



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

STATUTES **English version**

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Article I - NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, DURATION AND GOVERNING LAW OF THE ASSOCIATION

The name of this association is the "International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment", or, in French, "Association Internationale de Géologie de l'Ingénieur et de l'Environnement". The official abbreviations are, IAEG or, in French, AIGI.

Throughout these Statutes the word "*Association*" or the abbreviation IAEG is used to mean the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment.

The registered office of the IAEG is located in Paris.

The duration of the IAEG is illimited.

The IAEG is governed by French law, in particular law of July 1st, 1901, and decree of August 16, 1901.

The Association is affiliated with the International Union of Geological Sciences (hereinafter "IUGS"), the Federation of International Geo-Engineering Societies.

Article II - THE DEFINITION OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

Engineering Geology is the science devoted to the investigation, study and solution of the engineering and environmental problems which may arise as the result of the interaction between geology and the works and activities of humankind as well as to the prediction of and the development of measures for prevention or remediation of geological hazards.

Engineering Geology embraces:



- the definition of the geomorphology, structure, stratigraphy, lithology and groundwater conditions of geological formations;
- the characterization of the mineralogical, physico-geomechanical, chemical and hydraulic properties of all earth materials involved in construction, resource recovery and environmental change;
- the assessment of the mechanical and hydrologic behaviour of soil and rock masses;
- the prediction of changes to the above properties with time;
- the determination of the parameters to be considered in the stability analysis of engineering works and of earth masses; and
- the improvement and maintenance of the environmental condition and of the properties and stability of the terrain.

Article III - AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The aims of the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment are:

- to promote and encourage the advancement of Engineering Geology through technological activities and research;
- to improve teaching and training in Engineering Geology;
- to promote equity, diversity and inclusivity (EDI) in all of our activities; and
- to collect, evaluate and disseminate the results of engineering geological activities on a world-wide basis by encouraging the formation of National/Regional Groups of Engineering Geology and their affiliation with the Association;
- the organisation of Congresses, Symposia and other meetings;
- the creation and operation of specialist commissions and other organisational units for the study of matters of interest to the Association;
- the publication of the scientific and technical achievements of members of the IAEG in the IAEG's own periodical, the Bulletin of Engineering Geology and the Environment (hereafter the “**BOEG**”) and relevant news in the IAEG newsletter; and
- interacting with other scientific and technical associations as may be appropriate.

Article IV - MEMBERSHIP

A. Types of membership of IAEG

1. National/Regional Group Members

National/Regional Group Members of IAEG are associations, corporations, or societies which represent the interests of Engineering Geology in their countries or groups of countries (regional organisations).

2. Individual Members

Individual Members include:

- Individuals members of National/Regional Groups who are affiliated with the IAEG through their National/Regional Group and pay their Membership fees through their National/Regional



Group; and

- Individuals interested in Engineering Geology whose affiliation to the IAEG is not through any National/Regional Group and who pay their Membership fees directly to the Treasurer.

3. Associate Members (Supporting Members)

Institutions, organizations and companies interested in supporting the activities of the IAEG for the advancement of Engineering Geology. Membership fees are to be paid directly to the Treasurer or through a National/Regional Group.

4. Honorary Members

Members with exceptional services to the IAEG. Honorary Members are exempt from paying Membership fees.

B. Admission and Resignation

A national organization representing the interests of Engineering Geology and willing to support the aims of the IAEG shall submit a written application to become a National/Regional Group of IAEG to the President of the Association through the Secretary General. The letter of application should be accompanied by documents outlining the nature of the organization, a copy of its statutes, a list of its officers and a written plan for how they intend to achieve the aims of the IAEG. Preferably the letter should also be accompanied by a list of individuals willing to affiliate with IAEG. The Executive Committee reviews the application. Admission becomes effective after approval by the Council. Following admission to IAEG, a new National/Regional Group will be subject to a three (3)-year observation period during which they are not entitled to vote at Council.

Applications of Individual and Associate Members (Supporting Members) should be made by writing directly to the Secretary General, and their admission becomes effective after approval by the Executive Committee.

Information on admission of new members should be supplied to the Council by the Secretary General.

Resignation of members may be given in writing to the Secretary General before July 1st, to take effect from January 1st in the following year.

C. Dismissal of Membership

A National/Regional Group that fails to pay Membership fees for a period of three consecutive years or that fails to provide activity reports for three consecutive years shall be deemed Inactive. An Inactive National/Regional Group shall have their voting rights at Council suspended until such time as they have paid overdue fees and / or submitted overdue activity reports.

The dismissal of National/Regional Group, Associate Members or Individual Members, who act against the aims and interests of IAEG, or whose Membership fees have not been paid for five consecutive years, or who have failed to provide activity reports for five consecutive years. shall be decided by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast in Council.

Such matters will be submitted to the Council by the Secretary General.

Article V - LANGUAGES

The official languages of the IAEG are English and French. When conferences are held in countries where the national language is neither English nor French, the conference may take place in the national language and in English and/or French.

However, at International Congresses of the IAEG, the conference will take place in English and the national language when appropriate. Simultaneous translation facilities should be made available where possible.

The published proceedings of the IAEG Congresses shall be in English with abstracts in both English and French.

Article VI - ADMINISTRATION

General Statement

Council is responsible for the regular conduct of business of the Association in accordance with its Statutes and Bylaws.

Council decides upon the working programme of the Association, including the appointment of Commissions, the location and scope of Association and Association-sponsored meetings, approves the annual budget, and the Statutory Financial Statements; authorizes major expenditures in addition to those shown in the annual budget and elects the members of the Executive Committee.

Council also exercises any other power granted to it by the Statutes and the Bylaws.

The Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee, which is responsible for:

- a) Managing the affairs of the Association;
- b) Interpreting and implementing Council resolutions;
- c) Making proposals to Council, particularly concerning policy;
- d) Monitoring the progress of Working Groups, Committees and Commissions.

The Executive Committee will decide on such matters as the award of honours and prizes and as otherwise authorized by the Statutes and Bylaws. Such decisions will be conveyed to Council for its ratification. On other matters the Executive Committee will make recommendations to Council for

discussions and decisions to be made by Council.

On urgent matters, both the Executive Committee and/or the Council may be called to vote upon a particular matter.

1. Composition

a) Council

The membership of the Council shall consist of:

- The President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer and the Vice-Presidents;
- Past Presidents;
- a nominated representative of each National/Regional Group.

The Vice-Presidents are chosen from different geographic areas or regions: Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America and Latin America. One Vice-President will be chosen from each designated region, except that two will be chosen from Europe and Asia. The Chair of the Young Engineering Geologist Group (YEG) shall also be a Vice President. Council may approve the addition of new vice-presidents or vice-presidential regions as may be appropriate.

b) Executive Committee

The membership of the Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the Vice-Presidents, and any invited ex-officio members.

Council appoints the members of the Executive Committee, except the Ex-Officio members who are appointed by the Executive Committee

Generally, the ex-officio members include the: Editors in Chief of the BOEG (hereinafter the “**Editors in Chief**”), the IAEG Web Editor and the Women in IAEG Group (hereinafter the “**WEG Group**”). When an Advisory Committee is appointed by the Executive Committee, the Chairperson may also be included as an ex-officio member.

The term of office of members of the Officers will be four years, effective on January 1st following the date of election. Members of the Executive Committee, except the Secretary General and the Treasurer, are not immediately eligible for reelection to the same office.

The term of office of Ex-Officio Members will be four years, unless stated otherwise on the Terms of Reference.

2. Meetings

a) Council

The Council will meet at least once each year, at a time and a place decided by Council at the preceding meeting, on recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The President will call an extraordinary meeting of Council if requested by a minimum of a quarter of the voting membership of Council.

The President may also call an extraordinary meeting of Council at their discretion.

Agenda of the Council meetings is set by the Secretary General on advice from the President. Agenda of the Council shall include:

- reports from the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer, the Regional Vice-Presidents, Chairs of Commissions and Working Groups as well as from persons to whom special tasks have been entrusted by the Council or by the Executive Committee;
- voting on amendments to Statutes and By Laws;
- election of the Executive Committee, as appropriate;
- determination of the places and dates of IAEG Congresses and Symposia
- other

b) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will meet at least twice per year, one meeting usually being in advance of the meeting of Council and generally at the place and time of the IAEG International Congress, an IAEG sponsored event, or the International Geological Congress.

Additionally, the Executive Committee may meet at the call of the President or of one third of the voting members of the Executive Committee each from different regions.

c) General Meeting of Association Members

A General Meeting of Association Members will be called at a time and in a place decided by the Council, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, generally in conjunction with the Council meeting. The purpose of this meeting will enable the Executive Committee to report, directly to Individual Members of the Association, the major decisions of Council and the progress of activities within the Association. A General Meeting may also be called by the President to vote on some matters, provided such request is supported by, at least, 25 % of the National/Regional Groups.

3. Voting

In meetings of the Executive Committee and of Council, authorized members of either body as they are defined in the Bylaws will have the right to vote on any matters under discussion.

Voting may be by show of hand (or through a secret ballot if called for by any two members of the Executive Committee or Council), online voting or email.

Decisions of the Executive Committee or of Council will be carried by a simple majority of votes except for decisions on amendments to the Statutes and By Laws, on the affiliation to or dissolution of the Association and on other matters as provided for in the Statutes which must be decided by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast.

In the event of a tied vote, the President (or the Chairperson of the meeting in the absence of the President) shall cast a tie-breaking vote.

The Quorum of the Executive Committee shall be at least 4 persons, one of whom will be the President or the Secretary General.

The Quorum of Council shall be at least a quarter of the active National/Regional Group members of Council, including the President.

Article VII - FINANCES

The financial year of the Association runs from January 1st to December 31st.

The resources of the Association are :

- the annual Membership fees of the members;
- gifts, legacies, grants, advertising, etc.;
- Income from the activities of the Association such as: -receipts from meetings, courses, the sale of publications etc.;
- Any resources that are not prohibited by law.

Membership fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee on recommendation from the Treasurer. The Council shall approve any change in dues before any change can become effective. The funds of the Association are the responsibility of the Treasurer and shall be deposited in a bank account or other fiscal instrument as may be approved by Council. The account (or bond, certificate, etc.) will be in the name of the Association.

A statement of the current conditions of the accounts will be presented whenever the Executive Committee or Council holds a meeting or, at any other time, at the request of the President.

On one occasion each year, usually at a regular meeting of Council, the Treasurer will present the Statutory Financial Statements for the previous fiscal year. At the same occasion a budget for the following fiscal year will be presented for approval.

Article VIII - REPRESENTATION

The official representatives of the IAEG is the President. In special circumstances, the President may select or delegate someone else to represent the Association on a particular occasion or at a particular event.



All contracts involving the IAEG must be signed by the President and the Secretary General.

Article IX - MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Meetings shall be organized or sponsored by the Association, in order to make public, the scientific and technological results of the science of Engineering Geology and its applications. These meetings are the international congresses of the IAEG, international symposia and regional conferences.

The IAEG shall hold an International Congress, in principle every four years, in a country with a National/Regional Group. The Organization of the Congress and the financial arrangements therefore will be undertaken by the National/Regional Group of the host country in agreement with the Executive Committee.

In addition, an international IAEG meeting should be organized on the occasion of and in conjunction with the International Geological Congress (IGC), by the IAEG National/Regional Group of the host country.

National/Regional Groups shall be encouraged also to arrange meetings, under the auspices of the IAEG, dealing with specific engineering geological problems. Such meetings should be arranged preferably for those years in which neither IAEG nor IGC Congresses occur. These meetings could be either international symposia or regional conferences. Under special circumstances, symposia sponsored by or under the auspices of the IAEG can be held in a congress year provided there is no significant conflict of location, time and content of the proposed meeting with the IAEG or IGC Congress. Meetings of the Executive Committee and/or Council will be arranged where possible to coincide with scientific meetings.

All National/Regional Groups, organizing IAEG or IAEG sponsored meetings must ensure the right of participation of all members of IAEG, irrespective of their origin or nationality.

Article X - COMMISSIONS, WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

Commissions, Working Groups and Committees (hereinafter the “**Commissions**”) may be appointed to study, report and make recommendations on selected scientific, technical or administrative topics of importance for Engineering Geology or the IAEG.

The appointment of the Commissions will be made by the Council upon proposal by the Executive Committee or a National/Regional Group. The Chairperson of a Commission will be selected by the Executive Committee.

A Commission shall endure for a period which shall be fixed at the time of its appointment, but limited to the term of office of the existing Executive Committee. The new (incoming) Executive Committee will review the activities of all Commissions, Working Groups and Committees and may extend the term of office of any pre-existing group.

Guidelines for the formation and operation of all Commissions, Working Groups and Committees are included in the By Laws.



Article XI - AWARDS AND PRIZES

The Association may honour its members and other persons by conferring awards or prizes. Such honours shall be guided by the Bylaws established, or which may be established, for each particular honour.

Article XII - HONOURARY PRESIDENT

The appointment of a person of distinction as the Honourary President may be made in recognition of extraordinary and long-term activities in support of the prosperity and development of the Association.

This honour shall be restricted to very rare and outstanding cases. A proposal for the appointment of an Honourary President shall be made to the President, who will submit such a proposal to the Council for approval.

Article XIII - BYLAWS

Bylaws establishing guiding rules, procedures, rights and obligations shall be published in order to ensure the implementation of the principles defined in the Statutes.

Article XIV - AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES AND BYLAWS

The Statutes and the Bylaws of the Association can be amended only by the Council.

Amendments may be proposed to the Council by the Executive Committee or by any National/Regional Group.

Proposals must be submitted to the Secretary General at least four (4) months before the date of the next Council meeting to enable the Secretary General to notify the National/Regional Groups at least three (3) months prior to the date of the Council meeting at which the proposals are to be discussed and voted upon.

Amendments shall be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the Council meeting.

Article XV - DISSOLUTION OF THE IAEG

The voluntary dissolution of the IAEG can only be decided by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council.

Article XVI - INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

The Statutes are formulated in the official languages of the IAEG. The two versions, in English and French, are authoritative.



Where any doubt arises as to the meaning of a Statute, the matter will be decided, after opportunity for a full discussion, by a vote of Council in accordance with the Statutes, Article VI.3.

Article XVII - PREPARATION OF NEW BYLAWS

Upon the approval by the Association of the above Articles to form the new Statutes of the Association, the President shall forthwith require that appropriate Bylaws, consistent with the new Statutes, be prepared and submitted to Council for approval at the earliest possible opportunity.

Other Bylaws will be prepared as required by new decisions of the Council.