



The Swiss Feldenkrais Guild's professional code of conduct is binding for everyone working in Switzerland!

2018 the IFF has decided that each member association must have a professional code of conduct (code of ethics) with a concretely described procedure (procedure for complaints). Ideally, this code of ethics is binding for all practitioners, trainers and assistant trainers working in the respective country.

The SFV is very well positioned in this respect for many years already: we have a valid professional code of conduct with a procedure section, a well-staffed ethics committee and an ombudsman's office and thus more than meet the requirements. Every SFV member is subject to the professional code of conduct.

Not included are all trainers, assistant trainers and practitioners who work in Switzerland without being SFV members (advanced training, training, workshops etc.), i.e. colleagues from abroad or from non-TAB accredited training courses.

If, for example, there is an incident of ethical relevance in an Advanced Training and the accused is not from Switzerland, we have no practical means of dealing with it. The person concerned may well turn to the ombudsman's office, but the SFV cannot initiate proceedings, as the accused is not subject to the SFV professional code of conduct. We are also not authorized to exchange information with other national associations (data protection, protection of personality). This means that the process would be concluded at the latest when the ombudsman's office is contacted or in the event of a possible enquiry to the ethics committee.

The only exception would be if the incident is a criminal offence, if a report has been filed, in which case Switzerland (no longer the SFV) would be responsible. However, this is very rare, most cases are more complex and, at least at the beginning, not clear.

We want students, workshop participants and colleagues in advanced trainings to be protected. For this reason, the board has been looking for ways to place all practitioners working in Switzerland under the SFV professional code of conduct.

By signing the declaration of subordination, the person submits to the SFV Code of Professional Conduct and confirms that he/she is exercising his/her profession in accordance with the basic ethical values and rules.



On the one hand, this raises awareness of the issue and, on the other, gives the SFV the means to react in an emergency, to initiate proceedings and to investigate a case in detail.

What needs to be done?

Teachers/Trainers/Assistant Trainers/Practitioners

Organizers of Advanced Trainings, Trainings and/or Public Workshops with staff members from abroad will have them fill in and sign the form "Declaration of subordination". For information, send a copy to the SFV.

Participants

At the same time, we recommend printing the following sentence on course announcements, flyers, registration confirmations (also e-mail, flyers, etc.):

The course participants acknowledge that by participating in the course they are subject to the ethical guidelines of the professional code of conduct of the Swiss Feldenkrais Association. These can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.feldenkrais.ch/ethische-grundsaeetze/> in Art. 4 ff.

The request as well as the associated procedure is timely and long overdue. We thus also meet the requirements of the IFF Assembly 2018 without violating Swiss law. The SFV expects the organizers to comply with this.

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