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International Association for Research in L1 Education (languages, literatures and literacies)

German: Internationale Forschungsgesellschaft zum sprachlichen Unterricht insbes. in der Erst-/Zweit- und Standardsprache (Sprache, Literatur, Literalität)

ARTICLES

§1 NAME, PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND ASSOCIATION YEAR

1 The Association is named: "International Association for Research in L1 Education (languages, literatures and literacies)" and is domiciled in Hildesheim (Germany).

2 The Association is governed by the law of Germany. It is registered at the *Amtsgericht Hildesheim* under No. 200959.

3 The Association is politically, ethnically and denominationally neutral.

4 The Association year coincides with the calendar year and the financial year of the Association runs from January 1st until December 31st as well.

5 The Association directly and exclusively pursues non-profit-making purposes, in the sense of the Section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Fiscal Code, through the promotion of research and science.

§ 2 PURPOSE AND MEANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1 The purpose and objects of the Association are promotion and development of empirical and theoretical research into L1 education and the interchange of information relating to this subject between individual members and other associations throughout the world towards an international achievement of these objects and purposes.

2 The Association strives to research the goals paraphrased in § 2.1 by:

- a) the organisation of conferences, seminars and workshops,
- b) the promotion of mutual scientific communication and research co-operation between members,
- c) the support of young researchers, particularly through the organisation of research schools and PhD-workshops and short stay exchanges,
- d) the publication of the scientific journal L1 Educational Studies in Language and Literature,
- (e) the promotion of mutual lab/research group visits,
- (f) interaction between research, practice and society, and
- (g) the co-operation with other Associations and Institutions.

The activities are financed via conference fees, possibly membership fees, donations and the cooperation with universities.

3 The Association is a charitable organization; it does not primarily pursue its own financial purposes.

The assets of the association may only be used in accordance with the articles.

Members do not obtain benefits from the funds of the association.

4 No person may be favored through expenses alien to the purpose of the corporation or through disproportionately high considerations.

5 Voluntary persons are only entitled to reimbursement of their necessary expenses.

§3 MEMBERSHIP

1 Membership of the Association is confined to those natural and legal persons who contribute to the research into L1 education or to those who work in applied fields. Final decisions on applications for admission shall be made by the Executive Board.

2 The procedure for admission to membership is established by the Standing Orders.

§4 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1 Membership expires with:

a) the member's death

b) resignation by the member

c) removal from the membership list

d) resignation by the Association

e) with legal persons in case of their liquidation.

Resignation is carried out through a written letter to a member of the Executive Committee and is only possible for the end of the calendar year. It has to be carried out with at least four weeks notice before the end of the year.

A member can be deleted from the membership list by resolution of the Executive Board if he or she is in arrears with membership fees or contributions, despite two written reminders. The Member must be informed of this removal in writing. A member who has grossly violated the interests of the Association can be expelled through decision of the Members Meeting. Before the expulsion takes effect, the member must be given the right to vindicate himself. If this is done in writing then the statement must be read out at the Members Meeting.

§5 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Members can be asked to pay a membership fee. The fee and due date are defined by the members' meeting.

§ 6 ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a) Executive Board (EB)
- b) Members General Meeting (MGM)

§ 7 EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board according to §26 BGB consists of

- a) Chair
- b) Vice-Chair
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

The Association shall be represented judicially and otherwise by the Chair of the Board or by two members of the Executive Board acting jointly.

§ 8 RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The board decides in general at board meetings, which will be convened in writing (electronically or by paper post) or by phone by the chair or vice chair, one week before the meeting. In any case, the meetings are to be summoned one week in advance. The agenda need not be notified. The Executive Board is quorate if at least two members of the Executive Board are present, among them the Chair or Vice-Chair. Decisions are adopted by the majority of the votes cast in the meeting; in case of a tied vote, the vote of the Chair is decisive.

The chair, in his absence the vice chairman, presides over the meeting. For the purpose of evidence, the decisions of the board are to be recorded and to be signed by the chair.

A decision-making of the executive board shall be feasible by written or telephone communication, if all members of the executive board give their consent to the provision to be decided.

§ 9 MEMBERS' GENERAL MEETING

Each regular and each honorary member present at a General Meeting has one vote. The general meeting is responsible for the following issues: a) Receiving the annual report of the executive board. Discharge of the Board. b) Determining amount and due date of the annual fee. c) Election and voting out of members of the board. d) Resolutions and changing the constitution and termination of the association. e) Nomination of honorary members. f) Adopting rules of procedures.

§ 10 CONVENING OF THE MEMBERS' GENERAL MEETING

At least once every two years the Members General Meeting is to be called in. It will be convened in writing by the board by giving three weeks notice and by indicating the agenda (electronically or by paper post). The period begins with the day following the

sending off of the invitation. The invitation letter is considered as delivered to the member, if it was directed to the address that was last given to the executive board. The agenda is established by the board.

§ 11 RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS' GENERAL MEETING

The Members' General Meeting shall be chaired by the Chair of the Board, in the event of his/her being unable to attend, by the Vice Chair or another member of the Board. If no member of the board is present, the meeting determines who chairs. The minutes are taken by the secretary. If he/she is not present, the chairperson of the meeting determines who will be taking the minutes. The chairperson of the meeting determines the nature of voting. The vote must be performed in writing when requested by one third of the attending members, who are eligible to vote. The general meeting is not public. The chairperson may allow the attendance of guests.

Once the invitation to the members general meeting have been sent out according to this constitution, the general meeting has a quorum, independent of the number of members present. The General Meeting decides by simple majority of the valid votes cast; abstentions are considered to be invalid votes. A 3/4 majority of the valid votes cast is required in order to amend the articles of the association (including the purpose of the association). A 4/5 majority of the valid votes cast is required to liquidate the association.

Written records on the decisions by the general meeting shall be prepared which have to be signed both by the keeper of the minutes and the chairperson of the meeting. Minutes must state place and time of the meeting, the person who chaired the meeting and the person who kept the minutes, attendance list, the agenda, resolutions, results of votes and the voting method. If amendments of the articles are decided upon, the article which is to be changed has to be included.

§ 12 MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS RELATING TO THE AGENDA.

Decisions on an extension of the agenda applied for at the beginning of the meeting shall be taken by the general assembly. A majority of three quarters of the valid votes cast shall be required for the application to be approved. Amendments of the Articles, the liquidation of the association, election or removal of members of the board can only be decided upon if the applications have been announced with the agenda.

§ 13 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

The board can convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time. An Extraordinary General Meeting must be called if the interests of the Association require it or if one tenth of the members request it in writing stating the purpose and the reasons. For the Extraordinary General Meeting Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12 are also applicable.

§ 14 LIQUIDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

1 The Association can only be dissolved by a resolution of the General Members

Meeting taken with the majority determined in § 12. Unless otherwise ruled by the general members meeting, the chair and the vice-chair shall be the liquidators of the Association. The stated regulations apply in the case that the association is liquidated for another reason or loses its capacity to act.

2 On the dissolution or annulment of the association or if tax abetting purposes cease to apply, the property of the association becomes the property of the University of Hildesheim Foundation which shall use it directly and exclusively for non-profit-making purposes through the promotion of research and science.

The before mentioned articles of the Association were established at the inaugural meeting dated November 7, 2014.