

Membership regulations of the association “Swiss Network for Dementia Research”

1. General

1.1 *Purpose*

These regulations serve to define the rights and obligations of members of the Swiss Network for Dementia Research, that are not specifically regulated in the statutes, in a binding and uniform manner.

1.2 *Scope*

These regulations apply to individuals who wish to become new members of the Swiss Network for Dementia Research Association, as well as to existing members for the duration of their membership.

Members of the Swiss Network for Dementia Research agree with the statutes, vision and values of the association and support them.

2. Membership

2.1 *Admission requirements*

Members of the association can be natural persons according to the statutes, who are willing and professionally capable of contributing to the realization of the association's purpose.

Members of the association may also serve as representatives of a partner organization, in accordance with the articles of association. In this role, they exercise all rights and assume all obligations granted in the partnership agreement.

The offerings of the Swiss Network for Dementia Research are primarily aimed at researchers, clinicians, general practitioners, and healthcare professionals.

2.2 *Admission procedure*

Membership in the Swiss Network for Dementia Research can be applied for at any time. The membership application is made through the online form on www.swiss-dementia-network.ch. The admission decision is made by the association's board. The board can reject the application in accordance with Article 3 of the statutes without providing reasons.

2.3 *Types of membership*

Natural persons can join the Swiss Network for Dementia Research Association as a Student Member, Associate Member, or Senior Member.

Members in these three categories have all rights and obligations associated with membership.

2.4 *Duration of membership*

Membership begins with the board's admission decision and is indefinite. Membership automatically renews at the end of each year unless terminated.

3. **Rights of members**

3.1 *Participation rights for members*

The participation rights of members allow them to actively shape the decision-making, organization, and administration of the association. Members have the right to vote at the general assembly, which is convened at least three weeks before the scheduled date. Details regarding the competencies of the general assembly and voting rights are regulated in the statutes. If these rights are violated during decisions or elections, the corresponding decisions can be contested or declared invalid.

3.2 *Protection rights of membership*

Members have the right to request the convening of an extraordinary general assembly, provided that at least one-fifth of the association's members support the request.

4. **Duties of members**

4.1 *Contribution obligation*

Members of the association, regardless of their respective membership category, are obliged to pay the annual membership fees upon joining the association.

4.3 *Duty of loyalty*

Members have a duty of loyalty to the Swiss Network for Dementia Research. By joining the association, members agree to uphold the interests of the association and not to act against its purpose.

5. **Withdrawal and exclusion**

5.1 *Procedure for voluntary withdrawal*

Withdrawal must be made in writing according to the statutes, with a notice period of three months before the end of the calendar year. No membership fees will be refunded in case of early withdrawal. Upon withdrawal from the association, the rights and obligations of the members cease.

5.2 *Exclusion procedure*

Members who fail to meet their obligations to the association or act against its interests may be excluded by the board.

The decision of the board is final. Membership fees are not refunded.

6. Financial matters

6.1 *Membership fees*

Members are required to pay the annual membership fees. These consist of a fixed annual amount.

Membership fees are set by the general assembly and are as follows for the three membership categories:

- Student Member CHF 25
- Associate Member CHF 50
- Senior Member CHF 100

New members who join after July 1st of a year will pay 50% of the annual membership fee.

6.2 *Payment deadlines and reminder procedure*

Invoices for membership fees are sent to existing members in January. The payment deadline is 30 days from the invoice date. New members will receive a separate invoice after their admission by the board, outside the regular invoice cycle, with the same payment deadline of 30 days.

The Swiss Network for Dementia Research office manages the personal data of members in a digital database, in strict compliance with applicable Swiss data protection laws. It is also responsible for the collection of membership fees.

If payment is not made within the deadline, a digital payment reminder will be sent after 10 days. If there is no response, a written reminder with a further 14-day payment deadline will follow. If this deadline is also not met, the association reserves the right to take additional measures, such as imposing reminder fees or initiating legal proceedings.

Members are responsible for ensuring that their contact details, especially email and postal addresses, are always up to date to ensure smooth processing of the payment and reminder procedures.

7. Data processing and sharing

All data and information provided to the Swiss Network for Dementia Research association as part of the membership application will be treated confidentially and used exclusively for the sustainable and legitimate promotion of the association's goals in Switzerland. The association encourages open and comprehensive information exchange among its members.

To this end, member lists with names, institutions, and contact details may be made available to members to promote networking within the community. Furthermore, the association reserves the right to introduce new members as part of the community network-building process. The details of such introductions will be agreed upon with the respective member in advance.

8. Validity

- These regulations will be reviewed periodically by the board and adjusted as necessary to reflect changing circumstances.
- These regulations can be amended or suspended in whole or in part – temporarily or permanently – by a board decision, unless other overriding rules and regulations exist.
- These regulations are effective from the date of signing.

These regulations come into effect from the date of signature of the German version.