

JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Statutes

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.

By decision of all those who have voluntarily joined these Statutes, an Association for the Study of the Administration of Justice, entitled JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH ASSOCIATION - the JAR-Association (in the text below: Association) is founded.

Article 2.

The Association operates as an autonomous scientific and professional organisation under its Statutes.

Article 3.

The headquarter of the Association is where the Secretary General resides. The Governing Board of the Association may decide to change the headquarter of the Association.

II. AIMS, TASKS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 4.

The main goals of the Association are:

- to promote the development of studies on the administration of justice;
- to develop exchanges between judicial professionals, and researchers specialised in the field of the administration of justice;
- to promote theoretical, practical and comparative studies on the administration of justice;
- to promote the exchange of information and resources relevant to studies on the administration of justice;
- to promote training and education programme on the administration of justice ;
- to participate in expert missions on behalf of any international/european, national or regional institution in the field of the administration of justice ;
- to disseminate studies, research, practices and innovative policies in justice administration.

Article 5.

In achieving its goals, the Association:

- organizes congresses, scientific conferences, workshops and doctoral meetings concerning the administration of justice;
- cooperates with transnational, national and regional associations whose purpose is to study the administration of justice; it may sponsor events organised by these associations;
- encourages the establishment of national and regional associations for the study of the administration of justice;
- awards prizes at the General Assembly meeting at the Congress;

promote/support the publication of the congresses, conferences and doctoral meetings organised under its auspices;
develop an official website and the use of other social networks as necessary for the achievement of the Association's objectives;
engage in any other activity necessary for the accomplishment of the Association's missions.

Article 7.

The official language of the Association is English. Scientific events may also use other languages.

III. MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 8.

The members of the Association are justice professionals, researchers specialised in the administration of justice, transnational, national and regional associations specialised in the administration of justice, and scientific institutions active in the field of the administration of justice.

Any organisation and person whose activity and aims do not contradict the aims and statutes of the Association may be a member.

Experts who can demonstrate commitment in this field may be admitted as individual members. The members of the Association fall into three categories: honorary members, benefactor members and ordinary members. Honorary members are exempt from subscriptions.

Article 9.

All applications for membership of the Association shall be examined by the General Secretariat. The final decision is taken by the Governing Board.

Article 10.

The President may suspend members who are in arrears for more than two years. It may exclude members who have violated the Association's statutes after receiving the assent of the Governing Board. Before any suspension, the member concerned must be sufficiently informed of the amount due, the method and the time limit for payment. No member shall be excluded from the Association without having had a reasonable opportunity to respond in writing to allegations made against her/him.

IV. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 11.

The bodies of the Association are the General Assembly of Members, the Governing Board, the President, the General Secretariat and the ad hoc committees.

Article 12.

The General Assembly of members is convened by the President on the occasion of congresses. It elects the Governing Board. It shall approve the following documents presented by the Governing Board:

- a) the report and the balance sheet of the activities carried out in the previous two years
- b) the report and the budget to be carried out in the following two years submitted by the Governing Board.

Its deliberations shall be adopted by a relative majority of the votes cast.

Any member may propose herself/himself as a member of the Governing Board by sending her/his curriculum vitae to the General Secretariat.

Institutional members have only one vote in the General Assembly. They cannot be elected to the Governing Board.

Article 13.

The Governing Board is composed of the President and members of the Association elected by the General Assembly for a term of three years renewable only once. No member can serve to the Governing Board for more than six years. The total number of members of the Governing Board shall not exceed eight. It is chaired by the President of the Association.

The Governing Board is responsible for deliberating on the organization and scientific activities of the Association, electing the President among the governing board members, the Secretary General and the Treasurer, appointing honorary members of the Association and giving directives for the organization of congresses, conferences and doctoral meetings. It decides on the prizes awarded at the General Assembly of the Congress. It oversees the financial management of the Association.

The Governing Board has all the powers that are necessary or useful to achieve the Association objects and, in particular, authority:

- to enter into contracts;
- to open and manage bank accounts as required, and perform such functions associated with such accounts as are necessary;
- to solicit and accept donations, grants and bequests, and to act as trustee of money or other property vested in the Association;
- to employ staff;
- and to hire consultants and professional assistance.

The Governing Board shall present to the General Assembly a report of the activities carried out and a financial balance sheet. The Governing Board shall also present a report and a budget for the activities to be carried out in the following two years to be approved by the General Assembly.

The Governing Board shall meet on the occasion of each Congress. It can meet, also virtually, when the President or three board members request a meeting.

For its deliberations to be valid, the Governing Board must have at least two thirds of its members. Decisions shall be adopted by a relative majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote. Honorary members are not counted in the quorum for deliberations. The President may submit the deliberations to the votes of the members of the Governing Board by post or electronic means without the possibility of a proxy.

Article 14.

The President of the Association is at the same time Chairman of the Governing Board. She/he is elected for a period of three years and may be re-elected once.

The President shall represent the Association, convene and chair the meetings of the Governing Board, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to her/him by the Governing Board. She/he reports on the Association's work to the General Assembly at the Congress.

In case of absence, the President shall be replaced by the Secretary General of the Association.

Article 15.

The General Secretariat is composed of two members, the Secretary General and the Treasurer of the Association. The Secretary General and the Treasurer of the Association shall be elected by the Governing Board for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-election once. Any member may apply by sending her/his curriculum vitae to the General Secretariat.

The Secretary General executes the decisions of the President and the Governing Board and is responsible for the activity of the Association. She/he replaces the President in case of incapacity. If the impediment lasts more than six months, she/he shall convene the Governing Board for its replacement. The General Secretariat shall remain in charge until the end of the Congress following its appointment.

The Treasurer of the Association shall carry out the treasury work of the Association in close collaboration with the President, the Governing Board and the Secretary General.

Article 16.

The Governing Board may set up ad hoc scientific committees from among the members of the association.

V. ASSOCIATION'S CONGRESS**Article 17.**

The Association organizes its Congress at least once every two years.

The Governing Board shall determine the themes and date of the organisation of the Congress.

Congresses are held alternately in different regions of the countries from which the members come.

VI. FINANCES OF THE ASSOCIATION**Article 18.**

The Association's resources are as follows:

the annual subscription of each member, the amount of which is fixed by the Governing Board;
subsidies granted by various organizations and associations;

the sale of the Association's publications or publications published under the aegis of the Association;

other resources, donations and bequest.

The liability of association organs is excluded as far as legally permissible.

VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 19.

These statutes shall be applied as from the day of their adoption, acquired by a majority of votes, by the Initiative Committee for the Foundation of the Association for Justice Administration Studies.

Amendments to the Statutes can be proposed by at least five members or by the Governing Board, and they can be approved by a majority vote of the members participating to the General Assembly.

Article 20.

These statutes will be sent to all members.

Article 21.

The Association may be dissolved by a three-quarters majority of the members of the Governing Board. In the event that the Association is dissolved, the available assets shall be paid to the Council of Europe/charity organization.

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