

**CONSTITUTION OF  
THE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS OF PSYCHIATRY**

1. Name: The Association shall be called "The Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry".
2. The purpose of the Association is to advance for the benefit of the public the study of the teaching of psychiatry, to encourage and promote interest into matters concerned with the teaching of psychiatry and to improve the methods for teaching psychiatry, and in furtherance thereof and as ancillary thereto the Association may:-
  - (a) exchange information about psychiatric education in medical schools and in other fields of education and training.
  - (b) organize meetings on topics concerning psychiatric education.
  - (c) provide a forum for discussion of matters pertinent to psychiatric education.
  - (d) provide information to professional and public bodies about matters concerning psychiatric education.
  - (e) investigate matters pertinent to psychiatric education and publish reports which may be in the professional and public interest.
  - (f) foster and promote research into psychiatric education, and to communicate the results of such research to all interested persons.

3. Membership

Those eligible for membership of the Association shall be:

- (a) Psychiatrists who are Professors, Readers, Senior Lecturers and Lecturers in University or Medical School Departments of Psychiatry, including those recognized teachers who regularly teach undergraduate or postgraduate students.
- (b) Clinical psychologists who have appointments of the same status and who carry the responsibility in their University or Medical School Departments for the teaching of psychology to undergraduate medical students or postgraduate students in medical or related professions.
- (c) Social workers, psychologists, sociologists and other scientists who carry a similar responsibility to that for their subject stated in Clause b.
- (d) Teachers in Departments of Psychiatry not falling within these categories but whom the Executive Committee would want to propose for special reasons.
- (e) Medical students, Foundation trainees and trainees from other disciplines of medicine with a demonstrated interest in matters relating to psychiatric education with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Intending members must apply to the Secretary and be approved by the Executive Committee.

4. Organization

- (a) The Executive of the Association shall be a Chairman, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two ordinary members of the Association, and such others as the Executive Committee may from time to time elect or co-opt. The Executive shall be elected by the membership and will be eligible for re-election.

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(b).Members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve for three years and may be re-nominated for a further period of three years. Members may be co-opted by the Executive Committee, either additional or to fill vacancies, or to ensure representation of disciplines other than Psychiatry shall the Executive Committee see fit at any time to do so.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Association for promoting its aims. It shall meet regularly at least twice a year. It shall present a Report each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Association giving an account of its work during the year. In the absence of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer shall act as Chairman.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to sign cheques for expenditure under £100. A signatory in addition to the Treasurer is required for drawing any larger sum.

(c) The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint Special Committees.

5. Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions shall be as recommended by the Executive Committee and confirmed by a General Meeting.

6. Meetings

(a) General Meetings:

An Annual General Meeting shall be held.

The Association shall in addition meet where and when necessary, after notice from the Secretary of not less than six weeks.

(b) The Association shall arrange meetings to which members of the Association and other interested bodies or individuals may be invited to discuss matters pertaining to psychiatric education.

(c) The Executive Committee shall have power to summon an Emergency General Meeting of the Association if it so decides. Not less than fourteen days' notice must be given.

7. Alteration of Constitution

No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless such alteration, having been previously circulated to all Members, is approved by two-thirds of those present at a General Meeting of the Association. No such amendment or alteration shall be made which would alter the charitable status of the Association.

8. In the event of the dissolution or winding up of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property or assets whatsoever the same shall be given or transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to the Association and in so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some other charitable object.

Certified as a true copy of the Constitution of the Association.

Chairman: Dr T. W. Davies

Secretary: Dr S. Dave

Treasurer: Professor N. Dogra

Note: Original Constitution adopted 27 September 1974.

Constitution as amended above adopted at AGM of the Association 7 April 2017.