

# Statutes of the European Magnetism Association

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## I. General rules

### Art.1 NAME, DURATION, HEADQUARTERS

1. Under the name of the “European Magnetism Association” (hereinafter the ASSOCIATION), an association has been organised and incorporated; it is governed by Article 21 of the Local Civil Code of Alsace/Moselle and by the present statutes. It is registered at the Tribunal d’Instance, Strasbourg.
2. Its duration shall be perpetual.
3. The ASSOCIATION headquarters are located at 6 Rue des Frères Lumière, 68350 Mulhouse, alongside those of the European Physical Society.
4. The ASSOCIATION is legally registered following Alsace-Moselle regulations.

### Art.2 OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The ASSOCIATION is a non-profit organisation aiming at promoting actions related to magnetism and magnetic materials worldwide and in particular in Europe, giving magnetism a stronger voice in Europe. This includes, in particular:

1. Advancement in the understanding of magnetism;
2. Education in the field of magnetism;
3. Developments in magnetism-related applications;
4. Promotion of interactions between academics and companies active in magnetic materials and devices;
5. Lobbying actions in order to raise the impact of research on magnetism in Europe;
6. Interaction with other European, non-European and worldwide magnetism organisations;
7. Dissemination of magnetism research results; raising awareness of the importance of magnetism and magnetic materials in fundamental science and applications;
8. Promotion of networking and employment opportunities in the field of magnetism, in both academia and industry;
9. Any other actions in accordance with the above general aims.

### Art.3 ACTIONS

#### 1. Core actions

The ASSOCIATION implements a number of core actions in line with its objects, each led by an Officer. These may pertain to the advancement of knowledge (*e.g.*, through the Joint European Magnetic Symposia, JEMS), higher education (*e.g.*, through the European School on Magnetism, ESM), dissemination of information, structuring and community life. The list of such actions and the respective Officers' actions are described at any given time in the By-laws.

#### 2. Links with other organisations

The ASSOCIATION may act as a representative body for Magnetism in Europe, and as such maintain links with various other organisations active in the field. This implies sharing

objectives, ensuring mutual promotion, without compromising the independence of either parties. These organisations may send a non-voting delegate to the General Council meetings. The list of such organisations is described at any given time in the By-laws.

## II. Membership

### Art.4 TYPE OF MEMBERS

1. There can be two types of membership of the ASSOCIATION: Individual Membership and Organisation Membership. All members of the ASSOCIATION shall have the rights and responsibilities as defined by these Statutes and by the By-laws. The procedure for the admission of members is regulated by the By-laws.

#### 2. *Individual Membership*

The following individuals may become Individual Members of the ASSOCIATION:

- a) Individuals active in magnetism research or in the use of magnetism in technology, or who have shown their contribution in one of these fields;
- b) Students enrolled in magnetism or magnetism-related degree courses;
- c) Teachers of magnetism-related subjects;
- d) Individuals who are belonging with an Organisation Member.

#### 3. *Organisation Membership*

The ASSOCIATION may admit national or international organisations with activity related to magnetism:

- a) Learned societies and associations;
- b) Research institutions;
- c) Industrial companies concerned with magnetic materials and technology.

#### 4. *Dues*

- a) Simple membership is free, both for individuals and for organisations
- b) Supporting membership requires payment of an annual due, at a cost decided by the General Council. Paying an annual due is a commitment to support the association, and may be used as a criterion to allow participation in specific actions, *e.g.*, consultative votes.
- c) If the annual due is decided by the General Council to be zero, all Members have the same status

### Art.5 OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

1. Membership of the ASSOCIATION implies strict adherence to the Statutes, to the By-laws and to any lawful decision made or to be made by the Organs or Officers of the ASSOCIATION.
2. Members of the ASSOCIATION are not personally liable for the debts and liabilities of the ASSOCIATION.

### Art.6 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership terminates:
  - a) On withdrawal;
  - b) On death;
  - c) On expulsion.

2. The procedure for the termination of membership is regulated by these Statutes and by the By-laws.

### III. Organisation and structure of the Management

#### Art.7 ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The organs of the ASSOCIATION are:
  - a) The General Council (GC)
  - a) The Executive Board (EB)
  - b) The General Assembly (GA)
2. The competence and structure of the organs are defined in the provisions of these Statutes.

#### Art.8 THE GENERAL COUNCIL (GC)

1. *Composition of the General Council*
  - a) The GC consists of representatives of European countries<sup>1</sup> active in magnetism research (one representative per country)<sup>2</sup>. Representatives are elected country by country by members with voting rights of the existing GC, based on at most three nominees per country. The country representatives who are about to end their term, in connection with their national communities, are in charge of promoting the emergence of nominations. Nominations may be submitted via respective national magnetism societies/associations, the magnetism section of the national Physical society, by other types of existing official organisations or structures related to magnetism, by individuals or groups of individuals active in magnetism. In case only one person is nominated for a given country, the result is valid only if 50% or more of members of the GC with voting rights take part in vote. The mandate of a national representative is three years, renewable once. The election takes place from April to June every year, and the new mandate starts the day of the next meeting of the GC. The mandate of the leaving national representative ends the day before this meeting.
  - b) Members of the Executive Board, if not members of the GC, take part as full participants with voting rights.
  - c) Other participants with no voting rights may be invited, such as Organisation Members or Associated Organisations.
2. *Competences of the General Council*

The General Council is the supreme authority of the ASSOCIATION. It has power to:

  - a) Define the general policy developed by the ASSOCIATION;
  - b) Oversee that the actions developed by the ASSOCIATION and conducted on a daily basis by the Executive Board (*e.g.*, ESM and JEMS) respect the Statutes of the ASSOCIATION;
  - c) Adopt and Modify the Statutes and the By-Laws;
  - d) Elect the President and Vice-President;
  - e) Approve the Treasurer and the Officers proposed by the President;
  - f) Accept or expel Associated Organisations;

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<sup>1</sup> A country within the European continent, or a country or geographical area hosting a physical society that is a member of the European Physical Society ([https://www.eps.org/page/membership\\_ms](https://www.eps.org/page/membership_ms)).

<sup>2</sup> A country is considered as active in magnetism, if at least one paper has been published every year within the past five years.

- g) Expel Members;
- h) Determine the annual Membership dues;
- i) Approve the annual accounts.

### 3. *Meetings of the General Council*

- a) The GC meets yearly or more often, under usual circumstances at JEMS, otherwise at ICM/Intermag in years in which these take place in Europe and JEMS thus does not take place. Meetings are usually held in hybrid mode, with onsite and online participants having equal rights. The President can call for a purely online meeting, if specific circumstances require it, including for voting.
- b) Meetings of the GC are called and chaired ~~led~~ by the President.
- c) Meetings are announced at least four weeks in advance, through an email sent to all members and invited participants of the GC. In case of absence, any GC member may delegate their votes to another GC member by email or any other written communication sent to, and reaching the President at least one week prior to the meeting. A GC member may be delegated no more than two such votes.
- d) The course of every meeting shall be recorded in minutes, stating the place and date of the meeting, attendees, subjects of the meeting, the nature of the discussion and the resolutions. The provisional minutes are disseminated to all Members and Invited Participants of the General Council, no later than two weeks after the meeting is held. These provisional minutes can be contested by a Member or Invited Participant during the following two weeks, upon which they are made public through the Web site of the ASSOCIATION. These provisional minutes are subject to formal approval at the next meeting of the General Council. The approved final minutes are made public through the Web site of the ASSOCIATION, no later than one month after the approval meeting is held.

### 4. Votes

- a) Each voting Member present or delegated shall have one vote.
- b) Resolutions relating to changes to the Statutes require a 75% majority.
- c) Decisions to wind-up or merge the ASSOCIATION require a 75% majority.
- d) All other resolutions require a simple majority.
- e) The President of the ASSOCIATION shall have a casting vote in case of a tie.

## Art.9 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB)

### 1. Composition of the Executive Board

The EB consists of:

- a) The President;
- b) The Vice President;
- c) The Treasurer;
- d) The Officers.

### 2. Competence of the Executive Board

The EB makes operational decisions for the ASSOCIATION on a daily basis, under the supervision of the GC. The EB reports at the yearly or more frequent meetings of the General Council.

### 3. The President and the Vice-President

- a) Election

The GC elects the President and Vice President from among its voting members, both at the same time and each for a three-year period, on a non-renewable mandate. The

election takes place at a meeting, if 50% of the members are participating or have their vote delegated to a participating member. Otherwise, the election shall be conducted by e-mail ballot. Their mandate starts the day of the election after the GC meeting, replacing the President and Vice-President in power till then. The President and Vice-President cease to act as national representatives once elected, and new representatives of the countries concerned need to be nominated and elected as described above. At the end of the mandate, the Vice-President is proposed to the GC for consideration as future President, and would assume their position through voting. Any break in continuity of service as President shall be for a minimum period of six years.

b) Competence of the President

The President assumes the general supervision of the ASSOCIATION's affairs, subject to the annual approval of the GC. The President presides over GC and EB meetings. The President reports every year at the GC meetings, or more frequently if key decisions are involved, as well as at the end of the President's term.

The President appoints the Treasurer and the Officers, subject to confirmation by the GC at the next meeting. The By-laws list the Officers and their missions. The President may freeze the mission of an Officer, subject to confirmation for dismissal by the GC at the next meeting.

The President may propose the Past President to conduct specific actions for the ASSOCIATION. The outgoing President may serve the ASSOCIATION as Past President at maximum for one term of three years.

The President may also nominate additional persons to serve specific roles for the ASSOCIATION, *e.g.*, as contacts with Associated Organisations.

c) Competence of the Vice President

The Vice President supports the President in every activity.

The Vice President also assumes the role of Secretary, responsible for the administrative matters of the ASSOCIATION, including keeping records of the ASSOCIATION's activities.

If the office of the President becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice-President becomes the acting President until the President returns to function, or until new elections for President and Vice President take place at the next meeting of the GC, in case of definitive vacancy.

d) Inability to fulfil obligations

Should the President and the Vice-president be unable to fulfil their obligations, or should the ASSOCIATION find itself without a President and Vice-president, the Executive Board shall have the right to elect an Acting president from among its members who shall remain in office until the next Council meeting.

#### 4. The Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the ASSOCIATION's account(s). The Treasurer is member of the General Council with full rights, including voting. The Treasurer reports at the GC meetings, at the end of the fiscal year to the President, and at any other occasion, if circumstances require this, or at the request of General Council members. A

Treasurer is appointed upon election of a new president, *i.e.*, with a mandate of a maximum of three years. However, renewal is possible without any time restriction.

#### 5. The Officers

Officers are appointed by the President and subject to confirmation by the GC, to assume a substantial and long-term mission of the ASSOCIATION. Prior to their nomination Officers may, or may not, be GC members. Officers are members of the GC with full rights, including voting. Officers report to the President whenever needed on actions and budget, and yearly at the GC, during a GC meeting. Officers must be confirmed upon election of a new president, *i.e.*, have a mandate of three years. However, renewal is possible without any time restriction.

The number of Officers and their missions are not stipulated in the Statutes, and may change over time. The By-laws list the Officers and their missions. Officers may establish side committees or nominate persons to help them support their mission.

#### Art.10 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)

1. The General Assembly consists of all Members of the ASSOCIATION, both Individual Members, and Organisation Members delegating a representative at every meeting.
2. The General Assembly of Members (GAM) of the ASSOCIATION is organised as a dedicated session at JEMS, or at another major event or online in years when JEMS does not take place. During the GAM, the President reports on activities of the ASSOCIATION, and members have the opportunity to make comments and suggestions on the ASSOCIATION's activities and initiatives.

#### Art.11 REPRESENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The ASSOCIATION is bound by the signature of its President, who acts as its Representative.

### IV. Financial resources

#### Art.12 TYPES OF RESOURCES

1. Annual dues paid by Individual Members and Organisational Members, if any;
2. Donations by Individuals or Organisations;
3. Full or part of the surplus of events organised under the auspices of the ASSOCIATION, such as the JEMS and the ESM;
4. Paid services, such as communicating information to the broad public through the channels of the ASSOCIATION.

#### Art.13 FINANCIAL LIABILITY

The ASSOCIATION is only liable to the extent of its assets

#### Art.14 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial period shall be the calendar year.

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## V. Winding-up of the ASSOCIATION

### Art.15 PROCEDURE AND ASSETS

1. The winding-up of the ASSOCIATION may be decided only by an extraordinary General Meeting, formally summoned for this special occasion.
2. In the event of the ASSOCIATION being wound up, the assets remaining after discharge of all debts shall be transferred to a body or bodies having aims similar to those of the ASSOCIATION.