

Statutes for the International Institute for Psychiatric Drug Withdrawal (IIPDW)

**(1) Name**

The name of the institute is International Institute for Psychiatric Drug Withdrawal (IIPDW).

**(2) Objectives**

The IIPDW objectives are to:

- 1) To develop research and practice-based knowledge that will facilitate safe reduction of and withdrawal from psychiatric drugs.
- 2) To contribute to evidence-based practices for reduction of and withdrawal from psychiatric drugs, and facilitate their inclusion in general practice guidelines.
- 3) To support the human right to informed choice with regard to psychiatric drugs.
- 4) To promote practices that help families, friends, and practitioners support safe reduction of and withdrawal from psychiatric drugs, and to take into account relational and social aspects essential to this process.

**(3) Activities**

The IIPDW's activities will be primarily financed through training and education provided by the institute. The IIPDW is also entitled to achieve its objectives, in house or through a company, through other measures than those noted above.

**(4) Board and domicile**

The IIPDW was founded by Carina Håkansson and Robert Whitaker in October 2016.

The IIPDW will be governed by a board consisting of at least three, and at most, six members. The initial board members will be appointed by the founders for a period of two years.

The chair will be appointed by the members of the board.

The board is in quorum when more than half of the board members are present at a meeting of the board. Board decisions are taken through a simple majority. When an equality of votes arises the chair has the deciding vote.

The board will meet at least twice a year, either in person or telephone, and at the request of a board member.

The signers of this application are authorized to sign for the institute.

The domicile of the IIPDW is Gothenburg, Sweden.

**(5) Minutes**

Minutes will be taken at all board meetings and be approved by the chair and the members who attended the meeting. The minutes will follow numerical order and be securely stored.

**(6) Financial year**

The requisite accounts will be kept by the IIPDW. The financial year will be the calendar year.

**(7) Accountant**

The board's management and the IIPDW's accounts will be audited by an approved or authorized public accountant selected by the founders.

#### **(8) Spending Policies**

When IIPDW spends money that incurs any risk of creating a debt, then all members of the board must approve that activity.

#### **(9) Management**

In managing the IIPDW the board will ensure that the institute's property is securely stored.

Any surplus or profit generated by the institute will be used solely in accordance with the objectives of the IIPDW.

The board of directors' report and annual accounts for the previous year must be submitted to the institute accountant no later than 1 March, who then must within a month present an audit report determining whether or not the board has managed the institute according to its statutes, good institute practice and current laws.

#### **(10) Changes in statutes**

The IIPDW board has the right, without needing to receive permission from any authority, to revoke or, in special cases, set aside the provisions in the statutes with the exception of paragraph 2 regarding the objectives of the institute. Changed in the statutes can only be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the board.

#### **(11) Dissolution**

The may be dissolved if it no longer has any funds to manage and all the members of the board are in unanimous agreement on the decision.

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