is not part of the IFF. All the TABs are members, and TAB governing bodies except us (with the possible exception of DTAB- which we don't know about yet).

We think a greater connection with the Guilds and other governing bodies would be of benefit certainly to us, but we hope beneficial in both directions.

We are the governing body of the EuroTAB and yet we feel a little isolated from the rest of the international community. We recognise the structure is slightly more complex in our case- we are not representative of a Guild of only one country, but a large diverse group of countries- who are members, but in this case, it is ETC which does the governing rather than the individual Guilds. At present, we are nine, possibly soon to be ten as Greece is in process of forming a Guild.

There is a desire amongst the majority of countries in the EuroTAB area for each country to be able to have its own TAB in some format. As a start, for national accreditation of trainings to occur, which will be a huge change to the way TABs and Guilds have been working in the last decades. This proposal will be voted on in mid-May. As we tread new territory with this, and other issues that we all face in the training communities (and those of us helping to facilitate them) we think international connections will become more important, not less, and being a member of IFF is an important way of being and staying more connected.

Background for discussion from IFF Board of Directors. According to the IFF Statutes and Internal Regulations, EuroTAB Council is not eligible for Full Membership (they would be eligible for Associate Membership). It would be possible to change the Internal Regulations to allow for full membership, and this would require a vote of the Assembly.

Questions posed by the Board for discussion: What are the pros and cons of such a change to the Internal Regulations and/or to EuroTAB Council becoming a member of IFF? Does this align with IFF's mission? Would such a change create benefits or drawbacks for IFF and/or for the global Feldenkrais community? How would membership fees be set for EuroTAB Council?