

**Statutes of German Society for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy GS:BNCT e. V.
(Deutsche Gesellschaft für Bor-Neutroneneinfangtherapie (DGBNCT) e. V.)**

Name, Registered Office, Legal Form, Purpose, Non-profit Status

§ 1

(1) The association bears the name "German Society for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy" (DGBNCT) and is entered in the register of associations. The German designation "Boron Neutron Capture Therapy" may be replaced by BNCT (Boron Neutron Capture Therapy), as is customary in international usage.

(2) The seat of the association is Essen.

(3) The fiscal year is the calendar year.

(4) The grammatically masculine designations of persons mentioned in these statutes apply equally to persons of female and male gender.

§ 2

(1) The German Society for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy e. V. exclusively and directly pursues charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code. It is a non-profit association (ideal association) according to § 21 BGB.

(2) The purpose of the association is the promotion of science and research and of national and professional education as well as student aid.

The purpose of the statutes is realized in particular through the following projects:

- (a) Implementation of measures used to research the etiology, pathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis and use of BNCT in the treatment of malignant and benign diseases, as well as the aftercare and rehabilitation of affected patients.
- (b) To promote activities aimed at the establishment of a German Center for BNCT to be located as an interdisciplinary university institution.
- (c) Promotion of the experimental and clinical application of BNCT through the preparation of own studies, data collection, guidelines, definition of quality standards and similar measures as well as the participation in interdisciplinary activities, as far as these include aspects from the field of BNCT.
- (d) Deepening and further development of knowledge in the fields of sciences and technologies that play a role in the implementation of BNCT, drug development, radiation protection and standardization, including participation in the corresponding national and international committees based on medical and scientific principles, e.g. by organizing symposia and congresses.
- (e) Promotion of the new generation relevant for the BNCT by means of instruction and further and advanced training of physicians and natural scientists as well as other persons active within the framework of the BNCT.

(3) The Society is also active through.

- a) Cooperation with all national and international scientific societies that pursue the same goals.
- b) Advising federal and state authorities as well as public corporations responsible for health care, social insurance and social welfare, authorities of local self-government as well as public and private organizations and scientific institutes in questions concerning boron neutron capture therapy.

§ 4

In the event of the dissolution or annulment of the Association or in the event of the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the Association shall pass to a legal entity under public law or to another tax-privileged corporation for the purpose of promoting science and research.

Membership

§ 5

Full members

- (1) Any natural person with a completed education as a physician, natural scientist or engineer can become an ordinary member, or if he or she is able and willing to support BNCT in general and the goals of DGBNCT in particular due to his or her education, skills or profession.
- (2) The board decides about the admission on written application of the applicant. This application should contain at least name, date of birth, profession, official position, address and proof of the requirements listed in paragraph 1.
- (3) Membership shall commence upon notification of admission by the Board (dispatch of letter or electronic mail); the notification should be sent immediately after the decision.
- (4) Every ordinary member is entitled to participate in the formation of will in the association by exercising the right to propose, discuss and vote. Each member has one vote. The transfer of voting rights is not permitted.

§ 6

Extraordinary Members

- (1) Natural persons (both full members and non-members) who have rendered outstanding services to the goals of the German Society for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy (DGBNCT) e. V. may be appointed honorary members by the General Assembly. The General Assembly decides on the appointment only on the basis of a proposal unanimously decided by the Board. The decision of the general meeting to appoint requires a majority of three quarters of the members present.

- (2) Legal entities, partnerships and natural persons who wish to promote the tasks and goals of the German Society for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy (DGBNCT) e. V. in a sustainable manner may be accepted as supporting members by the Board.
- (3) Honorary members and supporting members are extraordinary members.
- (4) Extraordinary members do not have the right to propose motions or to vote. The exercise of the right of discussion is permissible.
- (5) An honorary member who is a full member at the time of appointment may declare that he/she wishes to retain the rights and obligations of a full member in addition to honorary membership.

§ 7

Membership Fees

- (1) Members of the Association shall pay a membership fee. The membership fee shall be levied annually. The amount of the contribution and the due date for its payment shall be determined by the General Meeting. A change in the membership fee is permitted retroactively from 1.1. of the calendar year in which it is decided. Honorary members are exempt from the obligation to pay dues.
- (2) The dues shall be determined by adopting dues regulations, in which the Executive Board may also be authorized not to levy, to waive or to defer dues in individual cases.

§ 8

End of membership

- (1) Membership shall expire
 - a) by death; in the case of legal entities, by their dissolution.
 - b) by resignation, which in the case of ordinary members can only be declared at the end of a financial year, subject to a notice period of three months. The declaration must be made in writing to the Executive Board. Extraordinary members may declare their resignation at any time.
 - c) by exclusion, if there is an important reason, in particular if the member
 1. has grossly or repeatedly violated the statutes and interests of the DGBNCT, by resolution of the Board. Prior to the adoption of the resolution, the member shall be given the opportunity to justify himself/herself personally in writing before the Executive Board, setting an appropriate deadline. A written statement by the person concerned must be read out at the board meeting. The decision on the exclusion shall be accompanied by reasons and shall be made known to the member by registered letter. The member has the right of appeal against the exclusion decision of the board at the next general meeting. The appeal has a suspensive effect. The

appeal must be filed in writing with the Executive Board within a period of one month from receipt of the exclusion resolution. If the appeal is filed in due time, the board shall provide for a separate agenda item on this matter at the next general meeting. If this is not done, the exclusion resolution shall be deemed not to have been issued. If the member does not make use of the right of appeal or if he/she misses the deadline for appeal, he/she thereby submits to the exclusion resolution, with the consequence that the membership is deemed to be terminated.

2. is more than three months in arrears with the payment of the membership fee despite two reminders; in this case, exclusion shall be effected by the Executive Board without the possibility of appeal.
- (2) (2) With the termination of membership, the member leaves the German Society for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy (DGBNCT) e. V.
- (3) The members have no claim to the association's assets, neither during their membership nor after their withdrawal, not even to repayment of deposits and contributions

§ 9

Governing bodies of the association

The governing bodies of the Association are the General Meeting and the Board of Directors.

§ 10

General Meeting

- (1) The General Meeting is the supreme decision-making body of the Association. It shall meet at least once a year upon resolution of the Board or upon request of 10% of the members.
- (2) The General Meeting shall be convened in writing or by electronic mail. The date, venue and agenda must be announced 4 weeks in advance. The period begins with the posting or the dispatch of the electronic mail.
- (3) The agenda shall be determined by the Board. At the beginning of a general meeting, applicants may request the inclusion of further agenda items in the agenda by resolution of the general meeting under the agenda item "Approval of the agenda". Motions to amend the Articles of Association may not be made under the agenda item "Approval of the agenda"; however, motions to require the Executive Board to include motions to amend the Articles of Association in the agenda of a future General Meeting are permissible.
- (4) The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President (§11) or, if the President is unable to attend, by the Deputy President. If the latter is also prevented, the General Assembly shall elect a chairman for the General Assembly from among the members of the Executive Board.
- (5) The tasks of the General Assembly are:

1. the development of proposals and indications for the activities of the Association and for the work of the Board,
2. the acceptance of the annual report and the financial report for the past year as well as the budget for the following year.
3. the discharge of the board,
4. the election of the Board of Directors,
5. the election of the auditors,
6. the determination of the amount and due date of contributions as well as the establishment of contribution regulations,
7. the resolution on the appeal to an exclusion from the association decided by the executive committee,
8. the resolution on motions of the board to the general meeting,
9. the election of up to five substitute members for the Board and of up to three substitute members for the auditors,
10. the dismissal of board members,
11. the amendment of the statutes,
12. the dissolution of the Association.

(6) The General Assembly has a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

(7) Unless otherwise stipulated by law or the Articles of Association, a simple majority of the valid votes cast shall be decisive in the adoption of resolutions by the General Meeting. A tie vote shall be deemed to be a rejection of the motion being voted on. Resolutions on items 10 to 12 of paragraph 5 require the approval of three quarters of the members present.

(8) The minutes of the General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairperson of the General Meeting and by the keeper of the minutes. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to all members at the latest together with the invitation to the following ordinary General Meeting.

§ 11

Board of Directors

(1) The Board of Directors shall consist of four persons, namely:

1. the President
2. the Vice-President
3. the Treasurer
4. the secretary.

Medicine (especially radiotherapy), and non-medical sciences (e.g. physics, chemistry/biochemistry, biology, engineering and computer science/mathematics) should be adequately represented in the Board.

Board members can only be full members.

- (2) The Association shall be represented judicially and extrajudicially within the meaning of § 26 BGB by a member of the Executive Board.
- (3) The term of office of the President, the Vice-President and the other members of the Executive Board shall be two years. Re-election shall be permitted. The term of office of the members of the Executive Board shall commence at the end of the ordinary General Meeting at which the election took place.
- (4) The Executive Board shall remain in office until the election of a new Executive Board. If a member of the Executive Board resigns during his term of office, the Executive Board shall appoint a substitute member for the remaining term of office of the resigning member from among the substitute members elected in accordance with Section 11 (5) No. 9.
- (5) Guests may be invited to attend in an advisory capacity.
- (6) The Executive Board is responsible for all tasks of the Association unless they are assigned to the General Assembly. Its tasks include in particular:
 1. the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly,
 2. the use of funds,
 3. the adoption of the financial report to be prepared by the Treasurer,
 4. the adoption of the budget to be prepared by the Treasurer,
 5. the determination of the scope of data to be communicated by a member,
 6. the admission of members,
 7. the exclusion of members,
 8. the decision on a reduction of membership fees,
 9. the convening of the general meeting and the compilation of the agenda,
 10. the employment and dismissal of employees and auxiliary staff,
 11. the granting of accreditations to organizations outside the DGBNCT.
- (7) The executive committee gives itself rules of procedure. These regulate the working method of the board in detail.
- (8) For the processing of certain tasks, the board can form committees and working groups, which are accountable to the board. Upon application, members may form working groups within the Association. If the Executive Board approves such a request, it shall promptly issue rules of procedure regulating the rights and duties of the working groups.
- (9) For the management of current business, the President may propose and, after approval by the Board, appoint a Managing Director. The President shall assign the Managing Director the scope of his or her duties. The managing director shall be accountable to the board. The board of directors may regulate further details by means of an employment contract or rules of procedure. If remuneration is paid for the work performed and the time spent, this shall also be permissible in the event that the managing director is a member of the association.

- (10) The Executive Board shall perform its duties on an honorary basis and shall only be entitled to appropriate reimbursement of expenses.

§12

Auditors

- (1) The General Assembly shall elect two auditors from among the ordinary members for a period of three years, the current and the two following financial years. Re-election is permissible.
- (2) The auditors shall examine the management of the Executive Board at their own discretion, in particular the proper keeping of books and accounts.
- (3) The auditors shall report to the General Meeting on the nature and scope of the audit and whether the audit gave rise to any significant objections.

Other regulations

§ 13

Dissolution of the Association

- (1) The dissolution of the Association can only be decided in a special General Meeting convened for this purpose.
- (2) The resolution on dissolution requires the approval of three quarters of the members present.
- (3) With the resolution on dissolution, the General Meeting shall at the same time decide on the use of the Association's assets in accordance with § 4. The resolution may only be executed after approval by the tax office.

§ 14

Liabilities

For the liabilities of the DGBNCT only the association's assets are liable to the creditors.

§ 15

The above Articles of Association were adopted at the General Meeting held in Essen on July 22, 2019.

Essen, 15. 10. 2019