



## STATUTES OF ASSOCIATION

### ESTA España (*European String Teachers Association*)

<b>Name, purposes, address</b>
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**Art. 1** With the name of ESTA España (European String Teachers Association) a non-governmental and non-profit organization, is established under the Spanish *Ley Orgánica* (Organic Law) 1/2002, of March 22, regulating the Right of Association.

This Association shall form part of the ESTA network of associations, now operating in 24 European countries.

**Art. 2** ESTA España is an Association with an exclusively artistic, educational, scientific and co-operative purpose, particularly with the objectives:

- to improve the general standard and level of teaching of string instruments in Spain
- to innovate the communication and alignment of methods, and to share techniques, editorial updates, research outcomes, new repertoire and perspectives;
- to promote the professional education of string musicians through the activities described in Art. 3
- to foster a larger interest in string instruments and specifically musical pedagogy in Spanish society.

**Art. 3** The Association will engage in the following activities:

- a)** organization of meetings, conferences, concerts, seminars, courses, congresses etc. that facilitate the liaison of interested parties, both at the national and international levels
- b)** edition and distribution, on a regular or occasional basis, of publications to disseminate news and activities of the Association that are of professional interest and relevance
- c)** promotion of all matters to the common benefit of string instrument professionals in Europe
- d)** support of other organizations that share similar objectives as the Association

e) promotion of exchanges among teachers and students of other national or international organizations with similar interests and objectives.

**Art. 4** ESTA España's address will be: Avda. Ciudad de Barcelona, 208, 1º A, 28007 – Madrid, and its territorial scope is the State of Spain. The languages of the association are all the official languages of the State of Spain as well as English. Its choice will depend on the characteristics of each event.

## II. Affiliation

**Art. 5** ESTA España members shall be string instrument teachers of violin, viola, cello and double bass, with the possible future admission of the baroque string instruments, plucked string instruments and harp. Membership is composed of a wide scope of teaching professionals working in conservatories, music schools or private teaching.

ESTA España encourages adult learners and amateurs to enjoy membership. ESTA España is not associated to any particular educational framework but embraces all professionals with a spirit to foster the development of creative means for learning and training.

Every member shall have access to events organized by ESTA España and to the international events.

Membership offers:

- access to a community of teachers to openly share ideas
- opportunity to learn about main teaching methods from experts
- receipt of a national newsletter or journal in digital format
- access to web pages that are restricted and exclusive to members
- discounts on educational platforms and commercial products of the Association's partners.

**Art. 6** Membership is open to individuals of age and with full legal capacity that have an interest in the activities of the Association.

Members are grouped in the following categories:

- honorary members
- founding members
- ordinary members
- supporting members

Honorary members are those who have provided to ESTA España with an exceptional service, or those with outstanding prestige in string instrument

teaching in Spain. Such members are selected by majority of votes in a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Founding members are those who take part in the founding act of the Association.

Ordinary members are those verified to the Board of Directors as professionals of string instruments within the scope of the Association's activities. Verification shall be obtained upon submission of a professional title or certification.

Supporting members are those that cannot be verified as professionals, but have an interest and wish to participate in the activities promoted by the Association. These members may be subject to certain restrictions to be agreed on and discussed by the Board of Directors.

Persons eligible to become ordinary members may choose to become supporting members at their own discretion.

**Art. 7** Membership of ESTA España expires:

1. by renouncement of membership or in the event of dissolution of ESTA España branch. Such renouncement or dissolution shall be effective at the end of any given calendar year, provided that with written notice with a notice period of six months and with detailed reasons is made.

2. by default. The Board of Directors may exclude a member if payment of the annual subscription fee remains outstanding after a second warning and if payment is delayed by more than 60 days. Exclusion does not preclude the obligation with respect to the outstanding balance.

3. by expulsion. Any ESTA España member can be expelled if he or she acts against other members' or the general interests of ESTA España.

<b>III. Bodies</b>
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**Art. 8** The Board of Directors is composed of:

**President** - 3 years term, renewable for a maximum of two periods

**Vice-President** - 3 years term, renewable for a maximum of two periods

**Adviser** (there may be 2 advisers simultaneously and/or Secretary-Advisor if required) - 3 years term, renewable for a maximum of two periods.

**Secretary** (this may be a person outside the Association under a fixed-term contract with the Association.)

If member of the Association - 3 years term, renewable for a maximum of two periods.

If founding member - with voting rights

If Secretary/Adviser as member - with voting rights

If external person - without voting rights

**Treasurer** (may be the same person as the Secretary or a person outside the Association under a fixed-term contract with the Association.)

If it is a member of the Association - 3 years term, renewable for a maximum of two periods.

If Treasurer or Treasurer-Adviser as member - with voting rights

If external person - without voting rights

## **Art. 9 Powers of the Board of Directors**

1. To meet at the request of the President or of the members of the Board of Directors.
2. To represent the Association in front of any private or public organization.
3. To plan and direct the activities of the Association. To monitor and give continuity to its services. To organize and exercise its economic and administrative management.
4. To convene the General Assembly and execute resolutions, agreements and elections.
5. To prepare and submit annual budgets for approval by the General Assembly.
6. To elaborate or amend the Statutes of Association for approval.
7. To appoint new members of the Board of Directors.
8. To admit new members to the Association.
9. To decide on the responsibilities of the members of the Board of Directors.
10. To approve submitted budgets.
11. To ensure correct communication with the ESTA Central Board.
12. To modify the annual subscription fee of members if necessary.
13. To dissolve the Association.
14. To propose and select Honorary members.

15. If a Board member receives complaints from at least two other members of the Board, a meeting will be called for possible re-election.

### **Art. 10 General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association. It is composed of the Board of Directors and all the members irrespective of their category.

General Assembly meetings may be held ordinarily and also extraordinarily. Ordinary meetings will be held once a year. Extraordinary meetings will be held when circumstances require or the Board of Directors or/and the President concur.

Meetings of the General Assembly will be announced by letter sent to all members, specifying the place, date and time of the meeting as well as the points of discussion. Meetings must be announced at least 30 days prior to the envisaged date. Any member can suggest issues to be discussed at the meeting and must communicate them in advance.

Conference calls or other electronic means of long-distance communication are admitted.

The date and place of the General Assembly meeting will be decided at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

### **Art. 11. Powers of the General Assembly**

1. To propose new members to the Board of Directors, including the President.
2. To vote for candidates by show of hands or by electronic means.
3. To approve or reject the proposals by the Board of Directors on the activities of the Association.
4. To approve or reject the management of balance sheet and funds by the Board of Directors.
5. To approve or reject budgets.
6. To appoint the auditors to examine the annual balance sheet and economic management. Auditors cannot be members of the Association.
7. To approve or reject any modification of the annual subscription fee of the members as proposed by the Board of Directors.

8. The amend the Statutes of ESTA España or dissolve the Association by majority of two thirds of the votes.

#### **IV. Voting and elections**

##### **Art. 12. Voting rights**

Unless stated otherwise vote is made by majority. In case of a tie, the President or in his absence, the Vice-President, takes decision.

Honorary members have the right to vote

Founding members have the right to vote

Ordinary members have the right to vote only in the General Assembly

Supporting members do not have the right to vote

As a general rule, voting and elections will be conducted by show of hands, unless one member of the Board of Directors requests a secret vote. Votes by electronic means are admissible.

#### **V. Annual subscription fee**

**Art. 13** The annual subscription fee can be modified by a proposal from the Board of Directors and its approval by the General Assembly.

#### **VI. Statutes of Association**

**Art. 14** The Statutes of Association shall come into force on 1st. of July 2020 and replace any previous Statutes of ESTA España. The Statutes have been written in Spanish and translated into English. The Spanish version prevails.

President



Don Peter Thiemann

Vice-President



Doña Oksana Solovieva

Secretary



Doña Maria José Fueyo Muñiz

Treasurer



Doña Elisa González- Pola Lucio