

Pursuant to Art. 11 of the Law on Association (Official Gazette No. 88/01), Founders' Meeting of the International Society for Applied Biological Sciences, held on July 30, 2004 adopted the following:

## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

### OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR APPLIED BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

#### I

#### BASIC PROVISIONS

##### Article 1

This Bylaw of the Association regulate provisions on title, seat, representation, objectives and activities by which objectives are achieved; exercising the publicity in the work of the Association, on the membership and subscription, rights and obligations of the members; on the internal formation; on the bodies of the Association; their composition, authorities, decision making processes, requirements for election and election and recall processes, duration of the mandate and liability of the members, assets and disposal with possible profits, termination of existence and liquidation of the assets in case of termination of the Association.

##### Article 2

The title of the Association is: Međunarodno društvo primjenjenih bioloških znanosti.

The title of the Association in English is: International Society for Applied Biological Sciences.

The abridged title of the Association in English is: ISABS.

The seat of the Association is: Planinska 1, Zagreb.

##### Article 3

The International Society for Applied Biological Sciences is an association registered with the City Bureau for General Administration. The International Society for Applied Biological Sciences is a non-profitable legal entity.

##### Article 4

The Association has seal.

The seal of the Association is: round form with 3 cm diameter and the text inscribed next to the edge stating: Međunarodno društvo primijenjenih bioloških znanosti, International Society for Applied Biological Sciences - ISABS.

##### Article 5

The Association shall be represented by the President and Secretary. The Members' Assembly can authorize other persons to represent the Association.

## II

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Article 6

The Association is established with objective to promote, develop and advance the applied biological sciences, particularly in the areas of clinical medicine, molecular genetics, forensic sciences and biotechnology.

#### Article 7

The activities of the Association are following:

- work planning;
- stimulating and proposing advancements of the education system in applied biological sciences, particularly in the area of clinical medicine, molecular genetics, forensic sciences and biotechnology;
- organizing meetings of the members of the Society on topics and publishing discussions and positions for establishing closer ties between research and experiences in practice;
- work on continuous professional and scientific training of its members;
- organizing professional and scientific meetings, seminars, lectures, congresses and symposiums;
- organizing visits of foreign experts in the area of applied biological sciences;
- informing public on objectives and activities;
- developing programs of international cooperation;
- publishing scientific, expert and information publications;
- intensifying cooperation with related organizations.

#### Article 8

The work of the Association is public. The publicity of the work shall be exercised as determined herein, e.g.:

- timely informing members about the work of the Association and important events, written reports, at special meetings or in another appropriate way,
- public communication.

## III

### MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

#### Article 9

Any person or legal entity may become a member of the International Society of Applied Biological Sciences.

#### Article 10

A person shall be admitted to the membership in the International Society of the Applied Biological Sciences (hereinafter: Association) by way of entry into the registry of the members kept by the Secretary of the Association.

## Article 11

Types of the membership in the Association are the following:

- associate membership;
- regular membership;
- student membership;
- retired membership;
- honorary membership;
- collective membership.

## Article 12

Any citizen of the Republic of Croatia or foreigner (pursuant to the provisions of the Law on Association) may become associate member, subject to their acceptance of the Bylaws of the Association and other general documents of the Association.

A person may become an associate member by filling in the application and registration into the register kept by the secretary of the Association.

## Article 13

The following persons may become a regular member of the Association:

- a person who is an associate member of the Association for 2 years and who obtained two recommendations by the regular members of the Association;
- any person by the resolution of the President of the Association.

## Article 14

All citizens of the Republic of Croatia and foreign persons (in accordance with the Law on associations who are pre-graduate, post-graduate students or who are attending specialization training leading to a career in a discipline of applied biological sciences shall be entitled to student membership. No person shall be entitled to student membership for a period longer than 5 years without valid documentation on its status as a student on pre-graduate, post-graduate education or on attendance of specialization training.

A person shall be admitted to student membership subject to valid documentation of applicant evidencing status of student on pre-graduate, post-graduate education or a person attending specialization, completed application and registration into the registry of members kept by the secretary of the Association.

## Article 15

Any regular member satisfying the following requirements can become a retired member:

- 25 years of the regular membership in the Association, at least 60 years of age and full retirement in the area of applied biological sciences;
- 20 years of regular membership in the Association, at least 65 years of age and full retirement in the area of applied biological sciences;
- 20 years of regular membership in the Association, at least 70 years of age;
- 15 years of regular membership in the Association, at least 75 years of age;
- 10 years of regular membership in the Association, at least 80 years of age.

#### Article 16

The Members' Assembly shall appoint such persons that significantly contributed with their work to promotion and success of the Association to the status of a honorary member of the Association.

#### Article 17

Any legal entity prepared to participate in achieving the objectives of the Association in various ways may acquire a collective membership.

Legal entity may acquire membership pursuant to a written request certified by the seal and signature of the responsible person of such particular legal entity and by completing application and its registration into the registry of the members kept by the secretary of the Association.

#### Article 18

All members are ready to:

- accept, observe and implement provisions of this Articles of Association and by-laws;
- promote and preserve the reputation of the Association and assets of the Association;
- pay subscription to the Association in accordance with the resolution of the Members' Meeting of the Association.

#### Article 19

All members of the Association shall be entitled to following:

- participate in the educational and scientific activities of the Association under privileged terms;
- apply for scholarships to be granted by the Association;
- participate in the activities of the Association;
- express their opinions, proposals and complaints regarding the work of the Association;
- be informed on the work of the administrative bodies of the Association and activities of the Society.

Only regular members shall have right to elect the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Association.

#### Article 20

Regular members undertake to:

- participate in the realization of the plan and program of the work (guidelines) of the Association;
- effectively and with responsibility participate in the work of the bodies to which they are appointed or elected.

#### Article 21

Regular members are entitled to:

- use the property of the Association in accordance with the objectives and activities of the Association, and in accordance with the resolutions of the Association;
- act in media on behalf of the Association subject to prior approval of the President.

## Article 22

The Members' Assembly of the Association shall determine the annual amount of the subscription for each calendar year.

For student membership the amount of the subscription shall be 50% less than the amount determined for regular members.

Honorary and retired members of the Association shall not pay subscription.

## Article 23

Membership in the Association shall be terminated:

- by personal request;
- by exclusion from the Association by the resolution of the President;
- by death of the member of the Association;
- by terminating the activity of the Association.

## IV

### BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

## Article 24

Bodies of the Association are:

- Members' Assembly;
- President;
- Vice President;
- Secretary.

### MEMBERS' ASSEMBLY

## Article 25

The Members' Assembly is the highest body for managing the Association. The Members' Meeting shall be composed of all the members of the Association.

## Article 26

The Members' Assembly can be regular, elective or extraordinary. The Members' Assembly shall take place once a year, while the election meeting of the Members' Assembly shall be each two years.

The Meetings of the Members' Assembly shall be convened by the President of the Association at his/her own initiative.

By the resolution on convening the Members' Assembly the President shall determine the agenda for the meeting, day and place of the meeting.

The President is obliged to convene the Members' Assembly of the Association when requested by at least 1/3 of the members of the Association.

To their request for the convening of the Members' Assembly the proposing members are obliged to enclose agenda for the meeting.

If the President fails to convene the Members' Assembly within 15 days from the date of delivery of the request from paragraph 5 hereof, it shall be convened by the proposing member (the resolution shall have to contain the proposed agenda, place and date of the meeting).

#### Article 27

The President shall chair the Members' Assembly. In the absence of the President, the President shall determine person chairing the Assembly.

The minutes shall evidence the work of the meeting and shall be permanently kept in the archives of the Association.

#### Article 28

The Members' Assembly shall resolve by the majority votes of the present members, if the Articles of Association does not require special majority.

#### Article 29

The Members' Assembly of the Association shall:

- determine the policy for the development of the Association;
- adopt and change the Statue of the Association;
- adopt the financial plan and annual financial statement;
- adopt other documents and resolutions related to the work of the Association;
- elects and resolves from duty the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Association;
- considers and adopts reports on the work of the Association;
- provides work guidelines for the Association;
- resolves the appeals of the members to the resolutions on exclusion from the Association;
- resolves on the termination of the work of the Association;
- performs other works determined by law and Bylaws of the Association.

#### PRESIDENT

#### Article 30

The President shall perform executive functions and other affairs determined by this Articles of Association.

The President of the Association shall be appointed by the Members' Assembly with the term of office of two years.

#### Article 31

The President:

- represents the Association;
- convenes the Members' Assembly of the Association;
- manages the Members' Assembly of the Association;
- determines proposal for work and Articles of Association to be submitted to the Members' Assembly for discussion and acceptance;
- determines proposals of the program for activities and plans of the work of the Association;
- cares about the execution of the adopted work program and implementation of the resolutions of the Association;

- manages the assets of the Association;
- submits the reports on the work of the Association to the Members' Assembly of the Association;
- appoints the commissions and alike bodies when required, and determines their tasks;
- takes care on introducing work of the Members' Assembly of the Association to public;
- supervises financial affairs of the Association;
- resolves on exclusion of the members from the Association;
- performs other affairs prescribed by the Articles of Association and other general documents of the Association.

#### Article 32

The President is responsible to the Members' Assembly for its work.

The President shall submit annual report on its work to the Members' Assembly of the Association.

In case of his/her absence or in other case when President is not able to attend, the Vice President shall be President's substitute in all affairs. The mandate of the Vice President is two years.

### SECRETARY

#### Article 33

The Secretary of the Association shall be appointed by and elected by the Members' Assembly with a mandate of two years for performing professional administrative affairs of the Association.

The Secretary of the Association shall keep the registry of the members of the Association.

#### Article 34

The Members' Assembly or the President may establish permanent and occasional commissions or other working bodies.

The resolution on formation of the commission or other working bodies shall determine their composition, task, period for which they are founded and responsibilities for performance of tasks.

### V

### PROPERTY AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

#### Article 35

The assets of the Association shall represent the following:

- funds;
- movables;
- real estates;
- other assets.

#### Article 36

The Association shall acquire the assets:

- from subscriptions;
- from voluntary contributions and donations;
- from budget grants;
- from other resources in accordance with law.

#### Article 37

The report on financial affairs shall be presented to the Members' Assembly by the President for discussion and approval.

#### VI

#### TERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Article 38

The Association shall be terminated in such cases as foreseen by law.

In case of the termination of the Association, remaining Assets shall belong to the founders of the Association.

In case of the termination of the existence by the resolution of the Members' Meeting, the Members' Assembly shall resolve on the termination of the existence of the Association by two thirds of total number of members' votes in the Members' Assembly.

#### VII

#### FINAL AND CLOSING PROVISIONS

#### Article 39

The Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by the majority of the members' votes at the Members' Assembly following completed discussion.

#### Article 40

The interpretation of the provisions hereof shall be provided by the Members' Assembly.

The interpretation of other general documents shall be provided by the President of the Association.

Zagreb, July 30, 2004.

President

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