

## **Regulations for Payment of Membership Dues**

### **§ 1 Level of dues**

- (1) Annual membership dues for passive members: at least 30.00 €
- (2) Annual membership dues for active members (Leaders): at least 25.00 €
- (3) Honorary members are freed from paying dues in accordance with the bylaws.

### **§ 2 Method and date of payment**

- (1) Membership dues should be paid in full by 5<sup>th</sup> February of each year, or upon application for membership.
- (2) Payment of membership dues and shares of costs (if necessary) is by direct debit. Members are obliged to give a direct debit authority to LLLD when applying for membership.  
On request membership dues may be paid by bank transfer. They should be paid independently without a reminder from LLLD by 5<sup>th</sup> February, and the membership number should be specified on the bank transfer form. If membership dues have not been received by 5<sup>th</sup> February or if an invoice has to be sent an additional processing fee of 5.00 € will be charged.

### **§ 3 Debt collection**

- (1) The Memberships Dept is authorized to demand payment of unpaid dues by 5<sup>th</sup> May at the latest and thereafter to take all necessary steps according to civil law to recover such unpaid dues.
- (2) In addition to third-party costs (up to 7.50 € from the bank), LLLD will charge:
  - a) 2.50 € for the first reminder after a delay
  - b) 5.00 € for each additional reminder
  - c) 5.00 € for an address search following the return of a reminder which could not be delivered due to change of address
  - d) 2.50 € in the case of a direct debit which bounces because the account is overdrawn.
  - e) 5.00 € for a direct debit which cannot be booked because of incorrect account details or change of bank account.
- (3) Legal disputes arising from the non-payment of membership dues will be dealt with in the district court ("Amtsgericht") responsible for LLLD's headquarters.
- (4) After payment of dues the member may request full or partial remission of fees for reminders. The Memberships Dept and the Board of LLLD will decide on whether to grant this request using equitable discretion.

### **§4 Termination of memberships**

If a member has given notice of termination, he or she remains obliged to pay membership dues and other costs until his or her membership officially ends. A partial refund of the membership dues is not possible, as terminations are only possible with at least 3 months advance notice prior to the end of a calendar year.