

## STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

### A NAME, SEAT AND LANGUAGE OF THE ASSOCIATION

- A1 The name of the association shall be INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY (IALE) or its equivalent in other languages.
- A2 The seat of the Association is the address of the Secretary-General.
- A3 The working language of the Association shall be English. Other languages may be used within different Regions of the Association.

### B OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- B1 In order to advance a balanced interaction between man and his environment the objectives of the Association shall be to
  - a. Further communication between scientists, organizations as well as planners and managers in the field of landscape ecology;
  - b. Advance (interdisciplinary) research in landscape ecology;
  - c. Promote the development of knowledge on landscape and its application, and to further interaction between scientists and planners.
- B2 In order to accomplish these objectives the activities of the Association shall be to
  - a. Organize international congresses and meetings for efficient exchange of knowledge and experience on landscape ecology;
  - b. Publish or by other means (e.g. education) distribute knowledge in the field of landscape ecology, and to undertake appropriate action in order to enhance public concern in landscape ecology;
  - c. Form commissions and interdisciplinary working groups dealing with special problems of landscape ecology;
  - d. Arrange for joint research projects in order to exchange specialized knowledge and experience;
  - e. Edit and distribute a Bulletin;
  - f. Establish co-operation with other interested organizations which have related fields of work and similar objectives.

### C MEMBERSHIP

- C1 Membership of the IALE is open to all persons and institutions active or interested in the study and application of landscape ecology. Individuals as well as collective membership is possible. The following classes of members shall be recognized:
  - a. Ordinary members - individual scientists, who participate either by separate membership or membership in an affiliated (national) organization;
  - b. Sustaining members - other organizations providing voluntary support to the Association. Such members do not have voting privileges in the General Assembly;
  - c. Honorary members. The Association may confer Honorary Membership upon distinguished Landscape Ecologists.
- C2 Membership of the Association shall lapse if the member is one year in arrears with his or her subscription, payment being due on January 1st of each calendar year.
- C3 A member can be expelled by the Council if in its opinion he or she has violated the Statutes or decisions of the Association.

### D THE STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

- D1 The Association shall carry out its work through the following bodies:
  - a. The General Assembly

- b. The Executive Committee
- c. The Council
- d. The Regions
- e. The Commissions and Working Groups.

E THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- E1 The purpose of the General Assembly is to handle the business of the Association. The General Assembly meets during international congresses or in any other way the Council may determine.
- E2 The General Assembly is open only to members of the Association who have paid their subscription for the current year.
- E3 The General Assembly shall be convened at regular intervals whenever possible, but preferably every four years.
- E4 The General Assembly will be presented with the report of the Secretary-General, which should be published in the last issue of the Bulletin prior to the meeting. It will be presented also with the accounts of the Association and with any comments and suggestions on the report and accounts put forward by the Council.
- E5 The General Assembly shall select the place for its next meeting.

F THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- F1 The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the President, preferably not more than four Vice Presidents, Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Treasurer.
- F2 The President or one of the Vice Presidents shall be resident of the country in which the next meeting of the General Assembly is to be held.
- F3 One of the Vice Presidents shall succeed to the Presidency if the President should resign or become unable to serve during his term of office.
- F4 The Deputy Secretary-General shall succeed the Secretary-General if the latter resigns or becomes unable to serve.
- F5 The task of the Executive Committee is the daily management of the Association in accordance with the general instructions of the Council.
- F6 The Executive Committee shall recommend the membership fees to the Council.
- F7 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the expenditure of such funds as shall be allocated by the Council for the running of the Association.
- F8 The Executive Committee shall prepare the questions to be dealt with by the Council and shall decide on questions that have to be settled before the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- F9 The Secretary-General should call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association at least once in every two years, to discuss vital questions; if any difficulties should arise connected with the holding of such a meeting he should consult with the members of the Executive Committee through correspondence.
- F10 The Secretary-General should regularly publish information about the activities of the Association in the Bulletin of the IALE.
- F11 If the Association is dissolved, the Executive Committee shall decide in what way the funds of the Association shall be used for the furtherance of landscape ecology.

## G THE COUNCIL

### G1 The Council of the IALE consist of:

- a. The Executive Committee;
- b. One ordinary member representing each Region (Regions are defined under article H). The name of the representative must be sent to the Secretary-General by the Secretary before the General Assembly meets.
- d. The Chairmen of any Commissions or Working Groups functioning within the IALE.
- e. The Honorary Members of the IALE.

### G2 The functions of the Council are:

- a. To appoint the President and VicePresidents who shall hold office untill the conclusion of the next General Assembly;
- b. To appoint the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General and, if necessary, to terminate their appointment;
- c. To appoint the Treasurer and, if necessary, to terminate his appointment;
- d. To select meeting places and dates for the General Assembly and any meetings organized by the Association;
- e. To recommend the admission of new Regions, Commissions or Working Groups or the termination of such bodies to the General Assembly of the Association;
- f. To make recommendations to the Executive Committee for actions on matters of policy;
- g. To approve the report of the Secretary-General and the accounts of the Treasurer;
- h. Fifty per cent of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No business will be conducted in the absence of the President of the Association unless he specifically delegates his authority to another member of the Executive Committee for the occasion.

## H THE REGIONS

### H1 A Region within IALE may consist of either a group of countries or of one country.

### H2 Every Region should have a Regional Secretariat that can handle most financial and administrative matters concerning the Association within the region.

### H3 The task of a Regional Secretariat of the IALE is:

- a. To act as intermediary between the members of the IALE in the Region and the Secretary-General;
- b. To duplicate and mail all IALE correspondence as well as the Bulletin within the Region.
- c. To edit the Regional Section of the Bulletin;
- d. To initiate Regional meetings.

## I THE COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

### I1 The scientific work of the Association shall be carried out through Commissions and Working Groups, which shall foster the study of particular branches of landscape ecology.

### I2 Commissions may be established by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Council. Commissions can be terminated in the same way.

### I3 Each Commission shall be controlled by a committee formed of the following officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

### I4 The committee of each Commission shall direct the activities of the Commission at all times. It shall be responsible for the programme of the Commission at international congresses or meetings.

### I5 Members interested in specific subjects may, with the permission of the Council, set up Working Groups to advice the committees of the relevant Commissions on any topics they consider should be given special attention either at international

congresses or during intervening periods. The working Groups may also carry on special correspondence and exchange of information within the field of the special subject. Each working Group elects its own Chairman.

J THE BULLETIN

J1 The Association shall issue a Bulletin at regular intervals giving information about activities of the Association and other matters of general interest. To inform members about matters of regional interest each Region shall add its own Regional Section to the Bulletin.

K VOTING

K1 Voting on proposals shall be done by a show of hands. A secret paper ballot shall be made for all contested elections, or when any member request this. In these circumstances the voting body shall appoint scrutineers.

K2 Decisions shall be passed by an absolute majority of the votes cast.

L FINANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION

L1 The funds of the Association are:

- a. membership fees
- b. voluntary contributions
- c. other sources of income

L2 a. Members shall pay their annual fee to their Regional Secretariat or to the Treasurer of the Association if no Region exists.  
b. The Regions shall determine the amount of this fee.  
c. The Council shall determine the financial support of the different Regions to the International Secretariat, and the individual membership fee of members who not belong to a Region.

L3 The account shall be closed at the end of each calendar year. At each meeting of the General Assembly a review of the Association's finance shall be submitted for approval.

M OTHER REGULATIONS

M1 The business of the Association may be conducted by post.

M2 The Executive Committee and the Council may set up Sub-Committees for carrying out specific functions, and they may co-opt other members to serve on them.

M3 The President and Secretary-General of the Association may jointly nominate one or more members to represent the Association at meetings of other Societies or Conferences at which topics of interest to the Association are being discussed.

M4 The elected members of the Executive Committee and of the Council and the committees of Commissions shall serve from the end of one meeting of the General Assembly to the end of its next meeting.

N CHANGE OF THE STATUTES

N1 a. Proposals for changes in the Statutes of the Association can be made by the Council or by members. They must be communicated to the Secretary-General at least one year before the next meeting of the General Assembly and be published in the Bulletin of the Association. The Secretary-General shall post voting papers to each member six months before the meeting of the General Assembly.  
b. Changes to the Statutes may be made by postal ballot or at a meeting of the General Assembly, and require at least a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.