

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SEDIMENTOLOGISTS IVZW

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STATUTES

Preliminary concepts

In these Statutes, the following terms are to be interpreted as follows:

- *Annual General Assembly*: means the meeting held by the General Assembly within 6 months after the end of the previous financial year, as further described in article 16 of these Statutes.
- *Annual Membership Fee*: means the annual fee to be paid by the Members in accordance with article 10 of these Statutes.
- *Association*: means the association identified in article 1 of these Statutes, which is governed by these Statutes and applicable laws.
- *Bureau*: means the management body of the Association as defined in article 21 of these Statutes.
- *Chairman*: means the individual chairing the General Assembly in accordance with article 14 of these Statutes.
- *Council*: means the supervisory body of the Bureau, that may be set up by the General Assembly, as defined in article 29 of these Statutes.
- *Editor-in-Chief*: means a member of the Bureau in accordance with article 21 of these Statutes.
- *Editor of the Special Publications*: means a member of the Bureau in accordance with article 21 of these Statutes.
- *General Assembly*: means the highest governing body of the Association as defined in article 12 of these Statutes.
- *General Secretary*: means a member of the Bureau in accordance with article 21 of these Statutes.
- *Honorary Members*: means the honorary members as defined in article 6 of these Statutes.

- *Member Entitled to Vote*: means the Members that are entitled to vote in accordance with article 12 of these Statutes.
- *Members*: means the Ordinary Members, Honorary Members and Student Members.
- *Ordinary Members*: means the ordinary members as defined in article 7 of these Statutes.
- *Past-President*: means a member of the Bureau in accordance with article 21 of these Statutes.
- *President*: means a member of the Bureau in accordance with article 21 of these Statutes.
- *Student Members*: means the student members as defined in article 8 of these Statutes.
- *Treasurer*: means a member of the Bureau in accordance with article 21 of these Statutes.
- *Vice-President*: means a member of the Bureau in accordance with article 21 of these Statutes.
- *4-Yearly Annual General Assembly*: means the Annual General Assembly held every 4 years, as further described in article 16 of these Statutes.

Title I: Legal form, name, registered office, purpose and duration

Article 1. Legal form and name

The Association is an international non-profit association governed by the provisions of Title III of the Belgian Act on (national/international) non-profit organisations and foundations of 27 June 1921.

The name of the Association is “INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SEDIMENTOLOGISTS”, abbreviated as “IAS”. The full and abbreviated name of the Association may be used separately.

That name shall be used in all deeds, invoices, notices, announcements and other documents issued by the Association, immediately preceded or followed by the wording “Internationale Vereniging zonder Winstoogmerk” [i.e. International Not-For-Profit Association] or by the relevant abbreviation “IVZW”, as well as by the address of the registered office.

Article 2. Registered office

The registered office and headquarters of the Association are established in Belgium, at Krijgslaan 281, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

The Bureau can move the registered office to any other location in the Dutch-speaking or bilingual part of the country of Belgium. The Bureau shall ensure that any change in the registered office of the Association is published in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Gazette.

Article 3. Purpose

The objectives of the Association are to facilitate and promote scientific knowledge in the field of sedimentology and to promote the study of sedimentology in the broadest possible international context.

To this end, the Association aims:

- a. to publish, discuss and compare scientific research in sedimentology;
- b. to encourage the exchange of scientific research results in sedimentology, in particular involving international cooperation;
- c. to promote integration with other scientific disciplines.

In order to achieve the abovementioned statutory objectives and activities, the Association may take any and all initiatives that directly or indirectly relate thereto to help achieve them or would be necessary, useful or desirable for the furtherance or accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the Association, as interpreted in the broadest sense.

The Association is authorised, in addition, to carry out profitable activities in so far as they are in line with the objectives and activities defined above, and are ancillary to these in nature, and provided that any profits generated are fully attributed to the achievement of the altruistic objectives pursued by the Association.

Article 4. Duration

The Association is formed for an undefined period.

Title II: Membership

Article 5. Members

The Association distinguishes between 3 categories of members: Honorary Members, Ordinary Members and Student Members (collectively referred to as the “**Members**”).

The number of Members is unlimited, but shall be at least three.

Membership of the Association is open to any private individuals, whether Belgian or non-Belgian. When becoming a Member, the new Member agrees with the following requirements:

He/she

- a. supports the goals and objectives of the Association;
- b. is active in the areas relevant to the goals and objectives of the Association;
- c. promises to adhere to these Statutes and the decisions of the Bureau;

- d. has been approved by the Bureau in accordance with the rules stated below in article 9; and
- e. meets the conditions of one of the categories of membership described below in articles 6 to 8.

The Bureau shall maintain a register in which the names and addresses of all Members shall be recorded. Each Member shall provide his or her address and e-mail address to the Bureau, which shall keep the register up to date.

Members are expected to contribute to the success of the Association in many ways, including but not limited to the following:

- a. by encouraging appropriate individuals within their organisations to participate in the work and decision making of the Association;
- b. by contributing to the scientific programme of the International Sedimentology Congress and avoiding the organisation of competing scientific events in the year of the International Sedimentology Congress; and
- c. by helping to promote the International Sedimentology Congress and other events sponsored by the Association among their colleagues and through their communication channels.

Members shall use the content of journals, books and any other material published by the Association, in printed, electronic and any other form, only for personal purposes.

The Bureau shall be authorised to attach additional obligations to the membership. Such obligations require the approval of the General Assembly.

Article 6. Honorary Members

Membership as an Honorary Member can be awarded by the Bureau to persons that meet the membership criteria defined in article 5, on the basis of their contributions to the Association and the subject of sedimentology.

Article 7. Ordinary Members

Membership as an Ordinary Member is open to persons that meet the membership criteria defined in article 5.

The signing founders are the first Ordinary Members.

Article 8. Student Members

Membership as a Student Member is open to persons that meet the membership criteria defined in article 5 and have enrolled under the undergraduate, MSc or PhD student status at a higher education institute.

They are required to produce proof of their student status by means of a certificate of enrolment or by means of a statement provided by their supervisor.

Article 9. Admission of Members

Each application for Ordinary or Student membership shall be addressed to the Bureau. The Bureau shall select candidates for Honorary membership.

The Bureau shall decide on each application for membership at its own discretion. It is not required to provide grounds for its decision with respect to admission or refusal.

All persons that are members of the *de facto* association IAS and have not acted as founders can join the Association by payment of their Annual Membership Fee or by means of a simple membership statement that can be handed over to the secretariat of the Association in writing or electronically and shall become Members as they were of the *de facto* association (Honorary, Ordinary or Student Member).

Article 10. Annual Membership Fee

Ordinary Members and Student Members shall pay an Annual Membership Fee.

Honorary Members do not pay an Annual Membership Fee.

The amount payable shall be set by the Bureau on an annual basis.

The Bureau may under special circumstances grant full or partial exemption from the obligation to pay an Annual Membership Fee.

Article 11. Resignation and termination of membership

Membership shall end automatically upon the death or the loss of legal capacity of the Member concerned.

Each Member may resign from the Association at any time provided that a registered letter is sent to the Bureau and a notice period of 4 weeks is observed.

The Bureau can terminate the membership of a Member with immediate effect in case the Member:

- a. has not paid the Annual Membership Fee within one month after having received due notice; or
- b. breaches the Statutes, rules or resolutions of the Association; or
- c. acts against the interest of the Association in an unreasonable manner.

Members who resigned or of whom the membership has been terminated and their legal successors cannot claim any part of the assets or net worth of the Association and, consequently, can never claim a refund or compensation for any payments or contributions made.

Members, who resigned or of whom the membership has been terminated, except for termination because of death, shall be responsible for the Annual Membership Fee for the calendar year during which he or she ceases to be a Member.

Title III: General Assembly

Article 12. Composition of the General Assembly

The General Assembly shall be the highest governing body of the Association and shall consist of the Members.

All Members shall be authorised to attend and address the General Assembly. The Chairman shall decide on the admission of other persons to the meetings of the General Assembly.

A Member shall only be entitled to vote if he or she has been a permanent Member since the first year of the existence of the Association or has been a Member for 4 consecutive years (hereinafter referred to as a “**Member Entitled to Vote**”).

Article 13. Powers of the General Assembly

The General Assembly shall be empowered and have the ultimate authority to:

- a. appoint and dismiss the members of the Bureau and the Council, if any;
- b. approve the annual accounts, the annual report and the budget and accounts for the coming financial year presented by the Bureau;
- c. amend the Statutes;
- d. dissolve and liquidate the Association;
- e. appoint and dismiss the statutory auditor;
- f. determine the remuneration to be paid to the statutory auditor;
- g. discharge the members of the Bureau and/or the statutory auditors from liability; and
- h. approve the vision, mission and definition of values of the Association, as proposed by the Bureau.

Article 14. Organisation, notification and agenda of the meetings of the General Assembly

Each General Assembly is organised by the Bureau and chaired by the President or, if not available, by a Vice-President (hereinafter referred to as the “**Chairman**”). The Treasurer shall act as teller and the General Secretary shall act as secretary of the General Assembly.

The notification of a General Assembly, including the agenda, shall be communicated to all Members at least one month before the date of the relevant meeting by the Bureau and shall be done by letter, e-mail and/or through the IAS Newsletter.

Members Entitled to Vote have the right to put additional items on the agenda provided that such a request is made by at least 50 Members Entitled to Vote within 2 weeks as from receipt of the agenda.

The General Assembly may only discuss items that have been set down on the agenda unless all Members Entitled to Vote are present or represented at the General Assembly and unanimously decide.

The General Assembly shall meet at any place, in Belgium or abroad, indicated in the notification of the meeting.

The General Assembly can be held completely or partially physically, by electronic means (e.g. video or telephone conference) or by written resolutions. The Bureau shall decide upon the conditions of the meeting and will communicate these in the notification of the meeting.

Article 15. Voting by the General Assembly

Each Member Entitled to Vote has one vote in the General Assembly.

The Members Entitled to Vote may appoint another Member Entitled to Vote to represent them at the Extraordinary General Assembly provided that they can produce a written proxy. A Member Entitled to Vote cannot represent more than one other Member Entitled to Vote by proxy.

The Members Entitled to Vote may also cast their vote through an (electronic) voting form, attached to the notification. The completed voting form needs to be provided to the Bureau at the latest 3 days before the date of the General Assembly. Members Entitled to Vote who have provided the completed voting form in time shall be deemed to be validly represented at the General Assembly.

In principle, the resolutions of the General Assembly shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Members present or represented.

This principle does not apply to:

- a. the dismissal of members of the Bureau or of the Council (article 19 of these Statutes)
- b. an amendment to the Statutes (article 32 of these Statutes)
- c. the voluntary winding-up of the Association (article 33 of these Statutes)

In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairman shall be the deciding vote.

Blank votes and invalid votes shall be regarded as not having been cast.

Article 16. Annual General Assembly and 4-Yearly Annual General Assembly

An Annual General Assembly will be held within 6 months after the end of the previous financial year.

The Annual General Assembly shall be held at the registered office of the Association.

However, every 4 years, starting as from 2018, the Annual General Assembly shall be held at the International Sedimentology Congress (the “**4-Yearly Annual General Assembly**”).

The Agenda of an Annual General Assembly shall at least include the following items:

- a. Approval of an annual report issued by the Bureau with respect to the activities carried out over the past year;

- b. Approval of the accounts relating to the past year and the accounts and budget for the coming year;
- c. Discharge for the members of the Bureau and to the statutory auditor.

The Agenda of the 4-Yearly Annual General Assembly shall additionally include the following items:

- a. Election of the members of the Bureau for the next 4 years;
- b. Election of the members of the Council, if any, for the next 4 years.

Article 17. Extraordinary General Assembly

An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be held whenever required by circumstances or by law, whenever it is in the interest of the Association or whenever the Bureau considers it appropriate and in any case when one-fifth of the Members Entitled to Vote make such a request.

In the case that the Extraordinary General Assembly is held upon request of one-fifth of the Members Entitled to Vote, the Bureau shall comply with such a request within one month.

Article 18. Appointment of the members of the Bureau and the Council

In preparation of the 4-Yearly Annual General Assembly, the Bureau shall prepare a list of the proposed Members that qualify for election to the positions within the Bureau and the Council, if any, for the next 4 years.

When preparing a list, the conditions with respect to the composition of the Bureau and the Council as discussed in articles 21 and 29 of these Statutes, need to be taken into account.

The full list of Members proposed for the Bureau and for the Council, if any, for the next 4 years shall be sent to the Members at least one year before the next 4-Yearly Annual General Assembly.

Members of the Association may propose alternative lists for a complete Bureau and Council, if any, to the Bureau up to 6 months before the 4-Yearly Annual General Assembly. Such an alternative list shall be signed by at least 50 Members Entitled to Vote and shall be approved in writing by the nominees mentioned therein.

If no alternative list has been proposed, the list proposed by the Bureau shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Members present or represented.

If an alternative list has been proposed, a vote shall be taken at the General Assembly and the list receiving the majority of the votes shall form the next Bureau and Council.

In the case that the mandate of a member of the Bureau or Council becomes vacant before the next 4-Yearly Annual General Assembly and the Association cannot function properly without this Bureau or Council member, the Bureau shall either organise an Extraordinary General Assembly or put the matter on the Agenda of the next Annual General Assembly in order to appoint a replacing Bureau or Council member. In the meantime, the Bureau may appoint an interim Bureau member to carry out the duties related to the vacant position.

Article 19. Dismissal and resignation of the members of the Bureau and the Council

The members of the Bureau and the Council can at any time be dismissed by the General Assembly with a three-quarter majority of the votes cast by the Members Entitled to Vote present or represented.

Members of the Bureau can resign from the Bureau provided that a registered letter is sent to the Bureau and a notice period of 2 months is observed.

The mandate of a Bureau member shall end automatically:

- a. upon termination of his or her membership of the Association;
- b. upon the loss of the free disposal of his or her assets.

Article 20. Minutes of the General Assembly

The minutes of the General Assembly shall be signed by the Chairman and the General Secretary and entered into a register that is kept at the registered office of the Association.

Each Member has the right to inspect the minutes.

Title IV: Administration

Article 21. Composition of the Bureau

The Association shall be governed by a Bureau consisting of at least 8 members. The Bureau is charged with the management of the Association, calls the General Assembly and is responsible for its organisation.

In the Bureau, at least the following positions shall be filled:

- a. a President,
- b. a Past-President,
- c. one or more Vice-Presidents,
- d. a General Secretary,
- e. a Treasurer,
- f. one or more Editors-in-Chief of the periodical 'Sedimentology'
- g. one or more Editors-in-Chief of the periodical 'The Depositional Record'
- h. one or more Editors of the Special Publications and/or other periodicals of the Association.

Only Ordinary Members or Honorary Members can be appointed as Bureau member. Council members cannot be Bureau members.

At least one Vice-President shall be elected from the country in which the next International Sedimentological Congress is to be held.

Except for the President and the Past President, Bureau members can be re-elected in the same function, only for only a second term. The President shall serve the following term as Past-President.

Article 22. Powers of the Bureau

The Bureau is responsible for the good management of the Association.

The Bureau acts as the petitioner or respondent in all and any legal proceedings and decides whether or not to resort to legal recourse.

The Bureau has the broadest powers of administration and management over the Association, except for the powers reserved to the General Assembly. The Bureau shall primarily be responsible for defining the strategy and policies of the Association and shall act in governing the Association in all areas where the General Assembly does not have exclusive authority, including but not limited to the following:

- a. proposing the vision, mission and definition of values of the Association for approval to the General Assembly,
- b. determining the overall strategic direction and policy in line with such vision and mission,
- c. identifying the activities to be performed by the Association,
- d. determining the overall plan and budget,
- e. preparing the annual accounts to be presented to the General Assembly.

If a Council has been set up, before taking a decision, the Bureau shall ask the Council for a preliminary non-binding advice opinion when:

- a. determining the overall strategic direction and policy of the Association,
- b. ethical issues arise, and
- c. at least three Bureau members request to receive a preliminary advice of the Council.

In the event that a Bureau member has an interest that conflicts with the interest of the Association with respect to a specific item on the agenda, he or she shall notify the Bureau thereof preferably prior to deliberation and at the latest prior to voting.

Article 23. Organisation, notification and agenda of the meetings of the Bureau

The Bureau meets as often as necessary, but at least twice a year, as well as whenever at least three Bureau members consider it appropriate.

The meetings are called by the General Secretary, after agreement with the President. Notification of a meeting of the Bureau, including the agenda, shall be communicated to all Bureau and Council (if any) members at least one month before the date of the relevant meeting by letter and/or e-mail.

The meetings of the Bureau are chaired by the President, or, if not available, by a Vice-President. The Treasurer acts as teller and the General Secretary acts as secretary of the Bureau.

Each Bureau member has the right to put additional items on the agenda within 2 weeks from receipt of the agenda.

The Bureau may only discuss items that have been set on the agenda unless all Bureau members are present or represented at the meeting and decide unanimously.

The Bureau meets at the registered office of the Association or at any other place, in Belgium or abroad, indicated in the notification of the meeting.

Bureau meetings can be held completely or partially physically, by electronic means (e.g. video or telephone conference) or by written resolutions. The General Secretary decides, after agreement with the President, on the conditions of the meeting and communicates these in the notification of the meeting.

Article 24. Voting by the Bureau

The Bureau can only take valid decisions if the majority of the Bureau members is present or represented.

Each Bureau member has one vote.

The decisions shall be taken by a simple majority.

If the meeting is held by written resolutions, such written resolutions shall only be adopted by unanimous vote.

In the event of a tie, the vote of the President or his or her appointed deputy shall be the deciding vote, unless in the case of a secret vote. In the latter case, in the event of a tie, the Bureau shall be deemed not to have taken any decision.

A Bureau member can appoint another Bureau member to represent him or her at a meeting of the Bureau provided that such other Bureau member can produce a written proxy. A Bureau member cannot represent more than one other Bureau member by proxy.

The Bureau members may also cast their vote through a voting form, attached to the notification. The completed voting form needs to be provided to the General Secretary at the latest 3 days before the date of the Bureau meeting. Bureau members who have provided the completed voting form in time shall be deemed to be validly represented at the Bureau meeting.

Article 25. Minutes of the Bureau

Each meeting of the Bureau shall be recorded in minutes to be signed by the President and the General Secretary, or their respective appointed deputy, and entered into a register kept at the registered office of the Association.

Each Bureau member has the right to inspect the minutes.

Article 26. Daily management of the Association

The President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer acting jointly, will be charged with the daily management of the Association.

The General Secretary shall also handle the correspondence of the Association. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts and is responsible for managing the funds of the Association.

Certain daily routine affairs may be delegated to the relevant Bureau member.

Article 27. Representation of the Association

The Bureau represents the Association in all its relations with third parties, before the courts and in official deeds.

Irrespective of the general representation power of the Bureau, the Association can also be validly represented by three Bureau members acting jointly or by the President and one Bureau member acting jointly.

Within the framework of the daily management, the Association shall also be validly represented by the Treasurer and the General Secretary acting jointly or by the President acting individually.

With respect to financial transactions, the Treasurer is authorised to sign alone in so far as a transaction or a series of related transactions does not exceed an amount of € 50,000.00.

Furthermore, the Bureau may grant to one or more persons, whether or not a Member or a Bureau member, general or restricted powers to represent the Association on a continuing basis or for a specific purpose. The Bureau may also grant a title to such persons.

Article 28. Committees

The Bureau may set up committees as it may reasonably deem necessary to the fulfilment of its duties. The Bureau shall determine the composition, duties, powers and working procedures of the committees.

Article 29. The Council

The General Assembly may decide to set up a Council, acting as a supervisory body of the Bureau.

With respect to the matters as described in article 22, the Council shall provide its preliminary non-binding advice to the Bureau.

The Council shall be informed about the activities of the Bureau on a continuing basis. The Council members shall receive the agenda of Bureau meetings in advance, and the minutes of Bureau meetings as soon as they have been completed.

Council members have the right to participate in Bureau meetings without having a voting right. If the President or at least 3 Bureau members deem it appropriate, expenses incurred by Council members in participating in Bureau meetings may be refunded.

The Council consists of 6 experienced Ordinary or Honorary Members. Bureau members cannot be appointed as Council members. No more than 1 member of the Council will be residing in the same country.

Each Council member has one vote in the Council meetings.

The Council shall meet whenever an advice is requested by the Bureau.

Council meetings are called by the President. Notifications of a Council meeting, including the agenda, shall be communicated to all Council and Bureau members at least 2 months before the date of the relevant meeting by letter and/or e-mail.

The Council may only decide on items that have been set down on the agenda.

The Council shall meet at any place, in Belgium or abroad, indicated in the notification of the meeting.

The Council meeting can be held completely or partially physically, by electronic means (e.g. video ore telephone conference) or by written resolutions. The President decides on the conditions of the meeting and communicates these in the notification of the meeting.

The Council deliberates on the terms of its advice. Adoption of an opinion requires a simple majority of the votes cast by the Council members present or represented. Council members voting against the advice will be given the opportunity to draft a dissenting opinion.

Title V: Accounts and budgets

Article 30. Financial year, budgets and accounts

The financial year of the Association runs from 1 July until 30 June of the next year.

Annually, within 6 months after the end of the financial year, subject to an extension of such period by the General Assembly on the basis of special circumstances, the Bureau shall prepare the annual accounts and the annual report. The Bureau shall make these documents available at the offices of the Association for inspection by the Members and submit these to the General Assembly for approval.

The Bureau shall prepare the budget and the accounts for the coming financial year and submits these to the General Assembly for approval.

Approval of the annual accounts shall not be considered as granting a Bureau member discharge. The resolution to grant discharge to Bureau members shall be adopted separately.

Accounts of the Association that are approved by the Annual General Assembly after having received the report of the statutory auditor are published in the newsletter of the Association. Accounts of the Association that are approved by the 4-Yearly Annual General Assembly are published in a periodical or the newsletter of the Association.

Article 31. Audit

A statutory auditor shall be appointed.

The statutory auditor is appointed by the General Assembly from amongst the members, private individuals or legal entities, of the Belgian Institute of Company Auditors (Institut des Réviseurs d'Entreprises/Instituut van de Bedrijfsrevisoren).

The statutory auditor is appointed for a renewable period of 3 years.

Title VI: Amendments to the Statutes and dissolution

Article 32. Amendments to the Statutes

The General Assembly can only decide to amend the Statutes if two-thirds of the Members Entitled to Vote are present or represented at the General Assembly and, in addition, two-thirds of the Members Entitled to Vote present or represented agree to a modification of the Statutes.

If the number of Members Entitled to Vote present or represented at the General Assembly does not amount to two-thirds, the Bureau shall call a second General Assembly meeting in order to deliberate validly, irrespective of the number of Members Entitled to Vote present or represented, provided that a two-third majority agrees to the amendment.

Article 33. Dissolution

Subject to any winding-up ordered by the court or occurring *ipso jure*, the General Assembly can only decide to wind up the Association if two-thirds of the Members Entitled to Vote are present or represented at the General Assembly and, in addition, 80% of the Members Entitled to Vote present or represented agree to a voluntary winding-up of the Association.

If the number of Members Entitled to Vote present or represented at the General Assembly does not amount to two-thirds, a second General Assembly meeting shall be called in order to deliberate validly, irrespective of the number of Members Entitled to Vote present or represented, provided that a 80% majority agrees to the voluntary winding-up.

In the case of voluntary winding-up, the General Assembly or, in its absence, the competent courts of the jurisdiction ('arrondissement') in which the registered office of the Association is established, shall appoint one or more liquidators. It shall also determine their powers as well as the terms and conditions of the liquidation.

In the event of dissolution, the assets of the Association remaining after settlement of debts shall be disposed of exclusively to or for the benefit of one or more organisations established and operating exclusively for purposes similar to those of the Association as the beneficiary or beneficiaries.

Title VIII: Final provisions

Article 34. Publications

The journals "Sedimentology", "The Depositional Record: A Journal of Biological, Physical, and Geochemical Sedimentary Processes" (for common usage abbreviated to "The Depositional Record") and "Basin Research" are the scientific publications of the Association. They are edited by the respective Editor(s)-in-Chief assisted by a respective editorial board appointed by the Editor(s)-in-Chief in consultation with the Bureau. The

content of the journals is determined by the respective Editor(s)-in-Chief in line with the policy set by the Bureau. Articles for the journals should be written in English.

Special publications shall be published from time to time. They are the responsibility of the Editors of the Special Publications. Publication shall be finally decided on by the Bureau.

A newsletter shall inform the Members about the activities of the Association, sedimentological activities in various countries and future congresses. It is edited by the General Secretary.

The Bureau may decide to have additional journals, whether or not jointly with other associations and organisations.

Members shall not receive any printed or electronic publication of the Association other than the newsletter before their Annual Membership Fees has been received by the Association.

Article 35. National correspondents

Each country with more than 5 Members or countries indicated by the Bureau shall have a national correspondent, appointed by the President after recommendation by the Bureau in consultation with the sedimentology society/association/group of the country concerned.

National correspondents shall be Ordinary or Student Members.

They shall inform the General Secretary of sedimentological activities and assist in recruiting Members within their particular country.

The mandate of the national correspondents terminates at each 4-Yearly General Assembly. National correspondents are eligible for reappointment for only one additional term.

Article 36. Language

The official language of the Association is Dutch and its working language is English.

These Statutes have been drafted in the Dutch language. A free English translation is attached to the present deed for information purposes only. In the event of any discrepancies or inconsistencies between these language versions, the Dutch version shall prevail.

Article 37. Applicable law

All that is not expressly dealt with or provided for in the present Statutes shall be governed by the applicable provisions of Belgian law with respect to international not-for-profit associations, by the internal rules, if any, and by relevant practices.

Consequently, the provisions of the said law, from which no exception has been lawfully made herein, shall be deemed included herein by reference, and any provisions of these Statutes that are contrary to mandatory provisions of the said law shall be deemed non-applicable.

