§ 1 NAME AND SEAT

1) The name of the Society is Deutsche Gesellschaft für Telemedizin (DGTelemed). After registration the Society is adding "e. V." to its name.

2) The seat of the Society is in Berlin.

§ 2 GOALS

1) Society is a national association. Its purpose is to promote public health. It strives especially to support research, education and training by telemedicine and e-health. Telemedical applications can provide medical services overcoming distance by using modern information and communication technology. The use of modern information and communication technology is making diagnostics and therapy easier, is adding to the quality of healthcare delivery and is improving the availability of medical knowledge in remote areas.

2) These goals are accomplished through:

   ∙ scientific events especially on possible applications and developments of telemedicine and e-health with the perspective to improve healthcare delivery in general
   ∙ commissioning of research projects to persons according to German Tax Law (§ 57 (1) Abgabenordnung). Research projects are dedicated exclusively to develop new solutions and processes for telemedical applications.
   ∙ intensive information of the public including political bodies and institutions about possible applications, advantages and economies through the application of telemedicine
   ∙ creation of regional associations at the level of the German states; their activities are following these by-laws.

3) Results of research and development projects are to be published promptly in the general interest.

§ 3 PUBLIC-INTEREST ORIENTATION

1) The Society pursues exclusively and directly goals which are in the public interest as delineated in the relevant provisions of the German tax code ("Steuerbegünstigte Zwecke", §§ 59 ff. Abgabenordnung). The Society is not self-serving or self-dealing; it does not pursue primarily its own economic interests.

2) Resources of the Society may be used only for purposes which are in accordance with provisions of these by-laws. Members may not receive grants from the resources of the Society.

3) Persons may not be unduly favoured through expenditures, be it not keeping in line with the goals of the Society or be it through excessively high compensations.

4) Grants to the Society, especially those from public sources which have a narrowly defined target, may be used only for the purposes specified.

§ 4 BUSINESS YEAR

The business year is co-extensive with the calendar year.

§ 5 MEMBERSHIP

1) The Society has the following categories of membership:

   a) Regular Members
   b) Supporting Members
   c) Honorary Members.

2) Regular Members may include natural and legal persons from hospitals, universities, research institutions, medical technology and pharmaceutical companies, consultancy and service companies, mandatory health insurance organisations, medical bodies, IT-companies and other institutions, doctors, scientists or other persons.

3) Supporting Membership may be granted to any person who supports the goals of the Society, whether or not they meet the prerequisites in article 5(2).

4) The General Assembly may designate persons as Honorary Members who have made notable contributions towards fulfilling the goals of the Society.

§ 6 BEGINNING AND END OF MEMBERSHIP

1) Membership may be acquired through submission of a written application. The Executive Board decides the matter.

2) Membership ends:

   a) through death,
   b) at the end of a business year through written declaration submitted to the Executive Board at least two full months before the end of the year,
   c) through expulsion as a result of dishonourable activity or behaviour which violates the interests of the Society,
   d) as a result of not paying dues after notification by the Executive Board.

§ 7 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

1) Regular Members in good standing have the right to vote and the right to table motions at the General Assembly. Each Member has one vote.

2) Members in good standing are obliged to pay their annual fees and other contributions (e. g. assessments).

3) Supporting Members have no vote at the General Assembly and they have no right to table motions. However, they do have the right to speak at the General Assembly.

4) Honorary Members and Honorary Chairmen have the right to speak and to table motions at the General Assembly; however they have no right to vote. They are not required to pay annual fees.

These By-laws amended by the General Assembly on 8 November 2013 were registered at the Amtsgericht (Berlin-Charlottenburg) on 27 January 2014.
§ 8 ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS
1) The organs of the Society are:
   a) the Executive Board,
   b) the General Assembly.
2) The General Assembly or Executive Board can, by resoluti-
   on, establish bodies, particularly advisory boards and com-
   mittees, for specific tasks.
3) The Society may join or take part in other organizations to
   the extent that this is in keeping with its goals.

§ 9 EXECUTIVE BOARD
1) The Executive Board is made up of:
   - the Chairperson
   - the First Deputy Chair
   - the managing board member
   - the Treasurer
   - at least three further Members and respectively
     - the Chairs of the Advisory Boards.
   The Executive Board elects the chairperson, the deputy
   chair and the managing board member.
2) The Executive Board with the legal rights of representation
   in the sense of German law (§ 26 Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch)
   is made up of the chairperson and the first deputy chair.
   The legal rights of representation may be exercised by each
   of these board members acting alone.
3) The members of the Executive Board are elected for a peri-
   od of four years. Re-election is possible. If a member vaca-
   tes a seat on the Board, then the Board is justified in filling
   the seat through co-optation until the co-opted member
   can be confirmed for the rest of the period of office by the
   next regular General Assembly.
4) The Executive Board leads the Society and it decides on ap-
   plications for membership and the expulsion of members,
   as well as on setting the schedule of membership fees. The
   Society’s business is conducted by the General Secretary.
5) The work of the Executive Board is unpaid. The Board may
   adopt its own rules of procedure. The Board can decide a
   -remuneration for the managing board member.
6) The Executive Board can name a Scientific Committee and
   other committees for specific tasks as needed. Committees
   are directed by their chairs.
7) The Scientific Committee members are appointed by the
   Executive Board for a term of 2 years.
8) Minutes should be kept on the meetings of the Executive
   Board. These should be signed by the managing board member.
9) Honorary Chairmen can participate at the board meetings;
   however without the right to vote. They are exempted from
   the annual fees and other services.

§ 10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1) The regular General Assembly of the Society takes place an-
   nually. The written invitation with an agenda for the mee-
   ting must be made available to the members at least two
   weeks before the meeting.
2) The responsibilities of the General Assembly are:
   a) to receive the business report of the Executive Board
   b) to formally accept the work of the Executive Board
   c) to elect members of the Executive Board
   d) to elect an auditor (re-election is possible)
   e) to amend the by-laws of the Society
   f) to decide on motions
   g) to appoint honorary members
   h) to dissolve the Society
   i) to appoint new honorary members
3) Extraordinary General Assemblies may be convened as re-
   quired. The Executive Board must convene an Extraordi-
   nary General Assembly if there is a pressing reason for one or
   if at least a third of the voting members in good standing
   submit a written petition with specification of reason. The
   Chairperson will send written notifications of the Extraordi-
   nary Meeting to all members, including an agenda, at least
   four weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
4) Any General Assembly which has been properly convened
   is deemed to constitute a quorum, regardless of how many
   voting members actually appear. Motions and resolutions
   are adopted by simple majority, to the extent that by-laws,
   rules of procedure or general law do not specify otherwise.
5) Written minutes are to be kept on the General Assembly
   and its resolutions. The minutes are to be signed by the
   Chairperson or his first Deputy Chair.

§ 11 AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS
Amendment of the by-laws requires the approval of two-thirds
of the voting members who are present at the time the vote is
taken.

§ 12 DISSOLUTION
1) Dissolution of the Society requires the approval of two-
   thirds of all voting members in good standing.
2) In case of dissolution of the Society or its loss of tax-prefer-
   red status, its resources will fall to body of public law or a
   tax-preferred body which will be obliged to use them for
   purposes in support of improving public health.

ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE
for the German Society for Telemedicine (DGTelemed)
(Adopted at the General Meeting on 02.03.2017)
The annual fee schedule is as follows:

1. Corporate memberships
   1.1. up to 250 employees 1.500 €
   1.2. over 250 employees 2.500 €
2. Public bodies, medical societies, associations and
   federations
   2.1. Official institutional cooperation partners 750 €
   2.2. Individual membership – additional 100 €
3. Scientific organisations 750 €
4. Individual membership 150 €
5. Students¹ free

The annual fee should be paid after invoicing in the first quarter of the year.
The payment should be considered by direct debit, if applicable.

¹ The membership application should be submitted with a valid certificate of im-
matriculation. In the subsequent years the valid study record should be submit-
ted in the first quarter of the year. In case of the missing study record the annual
fee for individual member will be charged.