

CONSTITUTION of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOMORPHOLOGISTS

Chapter I - GENERAL DISPOSITION

Article 1. Denomination

With the denomination "INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOMORPHOLOGISTS", or any literal translation in other languages, an association is hereby established under the Spanish Law 1/2002 of March 22, regulating the right of association and its corresponding regulations, with a legal status, and full capacity to act with a not-for-profit motive. The official abbreviation will be IAG. The working languages of the IAG will be English, French and Spanish¹.

¹Spanish will be used for administrative and financial purposes given that the Association is legally registered in Spain.

Article 2. Duration

This Association is established indefinitely.

Article 3. Objectives

The objectives of the IAG will be:

- a) to develop Geomorphology through international cooperation
- b) to promote the dissemination of geomorphological knowledge between the scientific community and the general public
- c) to provide geomorphological advice to international institutions
- d) to encourage the membership of countries around the world, incorporating the different national delegations of each country
- e) to promote geomorphological research and the establishment of working groups on specific geomorphological topics
- f) to support the training of geomorphologists at an early career stage from all around the world, and especially those from economically disadvantaged countries.

Article 4. Activities

The activities that the IAG will carry out are:

- a) establishing relationships with international scientific and governmental organizations through the signing of agreements, memoranda of understanding etc.

- b) cooperating with national and international organizations whose objectives are complementary to those of the IAG
- c) establishing and maintaining contact with the National Scientific Members of the Association
- d) holding an International Conference on Geomorphology every four years and, at least, one Regional Conference between consecutive international conferences
- e) stimulating the establishment of Working Groups and supporting their scientific activities
- f) encouraging and supporting the production of publications on geomorphology, including books and monographs, as well as special issues in international journals
- g) organizing or supporting meetings, workshops, intensive courses, field programmes and other appropriate events to promote geomorphological research and train geomorphologists
- h) encouraging and publicizing the activities of the IAG and the linked organizations through the website, social networks, mailing lists or other appropriate means.

Article 5. Registered office

The Association establishes its registered office in Madrid, St. Capitan Haya 1, 15th floor (CP 28020 Madrid, Spain), and the territorial scope in which it will carry out its activities will be throughout any country of the World.

Chapter II - COUNCIL

Article 6. Nature and composition

The Council is the supreme governing body of the Association and will comprise all the members (National Scientific Members and Executive Committee Members).

Article 7. Meetings

The meetings of the Council will be ordinary and extraordinary.

- The ordinary meetings will be held once a year within the four months following the closing of the fiscal year
- The extraordinary meetings will be held whenever needed according to the judgment of the President, by agreement from the Executive Committee, or when proposed through written communication by more than 25% of the Council members.

Article 8. Calls for Council meetings

Calls for Council meetings will be made through written communication stating the place, date and time of the meeting, as well as the agenda with specific expression of the matters to be discussed.

The calls will be disseminated at least 15 days before the corresponding meetings. They may also indicate, whenever pertinent, the date and time at which a second-call for a Council meeting will be held. The time lapse between the first and the second must exceed one hour.

Article 9. Adoption of decisions

The meetings of the Council, both ordinary and extraordinary, will only be valid if constituted by one third of the members with a voting right, and with any number of members in the second call.

Decisions will be made by simple majority of the members present or represented when the affirmative votes exceed the negative ones, not including null and blank votes or abstentions.

The dissolution of the Association and the modification of the Constitution will require a qualified majority of the members present or represented (affirmative votes exceed one half of the members present or represented).

Article 10. Powers

The powers of the Council are:

- a) to approve the management of the Executive Committee
- b) to examine and approve the annual accounts
- c) to elect the members of the Executive Committee
- d) to set the membership fees
- e) to approve the dissolution of the Association
- f) to modify the Constitution including any change to the registered office
- g) to dispose or transfer assets
- h) any other power that is not attributed to another body of the Association.

Chapter III - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 11. Composition

The Association will be managed and represented by an Executive Committee formed by the following members:

1. One (1) President
2. One (1) Secretary General
3. Three (3) Vice-Presidents
4. One (1) Treasurer
5. One (1) Officer.

All the positions that make up the Executive Committee will be unpaid.

Persons eligible to be members of the Executive Committee will be physical persons previously nominated as candidates by the National Scientific Members, as established in article 21 of the present Constitution.

The positions of Secretary, Vice-President, Treasurer and Officer shall be appointed and revoked by the Council and their term of office shall be 4 years.

Only persons that have been elected as members of the Executive Committee in any position during the previous term can be nominated for President.

Article 12. Meetings

The Executive Committee will meet as often as determined by its President and at the request of more than 25% of its members. It will only be valid if constituted by more than half of its members.

For the decisions of the Executive Committee to be carried, they must be agreed by simple majority, and in case of tie, the President will have the final vote.

Article 13. Duties

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be extended, in general, to all the events pertaining to the purposes of the Association, provided that they do not require, according to this Constitution, the prior authorization of the Council. The following are the specific duties of the Executive Committee:

- a) to direct the activities and take the economic and administrative management of the Association, agreeing to carry out the appropriate tasks
- b) to execute the decisions of the Council
- c) to formulate and submit the balance sheets and annual accounts for approval of the Council
- d) to resolve on the admission of new National Scientific Members
- e) to appoint person(s) responsible for specific activities of the Association
- f) any other duty that is not already the exclusive duty of the Council.

Article 14. President

The President will have the following responsibilities: legally representing the Association at public or private meetings; convening, chairing and adjourning the sessions held by the Council and the Executive Committee, as well as managing the deliberations of both; ordering payments and authorizing with his/her signature the documents, minutes and correspondence; adopting without prejudice any urgent measure required for the good of the Association or necessary for the development of its activities, which should subsequently be reported to the Executive Committee.

Article 15. Vice-President

The Vice-Presidents shall replace the President in the absence of the latter, due to illness or any other cause, and shall have the same duties.

Article 16. Secretary General

The Secretary General will be in charge of the management of the administrative work of the Association, will issue certificates, will manage the legally established books of the Association and the list of members, and will keep all documentation relevant to the running of the Association, ensuring that communications are sent regarding the appointments of members of the Executive Committee and any other decisions/actions to be registered in the legal records of the Association, as well as compliance with documentary obligations in the corresponding legal terms.

Article 17. Treasurer

The Treasurer will collect and safeguard the funds of the Association and will comply with the payment orders issued by the President.

Article 18. Officer

The Officer will have the obligations inherent to their position as a member of the Executive Committee, as well as those arising from the duties entrusted to them by the Executive Committee.

Article 19. Procedures for losses and substitutions of EC members

Any member of the Executive Committee may resign via written communication to the Executive Committee and by breaching the obligations entrusted to them. The vacancy generated by these reasons will be covered provisionally by the other members of the Executive Committee until the position is refilled by election at a Council called for that purpose. At the end of their term of office Executive Committee members will continue holding their positions until the acceptance of those who substitute them.

Chapter IV - MEMBERS

Article 20. Requirements

Any physical person who is more than 14 years of age and has an interest in the aims of the Association may become members.

Article 21. Affiliation

The members of the Association shall be represented by the contact persons of the National Scientific Members. National Scientific Members are defined for our purpose as groups of geomorphologists from a country or geographical region, such as national societies of geomorphology, which represent the geomorphological activities of any given territory. Only one National Scientific Member can be affiliated to the Association by country, and each of them will have the capacity to cast one vote.

The National Scientific Members will be represented in the Council by a person designated by the national group. This person will exercise the vote in the Council representing the National Scientific Member.

Article 22. Membership termination

Termination of membership will occur in the following causes:

- a) voluntary resignation, through written communication forwarded to the Executive Committee
- b) non-compliance with the economic responsibilities established in the present Constitution.

Article 23. Rights

The members of the Association will have the following rights:

- a) to take part in all the activities organized by the Association in fulfilment of its aims
- b) to benefit from all the advantages and benefits that the Association may obtain
- c) to participate in the Council discussions and votes (via the contact persons of the National Scientific Members)
- d) to nominate physical persons for positions on the Executive Committee and to elect them through their voting right (via the contact persons of the National Scientific Members)
- e) to receive information on the decisions adopted by the Association
- f) to advise members of the Executive Committee in order to better fulfil the purposes of the Association.

Article 24. Duties

The founders and National Scientific Members will have the following obligations:

- a) to comply with this Constitution and the validated decisions of the Council and the Executive Committee
- b) to pay the established annual fees
- c) to attend to the Council and other events organized by the Association
- d) to perform, where appropriate, the obligations inherent to the position they occupy.

Chapter V - FINANCES

Article 25. Financial resources and fees

The expected financial resources for the development of the aims and activities of the Association will be:

- a) annual fees of the National Scientific Members
- b) grants, legacies or inheritances that could be legally received from the members or third persons
- c) any other lawful resource.

Article 26. Capital

The Association was established with an initial capital of 80,000 Euro.

Article 27. Duration of the fiscal term

The duration of membership of the Association and financial year will extend from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Chapter VI - DISSOLUTION

Article 28. Dissolution

The Association will be dissolved voluntarily by agreement in an extraordinary Council, called for this purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of this Constitution.

Article 29. Liquidation

In case of dissolution, a liquidation commission will be appointed. Once the debts are settled, any remaining money will be used for purposes that do not detract from the non-profit nature of the Association.