

# THE ARTICLES OF THE ASSOCIATION

## **Name and Place of Residence of the Association**

- ARTICLE 1           The Association is named: "European Association of Experimental Social Psychology", and is domiciled at Utrecht.
- The Association will be governed by the law of the Netherlands.
- ARTICLE 2           The Association-year coincides with the calendar-year, and the financial year of the Association runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31.

## **Purposes and Means of the Association**

- ARTICLE 3           The purpose and objects of the Association are the promotion and development of experimental and theoretical social psychology within Europe and the interchange of information relating to this subject between the European members and other associations throughout the world towards an international achievement of these objects and purposes.
- ARTICLE 4           The Association strives to reach the goals paraphrased in Article 3 by:
- (a) the organization of meetings,
  - (b) the promotion of mutual scientific communication and research co-operation between members and between members and other scientists,
  - (c) the training of social psychologists,
  - (d) the publication of manuscripts,
  - (e) the promotion of all lawful activities among non-members which are relevant to the main work of the Association and to the objects and purposes contained in paragraph II, Article 3 hereof,
  - (f) the co-operation with other Associations and Institutions within and outside Europe.

## **The Members of the Association**

- ARTICLE 5           Membership of the Association is confined to those who may be expected to make a substantial contribution to the development of experimental and/or theoretical social psychology, or to those who have already made such contribution by way of research and/or authorship of books, learned articles and other published material.
- ARTICLE 6           The procedure for admission to membership is established by the Standing Orders.
- ARTICLE 7           Membership expires with:
- (a) death,
  - (b) removal from membership (see Articles 8, 9 and 10),
  - (c) withdrawal from membership (see Article 11).
- ARTICLE 8           Removal from membership may take place upon failure to pay the membership-fee for two years or more.
- ARTICLE 9           Removal from membership shall take place upon the following grounds:
- (a) factual injury or damage to the good name of the Association,
  - (b) any behaviour which is unbecoming for a member and prejudicial to the interests and standing of the Association.
- ARTICLE 10          If a member fails to comply with the rules of the Association as stated in Articles 8 and 9, the Executive Committee has the power to take the following action:
- (a) the Executive Committee may suspend a member until the following members' meeting and inform him/her accordingly,
  - (b) the Executive Committee may request a member to resign from the Association,
  - (c) if a member, requested to resign, refuses to do so, the Executive Committee may inform him/her that the membership has been withdrawn; in that case, he/she shall also be notified of the right to appeal to the next members' meeting.
- ARTICLE 11          Any member wishing to resign his membership should notify the Executive Committee in writing at least 30 days before the beginning of the new Association-year.

## **Affiliate Membership of the Association**

- ARTICLE 12 Affiliate membership is available to scientists living outside Europe.
- ARTICLE 13 Affiliate membership is governed by Articles 5–11 set out for full members (and by the Standing Orders of the Association).
- ARTICLE 14 Affiliate members may attend and participate in members' meetings and scientific functions, but not necessarily at the same conditions as full members.
- ARTICLE 15 Affiliate members do not have the right of voting.
- ARTICLE 16 The Standing Orders regulate the admission of new affiliate members.

## **Contributions of the Members**

- ARTICLE 17 Members pay a yearly contribution fixed by the Standing Orders.

## **Structure and Functioning of the Association**

- ARTICLE 18 The Association has a members' meeting, and Executive Committee, working groups and committees.

## **The Members' Meeting**

- ARTICLE 19 All members are admitted to the members' meeting. Guests may be invited by the Executive Committee.
- ARTICLE 20 Only full members have the right of voting.
- ARTICLE 21 The members' meeting normally meets once every three years. At a request of 25% of the full members, an extra-ordinary meeting can be held.
- ARTICLE 22 On the agenda of the members' meeting, there shall always appear the following matters of business:
- (1) the reports of the Executive Committee on the activities of the Association,
  - (2) the accounts of the Association,
  - (3) the advice of the accountant on the accounts of the Treasurer,
  - (4) the estimate for the forthcoming year,
  - (5) the organization of the next members' meeting and the Summer School,
  - (6) the election of new members.
- ARTICLE 23 So far as not stipulated in these Articles, all decisions in the members' meeting are taken by a majority of the recorded valid votes.
- ARTICLE 24 The Standing Orders regulate the order of the members' meeting.

## **The Executive Committee**

- ARTICLE 25 The Executive Committee shall submit issues to the members' meeting for their decision, it shall carry out the decisions of the members' meeting and shall conduct the business of the Association in the periods between members' meetings.
- ARTICLE 26 The Executive Committee is elected by the full members at a regular or an extra-ordinary members' meeting.
- ARTICLE 27 Only full members who during two years have been full members of the Association can be elected.
- ARTICLE 28 The procedure of the election and the duration of their term of office are regulated by the Standing Orders.
- ARTICLE 29 After the Executive Committee has been elected, it appoints from its midst the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.
- ARTICLE 30 The Executive Committee immediately before mentioned shall act as the agent of the Association in all business matters and negotiate on its behalf.
- ARTICLE 31 The Executive Committee may delegate part of its duties to separate members, notwithstanding regulation of Article 30.
- ARTICLE 32 The Executive Committee may be assisted or advised from time to time by experts from outside the Association or by other committees on affairs relating to the field of experimental social psychology.
- ARTICLE 33 The Executive Committee may delegate all preliminary organizational work for scientific meetings, conferences, congresses, symposia and seminars, in whole or in part (and whether that committee acts alone or in co-operation with others) to one or more ad hoc committees, (notwithstanding Article 30 hereof) duly established for such purposes. The Executive Committee may delegate administrative work

for running the Association and for the organisation of meetings and conferences by hiring professional persons or organisations.

ARTICLE 34 The Executive Committee may, for the promotion of co-operation with other associations in the field of experimental social psychology, appoint full members to represent the Association in all national and international committees of contact, deliberation or co-operation and invest these full members with special powers, but subject always to the provision contained in Article 30 hereof.

ARTICLE 35 The Executive Committee may delegate its duties (either wholly or partially) to one or more committees of full members, and notwithstanding Article 30 hereof. The functioning of these committees is regulated by the Standing Orders.

ARTICLE 36 The members' meeting may itself appoint other committees in addition to those mentioned in Articles 33, 34 and 35 hereof.

## **The Finances**

ARTICLE 37 The pecuniary resources of the Association consist of:

- (1) contributions of the members,
- (2) contributions of supporting institutions,
- (3) donations and legacies,
- (4) the proceeds of publications,
- (5) subventions,
- (6) interests,
- (7) other profits.

ARTICLE 38 The administration of the pecuniary resources shall be the special responsibility of the Treasurer, according to rules laid down in the Standing Orders.

ARTICLE 39 The administration of the pecuniary resources shall be controlled and reviewed by an independent accountant appointed by the Executive Committee, and the accounts will be reported at each members' meeting.

ARTICLE 40 The Association shall have power to establish separate funds for research and other purposes connected with its objects and to administer these funds in its own hands, as well as to participate in other foundations or trusts of a national or international type whose purposes are similar to or relevant to those of the Association.

## **Articles and Standing Orders**

ARTICLE 41 Articles shall be approved by the members' meeting.

ARTICLE 42 Modifications in these Articles may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by at least 25% of the voting members at the members' meeting.

ARTICLE 43 A proposal for modification by the Executive Committee is to be notified by the Executive Committee in writing to the full members, at least 20 days before the members' meeting.

ARTICLE 44 Any proposed modification requires a majority of at least 2/3 of the recorded valid votes before it can be accepted as carried. A modification shall be null and void if less than 20 voting members vote for it.

ARTICLE 45 The Articles cannot be modified by a poll of all full members.

ARTICLE 46 Modifications in the Articles shall not take effect before the Royal Assent is obtained.

ARTICLE 47 For the regulation of matters not determined by the Articles, and for other matters concerning the administration of the Association, Standing Orders must be consulted.

ARTICLE 48 Standing Orders shall not contain regulations which run counter to these Articles.

ARTICLE 49 The Standing Orders shall be approved by the members' meeting.

ARTICLE 50 Modifications in the Standing Orders shall be proposed by the Executive Committee or by at least 25% of the voting members.

ARTICLE 51 Modifications in the Standing Orders must be formally passed by a clear majority of votes, but there must always be not less than 16 valid votes recorded in favour of the modification, otherwise it shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 52 The Executive Committee may act in any situation which is not provided for in the Articles and Standing Orders.

## **The Dissolution of the Association**

- ARTICLE 53           The Association may be dissolved by a majority decision of the members' meeting.
- ARTICLE 54           A motion for dissolution of the Association shall be in the same way as a motion to modify the Articles.
- ARTICLE 55           The Association shall not be dissolved if 20 or more voting members wish to maintain the Association in being.
- ARTICLE 56           If dissolution takes place, the social psychology section of the "International Union of Psychological Science" will determine in which way the possessions of the Association will be set apart for the development of experimental social psychology.