

Constitution deeds of the Association

- art. 1 An association of international character known as "Societas Iranologica Europaea" (S.I.E.) is established by the undersigned.
- art. 2 The official seat of the Association is c/o Istituto Italiano per l'Africa e l'Oriente (Is.I.A.O.), Via Alrdovandi n.16, 00197 Roma.
- art. 3 The Association has the purpose defined in the article 2 of the Statute.
- art. 4 The Association is under the rules of the Statute made up of 30 articles and of the Regulation attached, and, besides, under those of the laws concerned.

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Statutes

art. 1 An Association to be known as "Societas Iranologica Europaea" is established, with its seat at c/o Istituto Italiano per l'Africa e l'Oriente (Is.I.A.O.), Via Alrdovandi n.16, 00197 Roma.

The duration of the Association is for an unlimited period.

art. 2 The purpose of the Association is to promote and foster all scientific activities concerning Iranology. The Association shall perform, inter alia, the task of convoking the European Conference of Iranology.

The Association is autonomous, but may work in collaboration or within the framework of other scientific Associations or national and international Institutions, which completely or partly share its aims and support its activities.

The Association may also affiliate itself with any of these Associations or Institutions.

art. 3 The Association is made up of the original (founding) members and of members admitted after its constitution.

art. 4 The membership of the Association consists of four categories:

- a) ordinary members;
- b) honorary members;
- c) benefactors;
- d) student members.

art. 5 The original members shall enjoy the status of ordinary members. All those who are engaged in research activities in the field of Iranology may become ordinary members.

Distinguished scholars, whose subject of study is related to the field of activities of the Association may become honorary members.

Natural or legal persons supporting the activities of the Association through gifts or donations in excess of the minimum amount set down by the Board may be admitted as benefactors.

Legal persons shall be represented by a natural person appointed for this purpose.

A student can apply for a four-year membership at a reduced fee. The student has to document his/her engagement in Iranian Studies and the application has to be supported by a letter of the teacher and of another scholar who both have to be members of the S.I.E. After the four-years term the student

member will be given the possibility to apply for ordinary membership; otherwise his/her membership will automatically expire.

art. 6 Applications for ordinary and student membership shall be addressed to the President or the Secretary who will submit them to the Board. The Board shall decide on admission to membership and shall be under no obligation to disclose the reasons for its decisions.

art. 7 The status of honorary member or benefactor is granted by the Board.

art. 8 The administrative appointments shall be conferred on the ordinary members who will carry them out free of charge.

art. 9 The Board shall determine the amount of dues to be paid each year.

art. 10 Any member may freely withdraw from the Association.

art. 11 The Board may decide the exclusion or suspension of a member in the case of a serious disregard of the honour or lawful interests of the Association.

Failure to pay dues for four consecutive years shall result in the loss of membership.

art. 12 There are established as decision-making bodies of the Association: a General Assembly of members and a Board.

art. 13 The General Assembly shall consist of all the members of the Association. It shall be convoked by the President at a date set by the Board, usually coinciding with the European Conference of Iranian Studies. No more than four years shall elapse in any case between one convocation and another.

The conditions of the convocations shall be laid down in the Rules of Procedure.

art. 14 The General Assembly shall:

- approve the reports of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer concerning the administrative and financial management of the Association;
- elect the members of the Board;
- deliberate on amendments to the Statutes and on dissolution of the Association;
- appoint two auditors to examine the accounts for each financial year, and approve the reports submitted by them.

art. 15 The Assembly shall meet upon the first and upon a second convocation. The first meeting shall be valid only if the majority of the members are present; the second meeting of the Assembly shall be valid regardless of the number of members present. Decision shall be made by a majority of the members present.

art. 16 The records of the Assembly shall be prepared by the Secretary and signed by the President and the Secretary.

art. 17 The Association is governed and administered by the Board. The Board may set up a consultative committee and other committees or working groups for the attainment of the purposes of the Association.

art. 18 The members of the Board shall be elected, by secret ballot by the General Assembly by a majority of the present or represented members. Each present member may represent no more than one member.

art. 19 The Board shall be composed of seven members. It shall elect from among its members a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary. The Board shall also appoint a Treasurer, who may or may not be a member of the Board. In the latter case the Treasurer shall be a non-voting member of the Board. The Vice-President shall have the same nationality as the President.

art. 20 The members of the Board remain in office for a four-year term. Every four years, not more than four of the sitting members may be re-elected according to procedures established in the Rules of Procedure. No member will remain in office more than two consecutive terms.

art. 21 The President shall represent the Association officially and legally, also before Court. The President shall convene and preside over the Board and the sessions of the Assembly, implement the decisions, authorize the collection of dues and payments and sign the official acts. In case the President is absent or unable to carry out the duties, the Vice-President shall take over, or, should this be impossible, another member of the Board appointed by the Board.

art. 22 The Board shall: decide on the convocations of the Assembly, on the topics and the conferences to be developed in the scientific meetings, on the publication of the proceedings of the Europaean Conference of Iranian Studies (ECIS); on applications for admission, on resignations, on exclusion or suspension of membership, on the amount of the membership dues. The Board shall also consider proposals for the amendment of the Statutes and the Rules of Procedure to be submitted to the Assembly for approval, ensure compliance with the Statutes and supervise the general operation of the Association.

art. 23 Decisions taken at the meetings of the Board shall be valid if the majority of the members are present. The Board decides by a simple majority; in the case of a tie, the vote of the President shall be decisive.

art. 24 The Secretary shall be responsible for the correspondence, files, invitations to meetings and to sessions of the Assembly, the preparations of records and the keeping of registers as prescribed by law.

art. 25 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of the funds of the Association, make all payments, receive membership dues on behalf of the Association and issue receipts therefore.

The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the operations carried out and shall report on them to the General Assembly. The Treasurer may be assisted by a chartered accountant selected by the Board.

art. 26 The financial resources of the Association shall be made up by:

I membership fees;

II grants and donations;

III funds accruing from the organization of special events and from the sale of publications;

IV any other available funds.

art. 27 The present Statutes may be amended only by an Extraordinary General Assembly which is especially convened for this purpose. Amendments may be proposed either by the Board or by at least a quarter of the members. The proposed amendments must be circulated to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Extraordinary General Assembly and be included in the agenda of said Assembly.

art. 28 Amendments to the Statutes shall be approved by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present.

art. 29 The dissolution of the Association may be decided by the General Assembly, requiring a majority of all members. If there is an insufficient number of members present on the first convocation, the General Assembly may be reconvened. At the second convocation the decision may be made by a two thirds majority of the members present or represented.

Upon realization of the assets of the Association, the Assembly will apportion to the members only the amount of their contributions.

art. 30 The matters regarding the functioning of the Association are dealt with in the relevant Rules of Procedure. The Rules shall not be included in the Statutes but shall be kept up to date as the need arises. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure must be proposed to the General Assembly by the Board or by at least a quarter of the members.

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Rules of Procedure

art. 1 Admission of new ordinary members shall be subjected to the following conditions:

presentation of the request endorsed by two ordinary members and accompanied by a curriculum vitae which fulfills the conditions set down in article 5 of the Statutes;

approval of a simple majority of the members of the Board.

art. 2 For every convocation of the General Assembly, the President shall send notice to the members indicating the items on the draft agenda, place, date and time of the Assembly (both for the first and the second convocation) at least one month before the date of the General Assembly.

art. 3 The dues, to be paid by ordinary members according to the decision of the Board, shall be paid by 31th March of each year.

art. 4 The Board shall be elected by the General Assembly by secret ballot. It is the duty of the existing Board to propose a full list of candidates to the General Assembly for election to the new Board. Candidates proposed for Board membership must be selected in agreement with the regulations set out in articles 19 and 20 of the Statutes. The list should strive to achieve a balanced representation of the disciplines and different European countries. Any member of the Societas may nominate additional candidates by writing to the Secretary not later than two weeks before the General Assembly.

Furthermore, a nomination must fulfill the following conditions:

the candidate nominated must be a fully paid-up member of the Societas;

the candidate must be eligible for election to the Board under article 19 and 20 of the Statutes of the Societas.