

# STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN DNA PROFILING GROUP – EDNAP

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## **§1 Name and Place of the Group**

The European DNA Profiling Group (EDNAP) is a working party under the International Society for Forensic Genetics.

## **§2 Aims**

(1) EDNAP aims to advance scientific knowledge in genetic markers used in forensic crime investigations and harmonization of DNA and other forensic genetic typing technologies.

(2) This is achieved by personal and Internet-based scientific meetings in the group, discussion groups, identification of new research areas, grant applications, scientific projects, collaborative exercises, collaboration with other genetic scientist groups and organizations, and scientific publications.

## **§3 Non-Profit Status**

(1) EDNAP's purpose is exclusively scientific and non-profit; see §3 of the statutes of the International Society for Forensic Genetics.

(2) EDNAP does not pursue an economic purpose. EDNAP's funds may only be used for appropriate statutory purposes. The members do not receive any financial contributions from EDNAP's funds.

(3) Members of the EDNAP Executive Committee can reimburse relevant expenses after receiving an invoice. No individual may benefit from expenses inappropriate to EDNAP's purpose or receive excessive allowances.

## **§4 Membership**

(1) European academic graduate or technical support staff members working scientifically with forensic genetics can apply for membership in EDNAP.

(2) Membership application must be sent to EDNAP's Executive Committee, and the General Assembly decides on membership with a simple majority.

(3) Membership is terminated by written cancellation, death, or disqualification. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee and will take effect at the end of each calendar year.

(4) Membership is considered terminated if the annual EDNAP or ISFG membership fee, according to §9, has not been paid for at least two years.

(5) The Executive Committee can nominate scientists whose contributions are of great importance to forensic genetics and any other individuals who deserve acknowledgment by EDNAP as honorary members. The appointment is subject to a decision from EDNAP's General Assembly.

(7) Membership may not be used for advertising purposes. The Executive Committee can terminate the membership if this regulation is violated despite a warning.

## **§5 Executive Committee**

(1) The Executive Committee comprises a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Secretary and the Treasurer can be the same person.

(2) The General Assembly elects the Executive Committee by a simple majority vote among the attending members. Voting can be done by show of hands. A secret ballot must be taken if only one member so wishes. The Executive Committee members are elected for two consecutive years. Re-election is possible.

(3) The newly elected Executive Committee takes over its official function after the election.

(4) The Executive Committee is still authorized to pass resolutions, even if a member should withdraw prematurely. The required supplementary election will then take place at the next General Assembly. In particular situations, the Executive Committee can constitute itself with a substituting member.

(5) The Executive Committee can invite guests to the Executive Committee meetings.

## **§6 Authorization for Representation**

Two members of the Executive Committee of the ISFG represent EDNAP in the sense of § 26 BGB (German Civil Code).

## **§7 General Assembly**

(1) The General Assembly pays particular attention to the following:

- Receipt of the Executive Committee's annual report and the annual financial report.
- Election of members of the Executive Committee.
- Election of two auditors.
- Relieve of the members of the Executive Committee.
- Appointment of honorary members.
- Determination of the dates and places for scientific meetings.
- Determination of the membership fee.
- Decisions on procedural motions, if necessary.
- Decisions on changes to the statutes and society regulations.
- Decision on the dissolution of EDNAP.

(2) The General Assembly takes decisions by simple majority.

(3) The General Assembly takes place during EDNAP's yearly personal scientific meeting. The Executive Committee sends an invitation and the planned agenda via e-mail two weeks in advance.

(4) The Executive Committee can call an extraordinary General Assembly if at least 1/4 of the members submit a request to the Executive Committee.

(5) Following the Executive Committee's decision or a request of at least 1/4 of the ordinary members or 2/3 of the members attending the General Assembly, an e-mail vote can be taken regarding business matters.

## **§8 Scientific Meetings**

(1) A scientific personal meeting is held at least once a year. If a personal meeting is impossible, the Executive Committee can arrange an Internet-based meeting. The Executive Committee can decide to arrange Internet-based participation at personal meetings.

(2) The Executive Committee can arrange additional personal and Internet-based meetings.

(3) Members can make proposals regarding the program. The Executive Committee should receive proposals at least one month in advance. The Executive Committee decides on the scientific topics for the presentations and chooses the speakers.

## **§9 Membership Subscriptions, Auditor, and Fiscal Year**

(1) The annual membership fee is due at the beginning of the calendar year. The General Assembly determines the amount of the annual fee. A change to the membership fee takes effect at the beginning of the following calendar year.

(2) Honorary members and guests do not pay membership fees.

(3) After every fiscal year, the two auditors check EDNAP's accounts and report to the General Assembly.

(4) The fiscal year is identical to the calendar year.

## **§10 Working-, Project-, and Other Groups**

(1) The General Assembly and the Executive Committee can decide to form working-, discussion-, project, and other groups.

## **§11 Changes of the Statutes**

(1) Propositions for changes to the statutes, sent by at least 1/5 of the members and with reasons, must be received by the Executive Commission via e-mail or registered mail at least one month before the General Assembly.

(2) The Executive Committee can propose changes to the statutes to the General Assembly. The proposed changes must be notified to the members together with the notice of the General Assembly.

(3) The General Assembly can change the statutes or aims of EDNAP with a 3/4 majority of the attending members.

## **§12 Dissolution of the Society**

(1) The dissolution of EDNAP can only be considered after the Executive Committee via e-mail or registered mail has received a proposal, duly signed by at least 2/3 of the ordinary members with reasons, at least three months before the General Assembly. A 3/4 majority of the attending ordinary members is required for a decision to dissolve EDNAP.

(2) If EDNAP is dissolved, its property shall be transferred to the International Society for Forensic Genetics, which shall use the property exclusively for non-profit purposes.

The EDNAP statutes were adopted at the General Assembly in Copenhagen on May 29, 2024. The statutes have been approved by the International Society for Forensic Genetics.