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Membership Applications

DOCUMENT FOR DECISION

EDF has received two applications that are going to be discussed during the Membership and Credential Committee of 6th October 2017.

There is an application for Ordinary membership and one for associate membership:

Membership application of European Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Alliance (EMEA), Ordinary Member (DOC-MCC-17-10-01)

The European Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Alliance (EMEA) was founded in 1999 as a collaborative of ME organisations within Europe (Full Members: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom - Associate Member: Northern Ireland) who have the common aim of promoting biomedical research into Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (known as ME or ME/CFS) and increasing awareness and education regarding this debilitating neurological illness.

EMEA's aim is to establish correct recognition of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) across Europe as an organic illness requiring biomedical research for treatment and cure, establish correct diagnosis of patients and specialised bio-medical centres for education, treatment and cures. So this can lead to raising awareness, achieving recognition and ultimately changing the lives of people with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) so they can finally:

- access to the same standard high quality treatment and care as others
- be treated with dignity, respect and belief
- enable them to have the best quality of life possible

To achieve this mission, the Alliance and its members collectively work together to progress understanding, perception and treatment of the disease by getting ME the recognition it deserves across Europe and its Member States.

Through EMEA's European parliamentary network, they work to change the situation on a policy level and support their members on a national level.



The Alliance really looks forward to collaborate with EDF and its members in advocating to improve the quality of life of people living with disabilities. EMEA can certainly learn from the expertise from others and vice versa.

EMEA will support EDF's work on the rights of people with disabilities for full social inclusion of disabled people no matter what the cause of their disability and support the aims/ideals of EDF. EMEA will work with EDF and its members to improve policy making at a European and national level to achieve full and true inclusion for disabled people across Europe.

EMEA plans to play an active role supporting EDF objectives especially regarding Health, and wider policy areas linked to social inclusion.

The organisation Participated in an event organised by MEP Helga Stevens around the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities the UNCRPD, and the organisation saw the potential in further working on this aspect to make sure that persons with EMEA are treated as human beings and their rights are respected. To the advice of Mrs Stevens the organisation contacted EDF in March. A meeting followed in June where the organisation manifested its strong interest in becoming a member and working with EDF to join their voices to the general movement of the disability.

At this moment the organisation has 15 full members and 1 associate members in 15 European countries Switzerland included. They are applying for Ordinary membership within EDF.

For more information about the organisation visit their website: <http://www.euro-me.org/>



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Membership application of Union of Disabled People Organizations' of Azerbaijan (UDPO) (DOC-MCC-17-10-02 application form of UDPO)

The organization was founded by 8 members of DPOs in 2003 and officially registered on 16.04.2005. There are 47 organizations of people with disability in UDPO at moment. They have resource centers in Gabala and Gazax regions. One of the organizations is International, 4 organizations regional, the rest are of Republican status. 4 organizations are the members of International structures. (Disabled People International DPI, International organization of blind, World Deaf Union, International Hemophiliac Association)

UDPO is the member of the:

- World Disability Union
- International Union of Organizations People with Disability
- Global Call to Actions Against Poverty,
- The Working Group for United Nations' Convention "On the rights of people with disabilities"
- The independent group of experts under the Ombudsman
 - Ministry of Labor and Social Protection Population:
 - member of the commission "medical rehabilitation of people with disabilities and to contribute to the solution of the social problems".
 - Member of the "Public council"
- Member of UN Human Rights Convention Monitoring and Reporting Expert Group
- Member of Azerbaijani National Platform of EU [Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum](#)
- Member of Government and Civil Society Dialogue Platform for Promotion of Open Government

Structure: General Assembly, Board, Commission of Monitoring. President, Secretary, Expert group, Universal Design center.

Vision: Inclusive society with established equal rights and equal opportunities for everyone

Aim: The main purpose of UDPO is to linking disabled organization's activity with each other acting in Azerbaijan, protecting their interest and positions.

Women in Guidance – 60 %

The mission of the organization.

People with disabilities in Azerbaijan uniting and working in many different activities



of these organizations stimulate promotion of equal rights and opportunities in community.

The objectives of the organization

- To coordinate the activities of disability organizations in solving problems
- Ensuring participation
- Capacity Building
- Team work habits to ensure transparency and sustainability

The organization as the representative of DPOs in its country is part of numerous projects and was part of the civil society representation when the list of issues for their country was presented in front of the CRPD committee and this together with IDA EDF.

The organization contacted EDF in March and manifested strong interest in becoming a member. After consultation with the Secretary of the moment Rodolfo Cattani due to the geographical position of the country, it was agreed to allow associate membership as EDF has already an associate member from Georgia country from the same region.

The organization recognizes EDF as a leading organization and would like to promote its principles in their country and to make links between EDF and their country and provide EDF with local information. There were e-mail and phone exchanges between the secretariat and the organization. The organization is the National council of persons with disabilities in their country.

Thus the organization would like to become an associate member.

For more information about the organization visit their website: www.udpo.az