

In accordance with Article 11 and Article 12 of the Law on Associations ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 51/09) at the Founding Assembly summoned on May 25, 2012 in Belgrade, the present issued the following

STATUTE

of "AIS 3 – Association of Italian and Serbian Scientists and Scholars"

1 Name and Seat

1.1 The name of the association is "AIS³ – Association of Italian and Serbian Scientists and Scholars", hereinafter called "**AIS³** or the "**Association**".

1.2 The name of the association in the Italian language is "AIS³ Associazione Italiani e Serbi Scienziati e Studiosi".

1.3. The abbreviated name of the association is "AIS³"

1.4. **AIS³** is a legal not-for-profit association formed, registered, and operating according to the Serbian law.

1.5 The seat of **AIS³** is in Belgrade, Studentski trg 1, Republic of Serbia.

1.6. The Association has its official stamp.

The official stamp is АИС³ – Асоцијација италијанских и српских научника и истраживача
AIS³ - Associazione Italiani e Serbi Scienziati e Studiosi
Београд

2 Classes and Objectives

2.1 The Association is structured into two classes:

- Class I: Natural and Technical Sciences
- Class II: Social Sciences and Humanities

2.2 The Association encompasses the fields of higher education, science and research and will pursue the following objectives:

- Promote technology and innovation through the exchange of knowledge between scientists and scholars, in the two Countries.
- Favour collaboration, including joint research and development projects, between scientists, scholars, and non-profit, for-profit and governmental organizations in the two Countries.
- Promote the bilateral flow of scientists and scholars between Italy and Serbia.
- Promote, provide information about, and administer fellowships for the exchange of scientists and scholars.
- Identify significant research opportunities -- with specific regard to European Union Framework Programmes -- for Italian and Serbian scientific institutions, academia and high-tech industry, and stimulate their development.
- Provide advice about the capabilities and merits of individuals and organizations – non-profit, for-profit, and governmental – in both Serbia and Italy for scientists, scholars, and entrepreneurs from these respective Countries.

- Advocate the improvement of scientific and scholarly activity and organizations within Italy and Serbia.
- Promote and coordinate the activities of other organizations and associations that link scientists, scholars and professionals in the two Countries.

3 Membership

3.1 Membership in **AIS³** is available in two categories:

- individual membership (scientists and scholars operating in Italy and/or Serbia) to one of the Classes of the Association (art. 2.1)
- institutional membership (Scientific institutions, Universities, Associations and Government Bodies based in Italy and/or Serbia).

3.2 Membership in **AIS³** terminates in case of: death of individuals; dissolution of organizations; by resignation (through written notice to the Steering Committee); by expulsion (Art. 3.3)

3.3 A member of **AIS³** may be expelled for cause by the Steering Committee. The cause shall mean conduct that is determined to constitute a material violation of the Statute and rules of **AIS³** or other conduct that is seriously prejudicial to **AIS³**.

4 Governing Bodies

AIS³ recognizes the following governing bodies:

- the Assembly;
- the Steering Committee;

The position of Association Representative is occupied by the President of the Steering Committee. In case of his/her absence, the Association is represented by the Vice President or another Officer of the Steering Committee who has been appointed by the President.

5 Assembly

5.1 The Assembly is composed of all members of **AIS³**

5.2 The Assembly meets at least once a year, preferably on the occasion of the Conference.

The initiative for summoning the Assembly lies with the Steering Committee.

Extraordinary meetings of the Assembly can be scheduled at an elaborated proposal of the Steering Committee, or on the initiative of at least one third of votes from the Assembly. The initiative is submitted to the Steering Committee in written form and it should include issues suggested for consideration.

5.3 The Assembly:

- outlines the work plan and program of the Association;
- adopts the Statute, along with changes and amendments of the Statute by a two-third majority vote;
- adopts other general acts of the Association;
- elects and dismisses the Officers of the Steering Committee by a two-third majority vote, with the exception of the Officer appointed by the Italian Embassy in Belgrade;
- considers and approves the report of the Steering Committee at least once a year;
- considers and approves the financial plan and report;
- brings decisions on status changes and the breach of the Association's work;

- (viii) brings decisions on joining unions and other associations in the country and abroad;
- (ix) decides on the dissolution of the Association by a two-third majority vote;

6 Steering Committee

6.1 The Steering Committee is composed of:

- President of the Association,
- Vice President of the Association,
- Treasurer,
- Deputy Treasurer,
- Secretary,
- Deputy Secretary,

and a representative appointed by the Italian Embassy in Belgrade.

The President of the Steering Committee delegates the duties to the Officers of the Steering Committee.

All elected members of the Steering Committee, including the President and Vice President, will remain in charge for three years and can be re-elected only once.

The President of the Steering Committee represents the Association in legal transactions and has the rights and duties of the financial manager.

In the absence of the President of the Steering Committee, the Vice President is authorised to represent the Association and sign all financial and monetary documents on behalf of the Association.

The Italian Embassy in Belgrade can replace its representative at any time through written communication to the President of the Association.

6.2 The Steering Committee is the governing body of the Association and shall be responsible for all the business of the Association, i.e., the business during the period between Meetings of the Assembly, the financial affairs of the Association, and the implementation of the resolutions of the Assembly. The Steering Committee is chaired by the President of the Association, whose tasks are in particular:

- (i) to supervise the execution of activities of **AIS**³.
- (ii) to coordinate the general activities of **AIS**³
- (iii) to summon the Assembly of **AIS**³
- (iv) to inform the members about the activities of the Association;
- (v) to manage all financial and other assets of the Association;
- (vi) to propose the activities of the Association to the Assembly for the following three-year period;
- (vii) to prepare financial plan and report.

7 External representation of the Association

The activities of the Association are public.

The Steering Committee takes care about regularly informing the members and public about the work and activities of the Association, either directly or through internal publications or announcements for the public, or in another appropriate way.

Annual account statements and reports on Association's activities are submitted to the members at the meeting of Association Assembly.

8 Dissolution of the Association

8.1 The voluntary dissolution of the Association is decided by the Assembly as regulated in Article 5, point 5.3, paragraph ix of the present Statute.

8.2 In all cases of voluntary or judicial dissolution at any time or due to any reason, the assets of the Association will be transferred to a non-profit association or body pursuing similar objectives.

8.3 For all matters which are not determined by this Statute, regulations of The Law on Associations shall be applied.

8.4 This Statute enters into force on the day of its adoption at the Association Founding Assembly.

President of the Association Founding Assembly

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