



European Aerobiology Society – EAS

Statutes

1. Name and domicile

Under the name of « European Aerobiology Society » (hereafter called « the Society ») a non-profit association shall be established for an indefinite period of time. The Society was first founded on 14 August 2008, during the 4th European Symposium on Aerobiology, in Turku, Finland. The domicile of the Society initiated in Switzerland, according to the terms of the Swiss Civil Code, Articles 60 ff. The current domicile of the Society shall be a country in the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), provisionally where the elected Treasurer of the Society resides. The modification of the address is the responsibility of the Board after the agreement of the Committee.

2. Aims

The aims of the Society shall be the following:

- a) to promote aerobiology and to further its development;
- b) to facilitate collaboration, research, education, information, technical development and practical application in the field of aerobiology;
- c) to create a platform for the persons, associations, societies and institutions with an interest in aerobiology in Europe;
- d) to elect the body responsible for organizing the European Symposia on Aerobiology;
- e) to encourage collaboration with other areas of science.
- f) to provide a platform for the networking, development and education of young aerobiologists (all education levels included up to postdoctoral researchers, seven years after the acquisition of the PhD).

The Society shall be entitled to carry out any activity in accordance with these aims, such as organizing courses or developing educational programmes, coordinating or supporting projects, suggesting quality standards and quality control, encouraging young researchers and emerging networks, managing data bases, etc.

3. Affiliation with other associations

The Society shall be affiliated with the International Association of Aerobiology IAA. It shall also be entitled to affiliate itself with other associations in order to meet its aims.

4. Finances

The Society shall be funded by membership fees and the yield of its assets in order to pursue its aims. The Society shall also be entitled to receive donations, legacies, sponsorships and subsidies.

5. Financial year

The financial year of the Society shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.

6. Members

Any private individual who expresses the wish to be a member and who declares commitment to the aims of the Society may be granted membership.

Any collective body which expresses the wish to be a member and which declares commitment to the aims of the Society may be granted membership.

Approval of applications for membership will be voted on by the Board and then approved by the Committee and the General Assembly will be informed.

On the recommendation of the Committee, the General Assembly may elect as Honorary Members individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Society; Honorary Members shall be exempt from paying membership fees.

Continued membership is conditional on the payment of fees for the current financial year. The General Assembly may grant discounted fees to students and retired persons.

The members must provide their e-mail address and inform the Committee of any changes in their e-mail address.

7. Termination of membership

Membership expires:

- a) In the case of individuals: by resignation, expulsion or death;
- b) In the case of collective bodies: by resignation, expulsion or the dissolution of the collective body.

8. Resignation and expulsion

Resignations shall be sent by letter mail to the President. Membership fees for the current financial year shall remain due.

A member may be expelled from the Society without prior notice for conduct detrimental to the good of the Society. The Committee shall decide on the expulsion; the member in question may submit an appeal against the decision of expulsion to the General Assembly.

9. Constituent bodies of the Society

The constituent bodies of the Society shall be the following:

- a. the General Assembly;

- b. the Committee;
- c. the Board
- d. the Auditors.

10. The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Society. It is open to all members. The Regular General Assembly shall meet every two years and normally this would coincide with a congress in the field of aerobiology, for example the European Symposium on Aerobiology or the International Congress of Aerobiology.

Members shall be invited in writing or by e-mail at least two months before the date of the General Assembly. The agenda and, if applicable, the proposals for amendments to the Statutes shall be included with the invitation.

The General Assembly shall be irrevocably entitled to:

- a) elect the members of the Committee, the Auditors and the deputy;
- b) establish and amend the Statutes;
- c) approve the annual report, the accounts and the Auditors' report;
- d) approve, if applicable, the reports of working groups;
- e) adopt the budget;
- f) take decisions on membership fees;
- g) suggest new activities in accordance with the Statutes;
- h) decide on all matters presented in the agenda by the Committee;
- i) elect the body responsible for organizing the next European Symposium on Aerobiology;
- j) ratify the approval of applications for membership and consider the appeal of expelled members;
- k) elect Honorary Members.

Every member shall have one vote in the General Assembly. Collective members who are not-for-profit associations shall have one vote in the General Assembly if the number of their members amounts to less than ten; two votes if the number of their members is between ten and forty-nine; three votes if the number of their members is between fifty and ninety-nine; four votes if the number of their members is a hundred or more. Every collective member designates their representative(s) who shall vote on their behalf in the General Assembly and informs the Committee beforehand of the member(s) they have designated.

Decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the members present. Decisions on alterations to the Statutes shall be taken with a majority of two thirds of the votes of the members present.

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be called by the Committee or on the request of at least one fifth of the members, if need should be. In the latter case, the request shall be sent by registered letter post to the President and shall contain the agenda item put forward by the members making the request; the Extraordinary General Assembly shall then be called within six months upon receipt of the request.

11. Committee elections

In order to facilitate a large participation of members in the election of Committee members, the Committee may organize such elections by electronic means within the two months preceding a General Assembly. The Committee shall provide members with adequate information at least one month prior to the election.

12. Committee

The Committee consists of at least nine members and at most 15 members. They are appointed for a period of four years and may be re-appointed for only one consecutive term of office; they may be re-appointed later. The exception applies to the existing treasurer, who can remain in duties for more than two consecutive terms. A new treasurer shall be elected if the existing treasurer is no longer willing to stay in duty or the Committee decides the need of change. The new treasurer of the EAS must be elected from the members of the existing Committee.

The Committee constitutes a quorum if at least half of its members are present at a meeting. Decisions shall be taken with the majority of half the votes of the members present. Deliberations and decisions of the Committee may also take place if the Committee is not physically present, e.g. by e-mail. In this event decisions shall be taken with the majority of the votes of the Committee members.

The Committee itself appoints the five members of its board: President, Vice-president, Secretary-General, Treasurer, Webmaster. At the end of the four-year mandate, the President becomes Past President. The Past President will automatically remain a member of the committee and of the board for the subsequent four-year period. The Past President will not participate at any vote.

The board shall fulfil the administrative tasks incumbent on the Committee.

The Committee shall represent the Society in all public dealings and conduct current business. More specifically, it shall

- a) conduct all administrative matters of the Society;
- b) call Regular and Extraordinary General Assemblies;
- c) present the annual report and the accounts at the Regular General Assembly;
- d) implement the decisions taken by the General Assembly;
- e) keep the minutes at General Assemblies;
- f) decide on the admission or expulsion of members;
- g) submit proposals for the organization of the next European Symposium on Aerobiology to the General Assembly.

The Committee shall in addition be responsible for:

- h) taking any initiative to meet the aims of the Society;
- i) setting up and participating in (at least one) working groups, specifying their tasks and appointing their members;
- j) establishing rules of procedure for matters not provided for in the present Statutes;
- k) proposing Honorary Members to the General Assembly;

l) supporting the local organisers of relevant scientific events as scientific committee members, like the European Symposium on Aerobiology (ESA) and the EAS Basic Course on Aerobiology.

13. Board

Board members meet regularly to deal with common issues or to prepare meetings with the committee, working groups, auditors, website, etc. They can meet by telephone or electronic conference.

14. Auditors

The General Assembly appoints two Auditors for a period of two years. The Auditors shall audit the accounts and conduct occasional checks

at least once every financial year. The General Assembly also appoints a deputy who may act as a substitute for one of the Auditors if the need should arise. The Auditors present a written report to the regular General Assembly for every financial year.

15. Working groups

Working groups are established following the decision of the Committee, in principle for a defined period of time, primarily equal to the number of years of service of the ongoing Committee. In each working group, and immediately after the elections and the appointment of the new Board, at least two WG co-leaders will be appointed, specifically a member of the Committee, together with any other active Society member. The initial suggestion for the composition of the WG leaders will be made by the newly elected Board, with the approval of the majority of the Committee members. The Committee establishes the following working groups, with the possibility to modify, add or cease, as best serves to fulfil the needs and aims of the Society:

- a) Quality control
- b) European legislation
- c) Aerobiological databases
- d) Dissemination
- e) Education
- f) European symposium
- g) Young aerobiologists

The objective of the working groups shall be to perform specific tasks for the Society which are to be specified in a detailed task description and led by the WG co-leaders. They shall regularly, once every year, report on their work to the Board and shall deliver a written report to the General Assembly. The relevant information should also be disseminated on the Society's public information channels.

16. European Symposium on Aerobiology

On proposal, the General Assembly elects, preferably from among several candidates, the body responsible for organizing the European Symposia on Aerobiology. These Symposia take place in principle every four years, two years apart from the congresses organised by the

International Association of Aerobiology IAA. The Society itself does not organize symposia and does not assume any responsibility in this respect.

17. EAS Basic Course on Aerobiology

The working group on “education” elects the body responsible for organizing the European Courses in Aerobiology and ensures the scientific quality of these courses. The Society itself does not organize these courses and does not assume any responsibility in this respect; the same rule applies to the working group. In the case that other relevant scientific courses or workshops are organised, the same rules shall apply.

18. Signature

Transactions of the Society shall become effective through the joint signature (2 signatures) of the President or the Vice-President, and another member of the Committee’s secretariat. The Committee can decide to entrust to the treasurer the right of individual signature for current bank accounts.

19. Responsibility

The Society shall solely and with its assets be held responsible for its commitments. Its members shall not be individually held accountable for any of the Society’s commitments.

20. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the Society can only be passed by the majority of the members of the Society on the occasion of a General Assembly convened for this special purpose.

In the absence of a majority of members, a second General Assembly shall be called for this purpose and a date within the subsequent six months shall be fixed. During this Assembly, the dissolution of the Association may be approved by two thirds of the votes of the members present.

On dissolution of the Society, its assets shall be ceded to the International Association of Aerobiology IAA or, if IAA has ceased to exist, to an institution which pursues similar aims.

21. Date of adoption

These Statutes have been adopted by the constituting Assembly on August 14th, 2008, and came into force on the same date.

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Amendments passed on:

- September 6th, 2012, General Assembly in Krakow (Poland): articles 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 17.

- July 22nd, 2016; General Assembly in Lyon (France): article 12.

- September 6th, 2018, General Assembly in Parma (Italy):

Article 1 (modification), Article 9 (modification), Article 12 (modification), Article 13 (new),
Article 14-21 (numbering change)

- November 19th, 2020, General Assembly in Virtual meeting: article 12.

- December 11th, 2025, General Assembly in Virtual meeting: articles 1, 2, 4, 6, 12, 15, 17