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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HYDRO-ENVIRONMENT

ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH

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Name and seat

Article 1

The name of the association is : INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HYDRO-ENVIRONMENT ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH (IAHR by abbreviation) and has its seat in Delft, the Netherlands.

Duration

Article 2

The association has been entered into for an indefinite period on September 3, 1935.

Aim

Article 3

The association represents a world-wide independent organisation of engineers and scientists interested in or working in fields related to hydraulics and its practical application.

The objectives of the association shall be:

- a) to promote the science and practice of hydraulics and its application in all relevant fields, including industrial and environmental aspects;
- b) to effectively contribute to the solution of global problems in the field of hydraulics;
- c) to provide a forum for exchange of information among and between researchers and practitioners in the international community dealing with fluid behaviour;
- d) to keep IAHR members abreast of their fields and alerted to future challenges and opportunities by examining, on a continuing basis, the present and likely future directions of the association's areas of endeavour.

Article 4

The association seeks to accomplish its objectives by:

- a) strategic and organisational development of the association's areas of endeavour;
- b) organisation and conduct of congresses and conferences;
- c) publication of journals, newsletters, monographs, and proceedings of congresses and symposia;
- d) organisation and conduct of continuing education activities related to all fields of hydraulics and hydrodynamics;
- e) provision of an international clearing-house for information related to all aspects of hydraulics and hydrodynamics and their practical application;
- f) Co-operation with other international organisations whose interests and activities are related to those of the association;
- g) such other activities as may legitimately be adopted for the furtherance of the objectives of the association.

For the realisation of its objectives the association has created technical and regional divisions, whose chairmen are appointed by council. The duties, powers and structure of the divisions are described in the by-laws.

Membership

Article 5

Membership of the association shall comprise:

- a) individuals (ordinary, junior, senior members)
- b) institutes, companies (institute members)
- c) employees of (b) (institutional members)
- d) sustaining members
- e) student affiliates

Article 6

Individual membership shall be open to any person engaged in hydraulics and its application or interested in the objectives of the association and who is or is becoming a graduate in engineering or science, or possesses or is acquiring equivalent qualifications at an institution approved by council. Junior members are individual members not older than 28. Senior members are individual members who do not actively prosecute a profession and are not younger than 60. Ordinary members are those who have not signified that they want to fall within the categories junior or senior.

Article 7

Institute membership shall be open to the following types of institutions:

- a) hydraulics laboratories and other organisations involved in research and development of hydraulics and hydrodynamics in all its aspects, including policy analysis, water resources management, industrial applications and the environment.
- b) educational institutions dealing with hydraulics and hydrodynamics and their practical applications;
- c) organisations, institutions or companies which promote, design, execute or supervise hydraulic engineering works, perform management tasks, carry out surveys or industrial projects, develop, supply or apply relevant equipment, instrumentation, hardware or software.

Article 8

Institutional membership shall be open to persons with the qualifications of an individual member and being an employee of an institute member.

Article 9

Sustaining membership shall be open to all types of institutions and individuals not covered by Articles 6 and 7, but wishing to annually support the association financially at a level of at least institution membership.

Article 10

Student affiliate membership shall be open to members of IAHR Student Chapters as defined in the By-laws of the association.

Article 11

Applications for membership of the association shall be made to the secretariat in writing. Applicants shall be members of the association after they have been notified, in writing, by the secretary general of the acceptance of their application.

Article 12

- 1 Membership expires:
 - a by decease of the member (being an individual) or by bankruptcy or liquidation of a member (being an institution);
 - b by written notice of termination to the council by the member;
 - c by written notice of termination to the individual or institution involved, with reasons given, by the council;
 - d by written notice of deprivation to the individual or institution involved, with reasons given, by the council.
- 2 Termination by a member can only be done as per the next association year at two months' notice.
- 3 Termination by council occurs when the association cannot reasonably be expected to have a member continue membership.
- 4 Deprivation of membership can only take place when a member acts in defiance of this constitution, the by-laws or the decisions of the association or harms the association unreasonably, e.g. by non-payment. Non-payment occurs when the member involved has not paid his/her/its due within 6 months at the latest after a written reminder by the treasurer.
- 5 The member involved can appeal against deprivation to the general members assembly within a month after receipt of the written notice thereof. During the term of appeal and pending the issue he/she/it is suspended from membership.

Honorary members

Article 13

Individual members and institutional members, as well as individuals and entities outside IAHR, may be awarded honorary membership, upon the unanimous recommendation of the council, by the general members assembly of the association at its annual meeting in the year preceding the biennial congress. Not more than three honorary members from among the IAHR membership may be nominated by council at this general members assembly

Awards

Article 14

The council establishes procedures and regulations for the adjudication of awards. Establishment or discontinuation of an award shall be by unanimous decision of council in a council meeting which is attended by at least half the number of council members.

Association year

Article 15

The association year shall be the calendar year.

Financial resources

Article 16

The financial resources of the association consist of:

- a) contributions from members;
- b) registration fees;
- c) testamentary dispositions, bequests, grants and donations;
- d) other assets.

Article 17

Each member shall pay to the secretariat an annual subscription, to be determined by the council.

Council

Article 18

The elected portion of council shall consist of twelve members including a president, and three vice-presidents. Only members of the association may be elected council members.

The president, and the three vice-presidents shall constitute the executive committee together with one or more secretary general(s) nominated by the supporting organisations of IAHR and appointed by council. The executive director is an ex officio member of the executive committee. The president, and the three vice presidents are elected in the year of the world congress for a term of two years according to a procedure described in the by-laws of the association. The other eight elected members of the council are elected for a period of four years (not re-eligible) in the year of the world congress.

The chairs of the regional divisions serve as co-opted members of the council. The council may, if it so desires, co-opt three additional members from members of the association who preferably have served on council. One of the co-opted members who has preferably served on the executive committee may in exceptional circumstances be appointed as a vice president.

The term of office of members of council is from the beginning of the month following election. The entire council shall retire at the day the newly elected council shall enter upon its duties.

Members of council shall generally be elected on individual merit, but so far as possible a fair representation on council from all parts of the world should be maintained. At each election at least three new members shall be elected who have not served on the retiring council. Not more than two persons from the same country shall serve on the part of the council elected by the members. The president and the three vice-presidents shall be each from a different country.

An elected member of council (excluding the vice presidents and president) may be only once elected to that office. Any member of the retiring council, however, not being a member of the retiring

executive committee, may be elected as vice-president or president and can be once immediately re-elected in that office, and any retiring vice-president may be elected as president and can be once immediately re-elected in that office. Council members can be suspended and discharged by the body that nominated them.

Article 19

The council shall convene at least once a year and is entitled to make conclusive decisions provided not less than four members, elected by the membership, of different countries are present at the meeting.

In the absence of the president, the most senior vice-president in order of age shall discharge the functions of the president. In the absence of all vice-presidents, an elected member in order of age, shall officiate for the president.

Every council member is entitled to be represented, by written proxy, by another council member. Besides, every council member is entitled to be represented, by written proxy, by an IAHR member from the council member's country, who will be admitted to the council meetings as observer with an advisory function only.

A vacancy of the office of president shall be temporarily filled by council until the next general members assembly which shall approve and ratify the nomination.

The secretaries of the technical divisions may be invited to participate in the council meetings with an advisory function.

The general management of the association shall be vested in the council which is entitled to delegate functions to the executive committee. Individual council members can be charged with special assignments.

Representation

Article 20

1. The association shall be represented in legal and other proceedings by the president and the executive director together, or by the president together with one of the other council members, or by the executive director together with one of the other council members.
2. The council is entitled to:
 - a. contract loans;
 - b. purchase, alienate, mortgage, hire and let real property.

By-laws

Article 21

Council is entitled to frame and amend the by-laws provided the contents do not conflict with the constitution and provided that at least two thirds of the entire council have approved them.

Distinctive amendments to the by-laws can only take place after all members of the association have been notified thereof and it can reasonably be assumed and/or it has been found that the majority of the members agree to these amendments. Distinctive amendments in the sense of this article are considered in any case: amendments regarding nominating procedures of officials who, to a large extent, determine or contribute to determining the association's policy.

General members assembly

Article 22

The general members assembly is held any place in the world, annually on the last day of the month of June, not considering a Saturday or a Sunday a last day, unless at least two months prior to that day the

executive director convenes the meeting in writing at an earlier or a later date. For the announcement of the date, venue and time of the general members assembly together with the agenda the association's periodical may be used. At this meeting the council shall report to the members about the activities of the association during the past association year and the council shall render account of the financial management. The executive director shall deposit the relevant records for members' inspection one month prior to the general members assembly, and shall forward to members who request in writing a copy of these records.

At the annual general members assembly the financial report shall thus be validated and the annual report of the council shall be submitted to the general members assembly for approval.

The annual financial report shall be submitted to an official auditor for checking and he/she reports on his/her findings in writing to the general members assembly.

Votes

Article 23

Resolutions at the general members assembly and at the meeting of the council and of the executive committee shall be decided by a simple majority of votes except for the cases in which this constitution prescribes otherwise.

At a general members assembly each individual member, institutional member, or sustaining member present, shall have one vote and each represented institute member shall have six votes. The president decides how the votes are cast. However, voting by acclamation is permitted provided none of the voting members present objects to this method.

Secretariat/Financial management

Article 24

The council shall establish a secretariat under the management of the executive director, who also acts as treasurer and is an ex-officio member of council.

The duties and powers of the secretariat shall be determined by the by-laws of the association.

Amendments to the constitution and dissolution of the association

Article 25

Decisions on amendments of the constitution and on the dissolution of the association can only be arrived at by a general members assembly with a majority of two thirds of the votes in favour of it.

Proposals on amendments of the constitution and dissolution of the association shall be circulated in writing to the members at least two months prior to the general members assembly that coincides with the biennial congress and at which action is to be taken.

In case of dissolution of the association the assets are to be earmarked in accordance with the objectives of the association, at the discretion of the liquidators, who are appointed by the council.