

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 11 and 12, Act on Associations (“Official Gazette RS“, No.51/09), the founding Meeting, held on 26 February 2019 in Belgrade, adopted the **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION** of the “Fragile X Society-BALKANS“

## **Field of application**

### **Article 1**

The “Fragile X Society-BALKANS“ Association (hereinafter: Association) is a non-governmental and non-profit association, founded for an unlimited period of time for the purpose of achieving its aims and objectives in the field of medical education, research work and promotion of health with regard to the fragile x chromosome.

## **Purpose of the Association**

### **Article 2**

The purpose of the Association is:

1. medical education of healthcare professionals,
2. medical education of persons who are carriers of the fragile x chromosome,
3. medical education of family members of persons who are carriers of the fragile x chromosome,
4. research work in the scientific field related to the fragile x chromosome,
5. health promotion in the field related to the fragile x chromosome

### **Article 3**

For the purpose of achieving its aims and objectives, the Association especially:

1. collects and processes scientific and specialised professional literature in the field of the fragile x chromosome;
2. organises alone or together with other organisations, professional meetings, seminars and other forms of education in the field of the fragile x chromosome;
3. publishes books and other publications on issues referring to the field of research and healthcare related to the fragile x chromosome in accordance with the law;
4. organises medical education of healthcare professionals, persons who are carriers of the fragile x chromosome and their family members in the field related to the fragile x chromosome;
5. cooperates with medical institutions (health centres, hospitals, clinical centres), universities, schools, professional associations and other organisations within the country and abroad dealing with the fragile x chromosome.

## **Name and head office**

### **Article 4**

The name of the Association is: the “Fragile X Society-BALKANS“. The translation to English is: “Fragile X Society-BALKANS“. The Association’s head office in Belgrade is at 156-10 Bulevar Arsenija Čarnojevića Street. The Association carries out its activity in the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

## **Terms and conditions and termination of Membership**

### **Article 5**

Any person who accepts the Association's aims and objectives and its Articles of Association and files a membership application addressed to the Association's President, can become a member of the Association.

A 14-year-old minor can become a member of the Association by attaching a certified statement of his/her solicitor's approval.

For persons under the age of 14, pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article, the application shall be filed by his/her solicitor.

### **Article 6**

The Membership Decision shall be passed by the Assembly and the applicant shall be notified thereof without any delay.

A member can resign from membership by written notice of resignation. The solicitor's approval is not required for a minor's resignation.

Membership within the Association can terminate as a result of a longer period of the member's inactivity, breach of provisions of these Articles of Association or by bringing the name of the Association into disrepute.

The Decision on the termination of membership shall be passed by the General Assembly, based on the justified proposal of the Association's President.

The member shall be allowed to present the reasons leading to the submission of proposal for bringing the decision on the termination of Association membership.

## **Powers and duties of members**

### **Article 7**

A member of the Association shall be entitled to:

1) equally participate, together with the other members, in achieving the purposes the Association;

2) directly participate in the decision-making process of the General Assembly;

3) elect members and be elected a member of the bodies of the Association;

4) be timely and fully notified of the Association's work and activities.

A member shall:

1) actively contribute to the achievement of the Association's purposes;

2) take part, in accordance with the shown interest, in the Association's activities;

3) pay the membership fee;

4) carry out other jobs entrusted by the Association's President.

### **Internal organisational structure**

#### **Article 8**

The bodies of the Association are: the Assembly and the President of the Association. The duty of the representative shall be carried out by the President of the Association, and during his/her leave by the Deputy President of the Association.

#### **Article 9**

The Assembly consists of its members.

The Assembly meets regularly once a year. An extraordinary session of the Assembly may be called by justified proposal of the President of the Association, or by initiative of at least one third of of the Assembly membership. The initiative shall be submitted in writing to the President of the Association, stating the issues which are proposed for consideration.

The President of the Association shall convene the Assembly by written notice, stating the place and time of meeting as well as the draft agenda. The session shall be presided by the person elected by public election at the beginning of the session.

The Assembly shall:

1) pass the plan and programme of work;

2) adopt the Articles of Association as well as the amendments to the Articles of Association;

3) adopt other bylaws of the Association;

4) elect and remove from office the President and Deputy President of the Association;

5) hear and adopt, at least once a year, the report of the President of the Association;

6) hear and adopt the financial plan and report;

7) decide on status changes and termination of the Association's work;

8) decide on integrating with unions and other associations in the country and abroad.

The Assembly shall lawfully decide by a vote of least a half of the voting membership in attendance. The Assembly shall decide by a majority of the voting membership in attendance.

A decision on the amendments to the Articles of Associations, status changes and termination of the work of the Association can be brought upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting membership in attendance.

### **Article 10**

The President of the Association is the executive body of the Association, who takes care of implementing the aims and objectives of the Association laid down by these Articles of Association.

The term of office of the President and the Deputy President of the Association is five years and they can be re-elected for the same office.

### **Article 11**

The President of the Association shall represent the Association in legal transactions and shall be entitled to the rights and duties of financial contractor.

The Deputy President of the Association is authorised to represent the Association, in the absence of the President of the Association, and sign all financial and monetary documents on behalf of the Association.

### **Article 12**

The President of the Association shall:

- 1) manage the work of the Association between two Assembly sessions and make decisions for the purpose of achieving the aims and objectives of the Association;
- 2) organise regular implementation of the Association's activities;
- 3) entrust special assignments to some members;
- 4) make financial decisions;
- 5) decide on taking an action on amendments to the Articles of Association, by personal initiative or by proposal of at least one third of the Association members, prepare draft amendments and submit them to the Assembly for adoption;
- 6) decide on taking an action for indemnification in cases from Article 25, paragraph 2, Act on Associations and, if necessary, appoint a special proxy of the Association for such action;
- 7) decide on other issues for which other bodies of the Association have not been authorised by law or these Articles of Association.

## **Transparency of work**

### **Article 13**

The work of the Association is transparent. The President of the Association takes care of regularly notifying the membership and the public on the work and activities of the Association, directly or through internal publications, or publicised communication, or in any other appropriate way.

Yearly settlements and reports on the Association's activities shall be submitted to members at the Association's Assembly session.

#### **Article 14**

For the purpose of achieving its aims and objectives the Association shall contact and cooperate with other associations and organisations in the country and abroad.

The Association can integrate with the international environmental protection associations, as decided by the Assembly.

#### **Sources of funding and allocation of funds**

#### **Article 16**

The Association shall acquire funds from membership fees, charities, donations and grants, financial subsidies and other ways in accordance with the law.

#### **Termination of work of the Association**

#### **Article 17**

The Association shall terminate its work by decision of the Assembly, upon the termination of conditions for achieving the aims and objectives of the Association, and in other cases prescribed by law.

#### **Procedure concerning the assets of the Association in the case of Association termination**

#### **Article 18**

In the case of termination of work, the assets of the Association shall be granted to a local non-profit legal entity established for the purpose of achieving the same or similar aims and objectives, namely the Assembly shall by decision on termination determine to whom the assets shall be granted pursuant to the Law.

#### **Shape and content of seal**

#### **Article 19**

The Association shall have a rectangular-shaped seal with the following inscription on the upper half thereof: the Fragile X Society, Belgrade – New Belgrade, address: 156/10 Bulevar Arsenija

Čarnojevića.

#### **Article 20**

The Act on Associations shall directly apply to all issues not regulated by these Articles of Association.

#### **Article 21**

These Articles of Association shall come into effect on the day of the adoption thereof at the founding meeting of the Association.

**Chairman of the Founding  
Meeting of the Association**

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Vida Jeremić Stojković