

# **Statutes**

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## **Chapter 1: General conditions**

## Art. 1 Name and registered office

<sup>1</sup> Under the name of Association du Corps Intermédiaire de la Faculté de Géosciences et de l'Environnement (hereinafter referred to as the Faculty), an association (hereinafter referred to as the Association, or ACIGE) is hereby established with its registered office in Lausanne.

<sup>2</sup> It shall be governed by these Articles of Association and by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

<sup>3</sup> Its logo and name are protected. Any use thereof is reserved for the Association.

#### Art. 2 Aims

The aims of the Association are:

- a) to defend the interests of the Corps Intermédiaire and doctoral students of the Faculty;
- b) to represent its members before academic and political authorities;
- c) to collaborate with the other associations of the Faculty and the University;
- d) to promote contacts and exchanges between its members.

### Art. 3 Members

<sup>1</sup> The following are members of the Association:

- a) members of the Corps Intermédiaire within the meaning of the Law on the University of Lausanne (LUL), the Regulations implementing the LUL (RaLUL) and the Faculty Regulations
- b) doctoral students registered with the Faculty.
- <sup>2</sup> Members of the Corps Intermédiaire and doctoral students are members of the Association by right, respectively from the time they are hired or enrolled in their thesis.
- <sup>3</sup> All members of the Association shall lose their status as such as soon as they cease to hold an academic post and/or by exmatriculation or by resignation addressed in writing to the Committee.

#### Art. 4 Resources

The Association's resources are made up of voluntary contributions, donations, grants and income from activities related to its aims.

### Art. 5 Governing bodies

The governing bodies of the Association are:

- a) the General Assembly;
- b) the committee;
- c) the auditors.

## Art. 6 Liability of members

The members of the Association are not liable for the debts of the Association, which are guaranteed solely by its assets.

# Chapter 2: General Assembly

## Art. 7 Competencies

- <sup>1</sup> The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association.
- <sup>2</sup> The General Assembly comprises all members of the Association.
- <sup>3</sup> In particular it is empowered to:
- a) elect and dismiss the members of the committee;
- b) elect the auditors of the financial accounts;
- c) elect the Association's representatives before other bodies;
- d) decide on the general policy and actions of the Association;
- e) approve the minutes of the previous General Assembly;
- f) approve the annual activity report;
- g) approve the Association's budget;
- h) approve the Association's accounts and auditors report;
- i) discharge the Committee in respect of the accounts and management;
- j) approve and revise the Articles of Association;
- k) dissolve the Association.

### Art. 8 Ordinary and extraordinary General Assembly

- <sup>1</sup> The ordinary General Assembly shall be held at least once a year and, if possible, once every six months.
- <sup>2</sup> An extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the Committee or at the request of at least 15 members of the Association.
- <sup>3</sup> The General Assembly is validly constituted when at least 15 members are present.

#### Art. 9 Convocation

- <sup>1</sup> All members shall be given at least one week's notice of any General Assembly by e-mail and posting.
- <sup>2</sup> The notice of assembly shall include the agenda, date, time, and place of the General Meeting, together with the necessary documents.
- <sup>3</sup> An extraordinary General Assembly must be convened by the Board within 30 days of the request.

## Art. 10 Agenda

- <sup>1</sup> The agenda for the ordinary General Assembly is drawn up by the Committee.
- <sup>2</sup> The agenda for an extraordinary General Assembly convened at the request of members shall be drawn up by the Committee in accordance with the request submitted.
- <sup>3</sup> Any proposal to add an item, together with the necessary documents, must reach the Committee no later than 72 hours before the General Assembly.
- <sup>4</sup>The agenda is approved at the beginning of the assembly by a majority of the members present.

#### Art. 11 Chair

- <sup>1</sup> The Assembly is chaired by the President of the Committee.
- <sup>2</sup> In case of co-presidency of the Committee, the General Assembly appoints on of the two as <chairman at the beginning of the Assembly.

#### Art. 12 Decisions

- <sup>1</sup> Decisions at the General Assembly are passed by an absolute majority of the votes cast, subject to the provisions of these Articles of Association to the contrary.
- <sup>2</sup> In the event of the dismissal of a member of the Committee, a two-thirds majority shall apply.
- <sup>3</sup> Voting is by show of hands, unless a member of the Assembly requests a secret vote.
- <sup>4</sup> During votes, scrutineers elected at the beginning of the meeting count the votes cast and record them in the minutes.
- <sup>5</sup> With the exception of the Chairman, the Committee is entitled to vote at the General Assembly.
- <sup>6</sup> All voting members have equal voting rights.
- <sup>7</sup> Voting by proxy is permitted in the event of justified absence.

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- <sup>8</sup> In the event of a tie, a new round of voting is opened, followed by a second vote. If the votes are still tied, the Chairman of the meeting decides.
- <sup>9</sup> The decisions of the General Meeting are published on the notice board.

#### Art. 13 Minutes

The decisions of the General Assembly and the results of the votes are recorded in the minutes by the Committee Secretary.

## Art. 14 Working groups

- <sup>1</sup> Any group of members of the Association may, on a mandate from the General Assembly or the Committee, set up a working group to deal with a particular problem related to the aims of the Association.
- <sup>2</sup> Each working group elects a representative, who regularly informs the Committee of the working group's activities.

## Chapter 3: Committee

#### Art. 15 Composition

- <sup>1</sup> The committee comprises a maximum of 15 members.
- <sup>2</sup> The Committee is elected by the General Assembly for a one-year, renewable, term.
- <sup>3</sup> The entire Committee is re-elected at the annual General Meeting.
- <sup>4</sup> As far as possible, at least one member from each institute should sit on the Committee. No institute may be represented by more than 5 people.
- <sup>5</sup> The Committee organises itself. It comprises a President or two Co-Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary.
- <sup>6</sup> The work of the Committee is voluntary and may under no circumstances be remunerated from the resources of the Association.

## Art. 16 Competencies

- <sup>1</sup> The Committee is the executive body of the Association.
- <sup>2</sup> It has the following powers and responsibilities:
- a) to achieve the aims of the Association;
- b) to represent the members of the Association before academic and political authorities;
- c) to convene the General Assemblies;
- d) to implement the decisions of the General Meeting;
- e) to draw up the annual report;
- f) to keep the Association's accounts within the framework of the budget;
- g) to maintain regular contact with elected members of the Faculty Council, Faculty Commissions and Institute Councils;

h) to maintain regular contact with ACIDUL and other faculty associations of the intermediate body.

### Art. 17 Operation

- <sup>1</sup> The President of the Committee shall convene a meeting of the Committee whenever they deem it necessary, or at the request of another member of the Committee.
- <sup>2</sup> The President of the Committee shall ensure that the Committee functions properly.
- <sup>3</sup> The Committee is only validly constituted if a majority of its members are present.
- <sup>4</sup> Decisions are taken by a majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, a new vote is taken. In the event of a further tie, the President shall decide.
- <sup>5</sup> Decisions are recorded in the minutes, which are kept by the Secretary.
- <sup>6</sup> The Association is validly bound by the collective signature of the President or Co-President and the Secretary.
- <sup>7</sup> The Treasurer keeps the Association's accounts.

## Chapter 4: Control body

#### Art. 18 Auditors

- <sup>1</sup> he accounting period runs from 1 August to 31 July of the following calendar year. The Committee draws up the financial statements at the end of the accounting period and submits them to the auditors.
- <sup>2</sup> Two auditors are appointed by the General Meeting for a one-year term. They may be reappointed.
- <sup>3</sup> The auditors present their report to the Annual General Meeting.

## **Final Dispositions**

#### Art. 19 Modification of the statutes

- <sup>1</sup> These statutes of the Association may be modified by a two-thirds majority of the votes validly cast at a General Assembly.
- <sup>2</sup> Any member of the Association, including the Committee, may propose a modification to the Articles of Association at a General Assembly.
- <sup>3</sup> Any proposal to modify the Articles of Association must be drawn up and sent with the notice convening the General Assembly.

#### Art. 20 Dissolution

<sup>1</sup> The dissolution of the Association may only be decided at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened specifically for this purpose.

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- $^{\rm 2}$  A two-thirds majority of the votes validly cast is required.
- <sup>3</sup> The Association's assets shall be disposed of and liquidated in accordance with the provisions of the Swiss Civil Code.

# Adoption of the statutes

To be added after the GA 2023.

The President or one Co-president

The Secretary