

Report from the global affiliation workgroup

At the GA in Athens 2018 the question and discussion about Israel membership level rose after that Israel expressed interest in applying for basic professional membership. It brought with it more considerations for how "open" we as the EADMT want to be for partnership, collaboration and membership requests from associations outside of Europe's geographic borders. Due to these questions and discussions the Global Affiliation workgroup was formed. The workgroup and have consisted of five members:

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The request the global affiliation workgroup got with us from the GA in Athens was to look through the EADMTs Mission Statement and Statutes to see if they could help us solve the matter or if there need to be any changes, additions made or sentences redefined. We started our work with discussion on what is the goal and aim for the workgroup. The goal was set to have a proposal ready before July 2019 so that there can be a vote at the GA in Lisbon 2019.

We have since then worked on, discussed a lot, tried to look at the matter in our hands from many different standpoints and perspective and have had many considerations to make. We started with researching how other associations in Europe have solved their membership rules and levels and we have checked the EU rules and legislations.

After all of this the group came to the conclusion that to be able to handle the big diversity that already exist between our members and possibly make this diversity even bigger with more associations applying for membership we need to have a holding frame. If we grow out of that frame we will not effectively be able to work for EADMTs mission and thereby lose our power to e.g. gain legal recognition or to work for development of professional DMT practice. At the same time we want to foster collaboration, partnership, scientific exchange and respect of diversity.

At the end our workgroup came to the conclusion that two things are needed 1. Solve the uncertainties about Israel's membership level 2. Build a framework for how to "open up" to other possible membership requests and global affiliation. In a way so that we don't lose the power in EADMTs Mission Statement and in our actions.

When it comes to Israel we propose to follow the line of many other associations and federations in Europe e.g. the Music therapy, Drama therapy European associations.

Because of the strong ties to Europe, we consider Israel to be an important partner, colleague and ally and thus would like to express the inclusion of Israel in our association so there can be no questions about Israel's membership rights and obligations, as follows:

wherever the term *Europe* is mentioned in the *Mission Statement* or in the *Statues*, we propose an addition, by adding after Europe (including Israel).

The second part of the matter, *build a framework for how to "open up" to other possible membership requests and global affiliation*. For the purpose to open up our association to a more global affiliation and world wide professional network, we suggest to the GA to put an additional "Type of membership" into our "Statues" as well as into the "Rules of Procedure". We suggest adding a third type of membership, the "*Affiliate Membership*". Addition: Affiliate members are DMT national association located outside of Europe¹, which has strong historical and cultural ties to Europe. The Affiliated members do not have the right to vote but are as our associated members welcome to have input in our working groups and meetings.

The global affiliation workgroup feel strongly about that any national association applying for the affiliated membership needs to have strong historical and cultural ties to Europe. Because without that framework we fear that the diversity within the EADMT will become too big for the organization to handle. And that we lose our mission of working for actively promote DMT, further development of professional DMT practice, the legal recognition of the profession and assuring quality of DMT practice and training within Europe¹. We can also see that other forums are being started for fostering collaboration in DMT field for the worldwide arena such as the International Alliance of Dance Movement therapy.

For our exact proposals please see the official mail sent out by the secretary on the 29th of June.

¹ Including Israel