

Statutes

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	Preamble
	<p>The "Ruth Cohn Institute for TCI – INTERNATIONAL" (formerly WILL INTERNATIONAL) was founded for the purpose of representing and enhancing "Theme-Centered Interaction" (TCI), as developed since the 1960's by the psychotherapist Ruth C. Cohn.</p> <p>It holds the rights to the use and supervision of the teaching method, name and trademark rights linked to Theme-centered Interaction by Ruth C. Cohn.</p> <p>TCI is an educational concept, based on equal consideration of the following four factors: The relevant issue, the situation of the individuals involved, the circumstances of the present discussion or working group and the external conditions of the working environment. TCI is based on the following three axioms formulated by the founder:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "The human being is a psycho-biological unit and a part of the universe. Thus he or she is autonomous and interdependent at the same time. The autonomy of the individual is all the greater the more he realises his interdependence with everyone and everything.2. Reverence is due to everything living and to its growth. Respect for growth causes decisions based on value-judgement. What is human is valuable, what is inhuman threatens values.3. Free will occurs within conditional internal and outer boundaries; expansion of these boundaries is possible." ⁽¹⁾ <p>The decisions taken on 15.01.2000 at the IGA in Gelnhausen are the basis for these statutes.</p>



1	Art. 1	Name and Seat/Headquarters
		The "Ruth Cohn Institute for TCI – INTERNATIONAL" (formerly "WILL-International") is an association according to article 60ff of the Swiss Civil Code and has its headquarters in Basle, Switzerland. The association is governed by Swiss law.
2	Art. 2	Purpose and goals of the association
2.1		The association promotes education and teaching according to TCI as developed by Ruth C. Cohn. It serves to promote an international mindset, tolerance in all areas of culture and the idea of international understanding.
2.2		The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes.
2.3		The Association realises these purposes in particular through a) courses, seminars, professional specialist groups, working groups and other events for training and further training in TCI as well as through joint events with the members, b) international and intercultural cooperation with organisations with the same purpose, c) supporting its members in the fulfilment of their tasks, d) cooperation with other organisations, institutions and professionals, insofar as this is conducive to achieving the purpose, e) research, further development and review of TCI in its various applications, f) general and target group-specific public relations work.
2.4		The association is an umbrella organisation for regional associations, institutions and professional groups.
2.5		The association only generates the funds required to pursue its purpose. The Association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with the Statutes. Members shall not receive any benefits from the Association's funds. No person may be favoured by expenses that are alien to the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.



3	Art. 3 Membership
3.1	<p>Organisations that adopt the aim and purpose described in Art. 2 of these statutes can become ordinary members.</p> <p>They submit an application for membership via the Management Board to the General Assembly.</p> <p>Individuals can become extraordinary members if they adopt the aim and purpose described in Art. 2 of these statutes. They submit an application for membership to the Management Board. They have no voting rights.</p>
3.2	<p>Ordinary members pay a membership fee of currently a maximum of CHF 120 per person of their own members.</p> <p>Only the association's assets are liable for the association's liabilities.</p>
3.3	<p>Membership ends</p> <p>a) by written notice of resignation with a notice period of six months to the end of the current year,</p> <p>b) by exclusion due to a decision by the Management Board, if the member no longer fulfils the conditions that existed at the time of admission or if it seriously violates the interests of the Association. The member must be given the opportunity to be heard beforehand. If the member objects, the General Meeting shall make the final decision,</p> <p>c) if a member is more than one year in arrears with the payment of their membership fee and payment is not made within two months despite the threat of expulsion.</p>
4	Art. 4 Bodies
	<p>The bodies of the Association are</p> <p>a) the General Assembly,</p> <p>b) the Management Board,</p> <p>c) the Arbitration Committee,</p> <p>d) the Auditors,</p> <p>e) e) the 'International Teaching Staff'.</p>

5	Art. 5 The General Assembly
5.1	<p><u>Function of the General Assembly</u></p> <p>The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association.</p> <p>It decides on all measures that serve to promote the Association, unless other bodies are responsible for these tasks in accordance with these statutes.</p> <p>It reviews the measures and decisions of other bodies with regard to their compatibility with the preamble to these statutes and the goals and purposes of the Association.</p>
5.2	<p><u>Responsibility for elections</u></p> <p>It elects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the members of the Management Board, b) the members of the Arbitration Board, c) the members of the Audit Committee d) the members of the parity training committee.
5.3	<p><u>In particular, it decides on the following matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the amendment of these statutes, b) the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Should provisions of the statutes and the rules of procedure be incompatible with each other, those of the statutes shall apply, c) the admission and exclusion of legal entities as members, d) the amount of the membership fees, e) the annual budgets and annual financial statements, f) the discharge of the Management Board for the year just ended, g) the determination of compensation for persons elected by the General Assembly, h) the dissolution of the association.
5.4	<p><u>Rights of the members</u></p> <p>The votes of the member organisations are weighted: They have one vote per hundred of their own members.</p> <p>Each member must delegate one person per vote to the meeting. The weighted vote is forfeited if fewer persons participate on behalf of a member than the number of votes to which that member is entitled.</p>



	<p>Individual members are not entitled to vote in accordance with Art. 3.1 and are therefore not members in the legal sense of the association.</p> <p>Bodies and members of the association who are entitled to vote have the right to submit motions to the General Assembly.</p> <p>Voting members have the right to be invited to and attend the General Assembly; the right to put items on the agenda; the right to speak and the right to information.</p> <p>Association bodies have no voting or election rights at the General Assembly.</p>
5.5	<p><u>Convening</u></p> <p>The ordinary General Assembly shall be convened in writing by the Management Board as and when required, stating the agenda, but at least once a year.</p> <p>An extraordinary General Assembly shall take place no later than twelve weeks after the date on which it has been requested in writing by at least one-fifth of the members' votes, stating an agenda, or has been scheduled by a General Assembly.</p> <p>The invitation period for General Assemblies shall be at least eight weeks.</p> <p>The General Assembly shall be held either in person or online or in hybrid form.</p> <p>For General Assemblies with online participation, a video conference room will be set up that is only accessible to members with their credentials and a separate access password. Each member will be notified of the required access data at least three days before the start of the meeting.</p>
5.6	<p>The General Assembly has a quorum if it has been convened in accordance with the statutes.</p>
5.7	<p>a) The General Assembly is usually held in several languages.</p> <p>b) All negotiations are conducted with the aim of reaching a consensus or consent.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>a) Resolutions are generally made by a relative majority of the valid votes cast in favour or against at the meeting. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted. A vote is invalid if something is added or deleted from the proposal, or if the vote is unclear. In case of a parity of votes, the motion is rejected and the vote is not repeated.</p> <p>b) Resolutions to amend the statutes, to introduce or amend rules of procedure and to dissolve the association require a 2/3 majority of the valid votes.</p> <p>c) Resolutions are usually taken openly.</p>



	<p>d) Resolutions are announced by the chair of the meeting immediately after the decision and recorded by the person taking the minutes.</p> <p>If procedural errors are made during the vote, a second vote can be taken immediately after the incorrect vote, as long as the same votes are represented as in the first vote. If this is not possible, the chair of the meeting shall declare the resolution invalid. It is then up to the assembly to decide whether and when to take the vote again.</p>
5.8	<p><u>Participants at the General Assembly</u></p> <p>The following will participate in the General Assembly:</p> <p>a) <u>Delegates:</u> The members of the Ruth Cohn Institute for TCI-international appoint delegates. They are authorised in advance in writing by the responsible body of the member and, if necessary, provide proof of this. A member can send more delegates than it has votes in the assembly.</p> <p>b) <u>The Management Board:</u> The Management Board participates in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity.</p> <p>c) <u>Guests:</u> Members and the Management Board can invite guests for individual agenda items.</p> <p>d) <u>Candidates:</u> Those who are candidates for an office are invited to the agenda item 'Elections'.</p>
6	Art. 6 Management Board
6.1	<p>The Management Board of the Ruth Cohn Institute for TCI-international consists of a maximum of 7 members and is self-constituting.</p> <p>It (the board) considers an optional proposal from the General Assembly for the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The President• The Head of Finance• A graduate person who is contact person for training.
6.2	<p>The Management Board is elected for a period of three years.</p> <p>In justified exceptional cases, the General Assembly may commission an interim management board to manage the affairs of RCI-international for a period of up to one year.</p> <p>Its composition should take into account the internationality and cultural diversity of the association.</p>



	<p>Only full members and the organs have the right and the duty to propose candidates.</p> <p>If a member of the Board resigns, a by-election can be held at the next General Assembly for the remainder of the term of office. Re-election is possible twice.</p>
6.3	<p>The Management Board conducts the association's business in accordance with its statutes and the guidelines set by the General Assembly. It sets its own rules of procedure.</p>
6.4	<p>The Management Board has the following duties in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The provision of advice, support and, if necessary, the organisation of further training opportunities.b) The awarding of contracts internally and externally.c) The preparation and execution of the General Assembly.d) The control over the realisation of decisions of the General Assembly.e) Appointing the members of the standing and temporary committees and convening and chairing them, approving their rules of procedure.f) Quality management and marketing.g) Promoting international cooperation.h) Supporting research projects on TCI, including publishing the results.i) Administering the association's finances in accordance with the budget.j) Organising and developing an effective and cost-efficient administration, including selecting and hiring employees.k) Monitoring and documenting the use of funds in accordance with the statutes.
7.	Art. 7 Arbitration Committee
7.1	<p>The Arbitration Board consists of three members, one with a diploma and two with a graduation.</p> <p>They are elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years. Re-election is possible twice.</p> <p>The General Assembly also elects substitutes for three years, one with a diploma and two with a graduation. The 1:2 ratio between Diploma Holders and instructors should be maintained as far as possible. The graduates succeed in the order of the number of votes obtained at the election, in the case of a tie in alphabetical order of the name. Re-election of the substitutes is possible.</p>



7.2	<p>The arbitration board decides on written requests from parties involved in conflicts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) between full members,b) between full members and managing bodies,c) between individuals and office holders,d) between individuals and managing bodies. <p>The conditions for this decision are in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I Unsuccessful attempts by the parties involved to reach an agreement among themselves.II Unsuccessful mediation of the dispute between the parties involved by the relevant committees and departments.III Unsuccessful arbitration of the dispute between the parties involved by the arbitration board.
7.3	<p>In case of conflicts regarding training qualifications (certificates, diplomas, graduation), the arbitration board checks that the procedure has been properly followed. If it comes to the conclusion that the procedure has not been properly carried out, it refers the matter back to the competent body for renegotiation.</p>
7.4	<p>The arbitration board decides by consensus; if no consensus can be reached, by majority. It maintains confidentiality in all personnel matters. Its decisions, including the reasons for them, are communicated in writing to the parties involved in the conflict.</p>
7.5	<p>The arbitration board makes the final decision within the association.</p>
7.6	<p>An anonymised internal publication of a decision is only permitted with the consent of all parties to the proceedings.</p>
8	Art. 8 The Auditing Committee
8.1	<p>The Auditing Committee consists of two persons elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term. Re-election is possible twice.</p>
8.2	<p>The Auditing Committee is responsible for checking that the association's accounts are properly kept and for auditing the annual financial statements.</p>

	It shall report to the General Assembly on an annual basis and make a recommendation regarding the discharge of the Management Board.
9	Art. 9 International Teaching Staff
9.1	The 'International Teaching Staff' consists of instructors contracted by the Management Board.
9.2	The 'International Teaching Staff' develops and decides on the basic principles for training in TCI according to Ruth C. Cohn and for quality assurance, as well as for monitoring compliance with these principles. It is in contact with the Management Board for this purpose.
9.3	It organises the work of the Graduation Committee and elects its members.
10	Art. 10 Dissolution of the Association
10.1	The voluntary dissolution of the Association can only be decided by a General Assembly convened for this purpose and in accordance with the provisions governing the adoption of resolutions (Article 5.7).
10.2	In case of dissolution of the association or the loss of its purpose, the assets shall be transferred exclusively and directly to another non-profit organisation that pursues similar objectives.

⁽¹⁾ cited from: Ruth C. Cohn / Alfred Farau: Gelebte Geschichte der Psychotherapie (1984 Klett) S. 357 f.