

Based on the Legal Notice 182 of 2017 – Malta Government Gazette No. 19,818 – 30 June 2017 EDUCATION ACT (CAP. 327), and the request of Dr. Lidija Pecotic, Founder and Director of EAPTI GPTIM, on the Board meeting of EAPTI GPTIM at 10.01.2022, the following was decided:

## **GUIDELINES FOR HONORARY DEGREE PROCEDURES**

### **Article I. Criteria and guidelines**

Honorary degrees are awarded to individuals who have made substantial and meritorious contributions to EAPTI GPTIM, society, and their profession in such a way as to have enlarged human understanding and enriched human life. An honorary doctorate acknowledges that the recipient deserves to be recognized for their unsurpassed abilities and contributions due to life's learning and experiences. Recognize those who have made profound and enduring contributions to scholarship, culture, and improved quality of life in society. Achievements of national or international significance deserve priority consideration. Recipients must be persons of great integrity, as our choices reflect our values as an institution.

Declared candidates running for public office are not appropriate nominees for honorary degrees.

Honorary degrees may not be conferred in absentia.

### **Article II. Titles of honorary degrees available for conferral**

Honorary Master in Gestalt Therapy

Honorary Doctorate in Gestalt Therapy

### **Article III. Process for nominations**

Nominations for candidates may come from various sources, including individual faculty members or programs. However, they must be submitted through the Board of EAPTI GPTIM.

Nominations should be submitted to the Board of EAPTI GPTIM six months before the commencement of the honorary degrees.

Initial nominations should briefly summarise the individual's accomplishments and reason for considering the individual for an honorary degree. After initial consideration, the Board of EAPTI GPTIM may request additional material supporting a nomination. The initial nomination should:

- Be signed by the proposer(s);
- Briefly describe the individual's accomplishments, including contributions to society, culture, profession, science, and
- If available, include a brief biography of the person.

Additional letters supporting the nomination may be included.

### **Article IV. Review, selection, and notification**

The special committee on honorary degrees will screen nominations and recommend, with supporting rationale, up to five finalists to the President of the Board of EAPTI GPTIM.

The President will select the nominations to present to the Board of EAPTI GPTIM.

Only the Board of EAPTI GPTIM is authorized to award honorary degrees. Only after action by the Board of EAPTI GPTIM should the nominee be informed of the honor. The President will coordinate this process.

#### **Article V. Confidentiality**

Every effort will ensure that individual nominations and discussions of nominees are confidential throughout the process. No publicity will be issued about the nominees until the Board of EAPTI GPTIM approves it.

#### **Article VI. Promotion**

The promotion of the honorary title is chaired by the founder and President of EAPTI GPTIM during the promotion ceremony.

#### **Article VII. Diploma Content**

The content of the Diploma of Honorary Degrees is as follows:

- Who nominated the candidate
- Decision of reward of honorary degree with a short explanation
- Date of the promotion

The President of EAPTI GPTIM signs the awarded diploma as an honorary degree.

#### **Article VIII**

EAPTI GPTIM is obliged to have an evidence list of all awarded honorary degrees.

#### **Article IX Terms of denunciation**

The Holder of the Honorary Master or Doctorate in Gestalt Psychotherapy could lose the honorary title in case of ethical severe or another kind of misconduct. The process of denunciation goes through identical steps to the process of granting the honorary title.

It is recommended that the Honorary degrees are listed by the holder as an award rather than in the education section and that the holder refrains from adopting the misleading title “Dr” before their name with the broader community. The person receiving the title of honorary doctorate can use the abbreviations Dr.Gt.H or Dr.Gt.hc. The person receiving the title of honorary master can use the abbreviations M.Gt.H

#### **Article X**

This Guideline is active from the decision date.