

Membership Information and Fees Schedule

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Our Mission

It is the purpose of EURAMA to establish Ayurveda within Europe as a holistic system of medicine, applied by doctors and Vaidyas for the restoration and maintenance of health in their patients.

For Europe, our perspective of Ayurveda is its application as "complementary and alternative medicine" (CAM) along with modern medicine and scientific research, especially in areas where modern medicine does not fulfil our expectations concerning safety and efficiency (in the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases).

Our Goals

The aim of EURAMA is to promote and spread Ayurveda used by doctors and Vaidyas to maintain or restore the health of their patients in Europe. In doing so, the Association seeks to establish Ayurveda within Europe as a holistic system of medicine, including all of its diagnostic and therapeutic methods and the utilisation of its pharmacopoeia and to make it more easily accessible to the general public.

Furthermore, EURAMA is designed to facilitate the creation of a regulatory framework for the safe and legal use of Ayurveda in all the countries of Europe. To achieve this goal, EURAMA will give special emphasis to scientific research of Ayurveda, the establishment of recognised quality criteria and the professionally impeccable vocational education of doctors and medical staff in theory and clinical practice of Ayurveda on a continuing and advanced level.

Moreover, EURAMA aims to be a platform for the exchange of information and opinions between all persons involved in Ayurveda in Europe and beyond or take an interest in it, and to act as a mediator for these interests in Europe.

Our Activities

- 1. To inform the public, authorities and parliamentary as well as other bodies in Europe about the significance of Ayurveda and to explain the role of consciousness for the understanding of health;
- 2. To inform the public and responsible bodies about the possibilities to maintain or restore health through Ayurveda;
- 3. To promote the integration of Ayurveda into the European health system and the respective special interest groups at the European Union, at the level of national governments as well of other regional, national and European territorial authorities, but also with non-governmental organisations.
- 4. To initiate whatever steps are necessary to make Ayurvedic preparations and therapies available;
- 5. To promote scientific research and exchange of information in the field of Ayurveda;
- 6. To forge interdisciplinary links between Ayurveda, traditional European therapeutic modalities and modern medicine within the meaning of integrative medicine;
- 7. To promote training as well as advanced and continuing education in Ayurvedic medicine and therapy on a high level;
- 8. To promote international dialogue and exchange programmes, especially with Ayurvedic experts and doctors (Vaidyas) from India;
- 9. To promote responsible behaviour of all persons and institutions dealing with Ayurveda;
- 10. To cooperate with other organisations, universities and scientific institutions worldwide which are involved in the scientifically based research and dissemination of authentic Ayurveda.

EURAMA's activities are not directed towards profit. The means of EURAMA are exclusively used in compliance with the above stated goals.

It is our firm belief that through these activities Ayurveda will gain the position it deserves within the European health care systems. EURAMA invites all doctors, Vaidyas and scientists — regardless of their education and school of thought within the field of Ayurveda — to participate in this great endeavour.

Types of Membership

Members of EURAMA are subdivided in Ordinary Members, Associate Members, Observing Members, Supporting Members and Honorary Members.

- Ordinary Members are all organisations and associations from European countries, which are registered in their respective
 countries as legal persons and represent the interests of medical doctors with a licence to practice medicine in
 European countries and also have a supplementary qualification in Ayurveda or are undergoing training in this field.
- 2. Observing Members are professional representatives of a national association or organisation of any European country in the sense of point 1, which is in the process of being established, or of any such association that is still considering joining EURAMA without having taken such a decision as yet.
- 3. Associate Members are
 - a) organisations and associations which are registered as legal persons according to their respective national laws and represent natural persons who are licensed to practice professionally as Ayurveda doctors (BAMS or Dr. ayur.) in India or in a country outside of Europe, or who are undergoing training to become such doctors;
 - b) organisations and associations representing the interests of physical persons who are practising as pharmacists, veterinaries or scientists in other disciplines in a European country according to the relevant provisions of that country and who are involved with the topic of Ayurveda or are in training for practising Ayurveda;
 - c) individuals who are able to make substantial contributions towards achieving the Association's objectives.
- 4. Supporting Members of EURAMA can be organisations and undertakings, irrespective of their legal form and country of origin as well as individuals who promote the interests of Ayurveda, Ayurveda doctors or persons training to be such doctors in accordance with the Association's aims in particular by means of elevated membership fees.
- 5. Honorary Members are natural persons to whom the General Meeting has awarded honorary membership for their special achievements in promoting EURAMA and/or the objectives of EURAMA.

All members are entitled to use the services of the Association, to participate in the General Meeting (GM) — represented by the delegates — and to voice their concerns and table proposals in the General Meeting (right to address the GM and to file proposals). They are entitled to obtain current information and data of the Association. All Ordinary Members and Honorary Members are entitled to vote in the General Meeting and have the right to elect and to be elected.

Each ordinary member of EURAMA appoints up to three delegates from among its members to represent the Association in the GM of EURAMA. Each Observing, Associate and Supporting Member may send a representative as a delegate to the General Meeting. The number of delegates is defined by the number of members on the effective date which is January 1^{st} of the current year: up to 20 members - 1 delegate; up to 50 members - 2 delegates; up to 100 members - 3 delegates.

Members are also entitled to nominate (a) substitute delegate(s) to EURAMA. A substitute delegate may represent the delegate in the GM.

Fee Schedule

The annual EURAMA membership fee is due in January. Fees are based on the above membership categories and fixed by the GM as follows:

Membership fee for Ordinary Members

- Minimum fee per calendar year € 300,00.
- **►** EURAMA Members with more than 30 members: € 10,00 per member per calendar year.
- Maximum fee per calendar year € 600,00.
- Only in justified cases, e.g. for Associations from Central and Eastern European Countries, there is a possibility of fee reduction.

Membership fee for Associate Members

- ► For institutions per calendar year € 400,00.
- For individuals per calendar year € 80,00.
- ► Reduced fee for individual members of national Ayurveda Associations (EURAMA members) when becoming Associate Members of EURAMA: € 40,00 per calendar year.

Membership fee for Observing Members (limited to one year)

- ▶ For Institutions per calendar year € 150,00.
- ► For individuals per calendar year € 40,00.

If you have any questions or if you are willing to financially strengthen EURAMA as Supporting Member please do not hesitate to contact the EURAMA Office in Vienna, Austria: hildegard.kathan@ayurveda-association.eu, +43 (0)650 7515787.