

## STATUTES OF THE STANDING LIAISON COMMITTEE OF E.U. SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPISTS AND LOGOPEDISTS

### SECTION I: CONSTITUTION

#### **Article 1:**

The Standing Liaison Committee of Speech and Language Therapists - Logopedists (CPLoL) of member countries of the European Community, now called the European Union since 1 January 1995, was formed on 6 March 1988 in Paris, by the following representative professional and scientific organisations which are granted the title of founder members of CPLoL:

*Fédération Nationale des Orthophonistes -FRANCE*

*Union Professionnelle des Logopèdes Francophones -BELGIUM*

*Vlaamse Vereniging voor Logopedisten - BELGIUM*

*Audiologopaedisk Forening - DENMARK*

*Dansk Selskab for Logopaedi og Foniatri - DENMARK*

*Asociacion Española de Logopedia Foniatria y Audiologia - SPAIN*

*College of Speech Therapists - UNITED KINGDOM*

*Panhellenic Association of Specialists in Speech and Language Disorders - GREECE*

*Associazione Logopedisti Piemontesi - ITALY*

*Association Luxembourgeoise des Orthophonistes - GREAT DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG*

*Zentralverband für Logopädie - GERMANY*

*Unione Logopedisti Italiani - ITALY*

*Nederlandse Vereniging voor Logopedie en Foniatrie - NETHERLANDS*

*Associação Portuguesa de Terapeutas da Fala - PORTUGAL*

*Irish Association of Speech Therapists -IRELAND*

#### **Article 2:**

A: Its registered office is located at 145, Bd Magenta, Paris 75010, France.

B: The location of this registered office may be altered by a decision of the General Assembly.

#### **Article 3:**

A: CPLoL is a Non-Governmental Organisation recognised in France.

B: CPLoL is the European umbrella organisation of professional associations of speech and language therapists – logopedists.

## SECTION II: PROFESSIONAL TITLES

### Article 4:

Speech and language therapists - logopedists shall be defined as the holders of a diploma specific to Speech and Language Therapy - Logopedics, which is particular to each country, or officially recognised by the competent authority of any country in which no Speech and Language Therapy - Logopedics training exists, subject to the provisions of EC General Directive No 89/48 dated 21 December 1988.

In each of the member countries, the title given to the profession is as follows:

AUSTRIA	<i>Diplomierter/e Logopäde/in</i>
BELGIUM	<i>Logopède / Logopedist</i>
BULGARIA	<i>Logopède / Logopedist</i>
CYPRUS	<i>Logopathologos / Logotherapeftis</i>
CZECH REPUBLIC	<i>Logoped</i>
DENMARK	<i>Talepædagog / Logopæd / Audiologopæd</i>
ESTONIA	<i>Logopeed</i>
FINLAND	<i>Puheterapeutti</i>
FRANCE	<i>Orthophoniste</i>
GERMANY	<i>Logopäde/in</i>
GREECE	<i>Logopedikos / Logopathologos / Logotherapeftis</i>
ICELAND	<i>talmeinafræðingur / talkennari</i>
IRELAND	<i>Speech and Language Therapist</i>
ITALY	<i>Logopedista</i>
LATVIA	<i>Skolotājs logopēds /audiologopēds</i>
LUXEMBOURG	<i>Orthophoniste</i>
MALTA	<i>Speech-Language Pathologist / Speech Therapist</i>
NETHERLANDS	<i>Logopedist</i>
NORWAY	<i>Logoped</i>
POLAND	<i>Logoped</i>
PORTUGAL	<i>Terapeuta da fala</i>
SLOVAKIA	<i>Logopéd</i>
SLOVENIA	<i>Profesor defektolog za osebe z motnjami sluha in govora</i>
SPAIN	<i>Logopeda</i>
SWEDEN	<i>Logoped</i>
SWITZERLAND	<i>Logopédiste/ Diplomierter/e Logopäde/in</i>
UNITED KINGDOM	<i>Speech and Language Therapist</i>

## SECTION III: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

### Article 5:

The aims and objectives of the Committee are:

- A: To represent the member professional organisations to the European and international political, parliamentary and administrative authorities.
- B: To promote, within member countries of the EU -
  - freedom of movement and the right of members of the profession to practise in the countries of the EU.

- the co-ordination of conditions for the practice of speech and language therapy - logopaedics
  - the equivalence of qualifications
  - the harmonisation of legislation relating to the profession
  - the exchange of scientific knowledge and research in the fields of speech and language therapy - logopaedics
  - the harmonisation of standards and quality of initial training and continuing education
- C: to study regulations and decisions made by European authorities affecting speech and language therapy - logopaedics, and to submit projects and proposals to these authorities.
- D: to promote meetings with EU liaison committees representing other professions, which have common interests with speech and language therapists - logopedists.
- E: to provide assistance to member associations if the proposals made are of common interest.
- F: to organise European scientific congresses for speech and language therapists – logopedists.
- G: to publish any scientific and professional materials consistent with the CPLoL mission and the interests of the profession.
- H: to have contacts with professional and scientific organisations of speech and language therapists world-wide.
- I: to study and publish any document relating to European Speech and Language Therapy.
- J: to provide expert advice in Speech and Language Therapy / Logopaedics to any political, parliamentary or administrative authority or any recognised association which would request it.
- K: to facilitate the development of the profession by taking new organisations into membership.

#### SECTION IV: COMPOSITION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

##### Article 6:

The following professional organisations are currently members of CPLoL:

Associação Portuguesa de Terapeutas da Fala – PORTUGAL  
Association Luxembourgeoise des Orthophonistes – GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG  
Association of Speech-Language Pathologists Malta – MALTA  
Association Romande des Logopédistes Diplômés – SWITZERLAND  
Asociace klinických logopedů ČR – CZECH REPUBLIC  
Asociacion de Diplomados Universitarios en Logopedia – SPAIN  
Audiologopædisk Forening – DENMARK  
Berufsverband **logopädie**austria – AUSTRIA  
Bulgarian National Association of Logopedists -BULGARIA  
Σύλλογος Λογοπαθολόγων-Λογοθεραπευτών Κύπρου – CYPRUS  
Deutscher Bundesverband für Logopädie – GERMANY  
Deutschschweizer Logopädinnen- und Logopädenverband - SWITZERLAND  
Društvo logopedov Slovenije – SLOVENIA  
Eesti Logopeedide Ühing – ESTONIA  
Fédération Nationale des Orthophonistes - FRANCE  
Federazione Logopedisti Italiani – ITALY  
Félag talkennara og talmeinafræðinga – ICELAND

Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists – IRELAND  
Latvijas Logopēdu Asociācija – LATVIA  
Национално Сдружение на Логопедите в България - BULGARIA  
Nederlandse Vereniging voor Logopedie en Foniatrie - NETHERLANDS  
Norsk Logopedlag – NORWAY  
Πανελλήνιος Σύλλογος Λογοπεδικών - GREECE  
Polski Związek Logopedów – POLAND  
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists - UNITED KINGDOM  
Slovenská asociácia logopédov – SLOVAKIA  
Suomen Puheterapeuttiliitto ry - FINLAND  
Svenska Logopedförbundet - SWEDEN  
Union Nationale pour le Développement de la Recherche et d'Évaluation en Orthophonie - FRANCE  
Union Professionnelle des Logopèdes Francophones - BELGIUM  
Vlaamse Vereniging voor Logopedisten - BELGIUM

Any new application for membership shall be submitted to existing members for approval.

**Article 7:**

- A: Organisations representative of the profession in countries, which are members of the European Free Trade Association, may apply for full membership.
- B: Organisations representative of the profession in European countries, which are not members of the European Union, may apply for observer membership.
- C: Such Observer members will pay an annual subscription as determined by the General Assembly.
- D: Observer members are not entitled to vote; they will be invited on a regular basis to attend all statutory meetings.

**Article 8:**

The General Assembly of CPLoL shall have the overriding right of decision on the admission of member organisations. The decision shall be made by a two-thirds majority of those present, and shall be based on the following criteria:

- representativeness
- ability to meet the aims and objectives of CPLoL
- particular specialism
- any other criterion relevant to CPLoL
- quality of training

Likewise, if an organisation does not comply with the above criteria, the General Assembly of CPLoL may resolve to exclude it, based on a two-thirds majority vote of those present.

**Article 9:**

In the event that other states join the EU, an organisation admitted by the General Assembly as a full member shall be added to the above list.

**Article 10:**

Each country may be represented at the General Assembly by a maximum of two delegates, who must be speech and language therapists - logopedists, appointed by the member organisation or organisations, chosen from amongst their members and duly mandated by them.

**Article 11:**

In the event that an organisation submits an application for membership to the executive committee of CPLoL, a representative of the organisation may attend meetings of CPLoL as an observer, with a purely consultative role, whilst waiting for this application to be accepted.

**SECTION V: ADMINISTRATION**

**Article 12: The General Assembly**

The governing, decision-making and planning body of CPLoL shall be the General Assembly, made up of member organisations.

- A: It shall consist of two delegates per country, these delegates to be speech and language therapists - logopedists, representing the organisation(s) of speech and language therapists - logopedists in each of these countries. Where a country is represented by more than one organisation, the allocation of the two seats shall be decided by the national associations concerned.
- B: Each country from which the office bearer (President, General Secretary, Treasurer) come may co-opt another to ensure representation within each commission. Co-opted representatives may attend the General Assembly, without voting right.
- C: The General Assembly of CPLoL shall meet once every two years, convened by the Executive Committee in accordance with a detailed agenda.  
At each General Assembly, the General Secretary shall put the minutes of the previous Assembly to the vote.
- D: In addition to these ordinary meetings, extraordinary meetings may be convened at the request either of the Executive Committee, or by at least one third of member organisations. In this case, the convocation shall follow the same rules as those laid down in the previous paragraph.
- E: The convocation shall be sent to representatives of member organisations at least two months before the date of the meeting fixed by the Executive Committee.

**Article 13: Role of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly shall lay down the main lines of policy for CPLoL by:

- setting out a programme of action for CPLoL to be followed between ordinary General Assemblies
- setting up commissions and committees as required
- approving the financial accounts for the previous years
- voting on report of the organisation's activities
- electing the Executive Committee of CPLoL
- making alterations to the Statutes where required
- fixing the subscription rate.

**Article 14: The Executive Committee**

- A: The Executive Committee is the body responsible for carrying out the decisions of the General Assembly. It is also responsible for managing CPLoL between meetings of the

General Assembly on the basis of policies laid down. It accounts for its activities to each General Assembly.

- B: Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly.
- C: Candidates for positions on the Executive Committee shall be submitted by member organisations of CPLOL.
- D: Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for a period of two years and may be re-elected.
- E: In the event that any member resigns or a post falls vacant, the Executive Committee shall have the right where appropriate to co-opt a replacement to take over responsibility and duties of the vacant post until a vote can be carried out at the next General Assembly.
- F: The Executive Committee shall be constituted as follows:
  - § One President, who shall represent CPLOL in dealing with all EU authorities
  - § One General Secretary, responsible for general administration.
  - § One Treasurer, responsible for the finances of CPLOL.
  - § Four Vice-Presidents, responsible for the work of the commissions and committees.For each of the posts defined above, a maximum of three consecutive terms of office is permitted.
- G: Each candidate for one of the Executive Committee posts must be endorsed by the candidate's own member organisation.
- H: The Executive Committee shall be composed of members from at least six different countries.
- I: The Executive Committee may have recourse to experts for specific purposes and for fixed periods of time which should not exceed the term of office of the E.C.

**Article 15:**

A quorum of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee, for the purpose of taking decisions, shall consist of at least half of the constituent members.

**Article 16:**

All votes shall be taken by show of hands, unless one of the members present expressly requests otherwise.

The General Assembly shall endeavour to obtain the consensus of as large a number of members as possible over issues affecting the profession as a whole.

**SECTION VI: ACCOUNTS**

**Article 17:**

The funds of CPLOL shall consist of subscriptions from member organisations, subsidies if granted, resources from CPLOL activities, and sundry gifts or legacies.

**Article 18:**

Each member organisation of CPLOL shall pay the annual subscription decided by the General Assembly before 31st March; if the subscription has not been paid by this date, the organisation concerned shall be given observer status and shall lose its voting rights. If the subscription has not been paid by 1st September, the organisation shall automatically lose its membership of CPLOL.

**Article 19:**

The subscription shall be fixed in EUROS in proportion to the number of members of the profession belonging to each organisation.

**Article 20:**

- (a) The funds shall be paid into a separate bank account opened in the name of CPLoL.
- (b) Two auditors, chosen from two different countries not represented on the Executive Committee, shall ensure that CPLoL's financial affairs are properly managed. The auditors shall report to the ordinary general assemblies. They shall be elected for two years.

**Article 21:**

All travel and accommodation expenses directly related to CPLoL activities for official delegates and invited experts (re Article 14, I) shall be met from CPLoL funds. All elected posts, whatever nature, shall be unpaid.

**Article 22:**

CPLoL shall submit requests for subsidies or financing to the European Authorities as and when required.

## **SECTION VII: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

**Article 23:**

Documents prepared by the Executive Committee shall be drawn up in both English and French.

**Article 24:**

The President will ensure that oral interjections are translated into the official languages.

**Article 25:**

After each meeting, minutes shall be sent to the members of CPLoL in both English and French.

## **SECTION VIII: ALTERATIONS TO STATUTES**

**Article 26:**

The statutes may be altered by any meeting of the General Assembly of CPLoL. However, proposals to alter the statutes shall be sent to member organisations at least three months in advance.

## **SECTION IX: DISSOLUTION**

**Article 27:**

Should it be decided to dissolve CPLoL for whatever reason, member organisations shall by agreement allocate any assets to one or more of the professional organisations of speech and language therapists - logopedists from EU member countries.

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Birgitta Rosén-Gustafsson  
President

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Bent E. Kjær  
Secretary General