



**Agenda
for the 22nd Annual General Assembly
of the International Feldenkrais Federation
to be held in Soesterberg, The Netherlands, May 22 through May 26 2013**

1. Welcome to the 22nd Annual General Assembly

2. Assembly theme: 21 years... together into the next decade.

3. Standard Business Items

- 3.1 Notifications of Absence, Proxies. Appointment of tellers.
- 3.2 Minutes of the last Assembly: 2012 Tzuba, Israel
- 3.3 Size of the Board of Directors (please see separate document)
- 3.4 Elections for Boards and Committees. Approval of appointments as necessary.
- 3.5 Setting membership fees for 2013
- 3.6 Future Assemblies

4. Membership

Communication is on the way with Spain (Asociacion Feldenkrais Espana) and Finland (Suomen Feldenkraisyhdistys ry) regarding joining the IFF. If the application is completed before the assembly, we will be able to vote on them becoming a member.

5. Reports from the Board of Directors

5.1 General Report

5.1.1 Proposals

Materials' Manager

That the position of the Materials Manager be extended one more year, under the same conditions.

Rationale

The position of the materials manager has been described as being the "oil in the machinery". There is a lot of work being done by volunteers. They are supported by the materials manager, who is supporting them, organizing, dealing with everyday problems, etc. Because of the multitude of projects currently under way, this support should continue.

Sale of IFF Materials to the public

That permission is granted to the IFF Distribution Centre to sell to the public, materials that were originally presented to the public by Dr Feldenkrais.

Rationale

Barbara Wurm donated a series of audio-tapes to the IFF that were broadcast on Swiss radio. One of her conditions was to make these recordings accessible for the public. There are other materials from Moshe Feldenkrais in the Archive and DC that were originally meant for the public and should be made accessible. Presumably this will not be a big market, but for the DC this would provide an additional stream of income, that would help with projects like the translation of AY to other languages.

Supporting statement from the Materials Committee:

During his life, Moshe Feldenkrais gave many public talks and workshops in several different languages. He obviously believed that they would be able to understand and

benefit from his ideas. He believed that his work could transform the world by helping humans evolve and reach more of their innate potential.

During his training programs, he spoke on several occasions about this vision – entrusting the next generation to continue spreading the work. We have been very slow and fearful about doing this so far. In the early days after his death, there was concern that people might ‘steal’ the ideas and teach them without being properly trained. This is still a risk. Anyone can find videos, on Youtube, audio lessons online or for sale as CDs attend classes and workshops or reads a book. The bigger risk is that we keep hiding these valuable resources from the world and miss our opportunity to be known and valued as a transformative discipline. If we want genuine students and researchers to know about this work and develop an interest in studying it. Making it available is the first step.

Members of the Public have been attending classes for many years now. Some have developed a deep interest in the work and would love to hear, see read some of the original teaching. They will never attend a Training or become practitioners but enjoy the learning. It can only do us good to make the materials that were taught to the public originally available to them again. Anyone who has studied the AY lessons knows they can be challenging, so we believe that this will increase the desire to find a practitioner who is willing to explore them with their class. Interests has also been expressed in seeing him working in Functional Integration. Again this is something that is a mystery to the casual observer and that needs a trained practitioner to perform, but the results are compelling advertising for our work.

Example of the Materials that would be sold are:

Public lectures – On Awareness, Peter Brook,

Public workshops - Vancouver, Rotterdam,

Public ATM lessons – Alexander Yanai, various lessons in several languages

Amherst FI video download series.

Supporting statement from the IFF Distribution Center:

From time to time the IFF DC receives requests from members of the public who want to buy lectures, Alexander Yanai lessons and occasionally other Materials. They have either been attending classes and workshops for many years and would like to study the lessons themselves, or have found items on the web that refer to these lessons as their source. It is difficult from both financial and human kindness perspectives to say ‘No’ to these requests. We know that practitioners copy and hand out materials, some illegally put them on websites and there are many people who do not wish to do a Training but are interested in studying the Feldenkrais Method.

Currently there are working groups reviewing materials, in several languages, that Moshe taught to the Public. We would like to both meet the demands of genuine students of The Method and create an additional income stream to support the ongoing translation, transcription and publication of these foundational Materials.

A condition of receiving the Franz Wurm’s Radio lesson series was that it be made available to the public once again. We will therefore be investing in a “Public Access” version of the Distribution Center website to manage these sales. It will be easy and more cost effective, to add other ‘Public’ products. Practitioner only products such as training transcripts and materials would **not** be available for the public to buy (or visible in the catalogue).

Our vision is to be the place where people from all over the world can come and see, hear or read the work of Dr. Moshe Feldenkrais.

6. Committee Reports

- 6.1 Mediation Committee
- 6.2 Finance Committee
- 6.3 Search Committee
- 6.4 Materials Committee report

7. Working Groups Reports

- 7.1 Competency implementation team
- 7.3 Website Working Group
- 7.4 Newsletter
- 7.5 Research Journal

Proposal "Research"

We propose to work on another edition of the IFF research journal, to update the research list on the IFF website and to engage in activities that help to complement, support and coordinate international activities in the field of science and research.

Rationale

The IFF research journal and the IFF research list have been an important source of information for many practitioners. During the last years there have been attempts to pursue this further, but without resonance. Now we have an offer from a volunteer who is both experienced in the IFF and in science to edit the research journal.

- 7.6 Feldenkrais without borders

- 7.7 TAB accredited training programs in economically disadvantaged countries

8. Agenda Items from Previous Assembly

No other Items from Previous Assembly to be carried forward

9. Agenda Items submitted by Member Organisations

Switzerland

The SFV Schweizerischer Feldenkrais Verband would like to submit the following topic for discussion for the IFF Assembly 2013 in Soesterberg:

"How shall we (the method) develop in response to the requirements of (national) health politics?"

Background

The national project of launching a new profession "complementary therapist" is progressing in Switzerland. The SFV members decided repeatedly that they would like to become access to the national exams which will lead to this new profession. Feldenkrais Practitioners will become "complementary therapist, field Feldenkrais Method" after having passed the exams. Most probably health insurances will then reimburse only for lessons given by nationally recognized professionals.

This will also have an impact on the requirements which will be posed on the Feldenkrais trainings. Simultaneously the future of the current TAB-system in Europe is more than incalculable. Therefore we would very much appreciate if the IFF would offer a space for discussion and exchange on this topic which might be of broader interest also for other Guilds.

Israel

Following the last General Assembly (Kibbutz Tzuba 2012), where the general overview was presented, we would like to continue with presenting and discussing the 'finding and recommendations' part based on Khen's analysis 'The Feldenkrais Method and its further development'. We will send you a brief note on the recommendations at large, including the parts which were discussed and voted in our Annual General Assembly

Germany

Report of the Project "National Accreditation"

The FVD Feldenkrais Verband Deutschland e.V. started the project for the development of a structure for the national accreditation in 2012, financially supported by the ETC.

During the assembly in 2012 the project, which was just at the beginning, was theme in several talks. We want to inform you about the process and the actual results during the assembly in 2013.

International Congress 2015

In 1995 and 2005 there was a European Feldenkrais-Congress in Germany also on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the association founded 1985. Currently we are thinking about continuing this tradition, perhaps with a congress in 2015 to celebrate the 30th anniversary. The board of the FVD has not come to a decision yet.

During the IFF assembly we want to talk about any potential participation of other guilds and also the IFF as a cooperation-partner. To be sure about this we want to pass a motion. Only by the support in form of manpower and financial resources this would be possible for us. Beside the assurance of support, the motion should also contain how the other guilds would be involved: Finding the theme, the advisory council etc..

We propose to work out these details during the assembly in a group.

Based on the results of the assembly the FVD board wants to make the decision at their next meeting in June about hosting the congress in 2015.

Argentina

1. We would very much like to have a better access to the materials. It is very difficult for all of us including downloading the videos. We at first thought it was our lack of experience, but most of the people found it difficult. The system ends up being very complex. Do you think that you could make it an easier way? Have you received this same comment from others?
2. Having 9 years ahead, it would be great if the filmed materials could be subtitled in Spanish.
3. Having two practitioners translating the Alexander Yanai lessons here in Argentina, in community with Mexico, may be all these subjects could be solved. We are thankful for the opportunity you are giving us to download the material without cost.
4. We need people coming to give us more advanced workshops and continuity in teaching: may be a short post training. Most of us who graduated 15 or 11 years ago feel that we cannot take another complete training, but that a short post training, 2 or 3 segments to be able to put forward doubts and deepen our training, would be great.

FGNA

International Feldenkrais Week. Each year, FGNA members offer special events for the public during the week of Moshe's birthday and the Guild office advertises this for them (see: <http://www.feldenkrais.com/events/feldenkraisweek>) FGNA would like to hear from other IFF members about their activities associated with a Feldenkrais week. Can it be an international event (International Feldenkrais Week)? Do we need to organize some collaborative events?

IFF Competency: FGNA is interested in receiving a report on where the project is internationally and what is the current IFF vision in regards to promoting the use of the competency profile. For example, FGNA is using the Competency Profile in the yearly requirements for Continuing Competency. What are other members doing?

High costs of Participation. Many guilds note that it is financially challenging to pay the membership fees and also send representatives. Can the IFF initiate video conferencing using tools such as Adobe Connect? (Adobe Connect allows for subgroups to meet)

10. Acceptance of budget 2013

The budget will be voted on by the Assembly, depending on projects and priorities that will be presented and decided.