

Statutes of the “International Association for Structural Mechanics in Reactor Technology” e.V. (IASMiRT), Berlin

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§ 1 Name and Domicile

The Association bears the name of

International Association for Structural Mechanics in Reactor Technology e.V. (IASMiRT)

and is registered in Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany. It obtains its legal status to act as such by having been entered into the Register of Associations thereat.

§ 2 Objectives of the Association

The Association shall solely and directly pursue objectives of public benefit within the meaning of the Chapter „Tax-Exempt Objectives” of the Regulation of Taxation (Abgabenordnung AO) by the organization of national and international scientific-technical conferences and seminars for broadening and disseminating knowledge on the subject of applied mechanics in reactor technology as well as by supporting all measures taken in this connection in the sense of § 58 No. 1 and 2 of the Regulation of Taxation (AO).

§ 3 Qualification for Membership

Those persons may qualify for membership who are willing and in a position to foster the objectives of the Association materially and immaterially to the best of their ability.

Membership may be acquired by submitting a written application which will be discussed by the Board of the Association. The decision will be communicated in writing.

There are two categories of membership:

- a) membership for the duration of six years
This membership shall be extended automatically for a further period of six years by the registration for a SMiRT-Conference.
- b) other forms of membership
All previous Chairmen of the Board and Advisors General shall obtain a membership for life. The Board may grant membership to certain other persons for life or for a specific period of time on the basis of extraordinary services and/or for financial support of the Association.

§ 4 Termination of Membership

Membership shall be terminated

- a) by voluntary resignation

Voluntary resignation shall be initiated by a registered letter to the Board in keeping a quarterly period of notice to terminate, becoming effective at the end of any one calendar year.

- b) upon decease of a member or upon the dissolution of the Association
- c) by the Board

Membership may be terminated with immediate effect by decision of the Board should a member be found to have grossly violated the interests of the Association. Before taking any action in this respect the member in question shall be given an appropriate period of time to present his case. The decision of membership termination shall be made known together with the underlying reasons therefore. The member shall have the right of appeal to the General Assembly of Members to oppose this decision. This appeal must be lodged with the Board within a period of one month after notification of the decision to terminate the membership. Should any member waive the right of appeal against a decision taken for termination of membership, the member accepts the decision with the consequence that the termination can not be challenged at the courts.

- d) by the expiration of the limited membership period after six years in accordance with § 3a hereof.

The Secretary shall inform those members of the termination of the membership.

§ 5 Governing Bodies of the Association

The governing bodies of the Association are:

- a) the Board of Directors (referred to as the Board)
- b) the General Assembly of Members
- c) the Advisory Board
- d) the Scientific Advisory Committee.

§ 6 The Board and Resolutions Passed by the Board

The Board of the Association shall be comprised of

- a) the Chairman
- b) the Vice Chairman and Secretary
- c) the Treasurer
- d) the Member
- e) the Advisor General.

The members of the Board, with the exception of the Advisor General, shall be elected to serve on the Board for a period of eight years in total. Only one of the members of the Board may be elected at a time by the General Assembly of Members convened during a SMiRT conference. The election of the new Board becomes effective immediately after the conclusion of the current SMiRT conference. Members of the Board shall occupy the following office for a period of two years on a rotational basis:

- a) Vice Chairman and Secretary
- b) Chairman
- c) Member
- d) Treasurer.

The Advisor General shall be elected by the General Assembly of Members for a period of two years, see § 9.

The Board shall regulate its own affairs for the conduct of its business internally. Resolutions shall be taken during meetings or with written circulars by a simple majority of votes.

The Association shall be represented judicially and otherwise by the Chairman of the Board and by an additional Board member acting jointly.

§ 7 Period of Office

The period of office occupied by any Board member shall run for two years from the date upon which the Chairman takes over his position. However, the Board members shall continue to stay in office in any event until the next Chairman has taken over his office.

§ 8 Registered Office

The Board may establish a registered office and appoint a business manager.

§ 9 The Advisory Board

An Advisory Board shall be constituted to assist in the furtherance of the objectives of the Association and shall be comprised of:

- a) all past Chairmen of the Board who are no longer serving as Board members
- b) Association members nominated by the Board for a period of two years.

The Advisory Board shall propose one of its members to the Board for the office of Advisor General. Upon acceptance of the proposal, the Board shall recommend to the General Assembly of Members that the candidate be elected to the Board for a period of two years. Re-election is possible.

The Advisory Board shall lay down an order of business for the conduct of its own affairs. The Chairman of the Board or the General Advisor shall convene meetings of the Advisory Board when needed. The Advisory Board meetings shall be presided over by the Advisor General.

§ 10 Scientific Advisory Committee

The task of the Scientific Advisory Committee is to assist the Chairman of the Board. It shall be comprised of:

- a) past coordinators who have served three terms
- b) other members of IASMiRT called upon by the Board to serve.

The coordinators shall be nominated by the Board to serve for a period of two years. Their task shall include the setting up of a scientific program for the conference following their nomination.

The Board shall lay down the order of business of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the conduct of its affairs. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall elect its own chairman.

Meetings of the Scientific Advisory Committee shall be convened by its own chairman or by the Chairman of the Board when needed.

§ 11 The General Assembly of Members

The General Assembly of Members shall be convened:

- a) during each Planning Session
- b) during each SMiRT conference.

SMiRT conferences shall be held every second year and Planning Sessions shall be convened in the years falling between conferences. Date, time, and venue of the General Assemblies shall be announced in the initial SMiRT conference invitation (1st Announcement and Call for Papers). The agenda of business to be transacted shall be distributed at least four weeks before each meeting. Such meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board or by the Vice Chairman.

The business to be conducted at the General Assembly of Members shall mainly include:

- a) the adoption of the annual report and the annual accounts of the Board
- b) the election of Board members
- c) the determination of the annual subscription and contributions
- d) the passing of resolutions on alterations in the Statutes and on the dissolution of the Association.

Extraordinary General Assemblies of Members shall be convened by the Board when the interests of the Association shall demand such, or when one third of the membership shall require such a meeting, explaining the purpose and the reason for it.

The General Assembly of Members shall form a quorum when at least twenty members are present. Should a quorum not be formed, the Board shall be bound to convene a second General Assembly of Members before the lapse of a complete year. This second meeting shall form a quorum irrespective of the number of members attending, and attention shall be drawn to that fact in the invitation.

Each member has one vote. Any member may have himself represented by any other member through a written proxy. One member may represent a maximum of five other members. The Board may also permit votes submitted in writing.

The General Assembly of Members shall in general pass resolutions by a simple majority of votes of those members attending the meeting and being represented by others. For any alteration in the Statutes a majority of votes of three quarters of those members attending and being represented shall be required, and such majority shall represent at least one third of the membership. For the dissolution of the Association a majority of four fifths of those members attending and being represented shall be required and such majority shall represent at least one half of the membership. For an alteration in the objectives of the Association the agreement of three quarters of the membership shall be required. The agreement of those members not attending the General Assembly of Members or not being represented thereat shall be submitted in writing until a sufficient majority of all members is obtained.

§ 12 Subscriptions, Contributions, and Donations

For the fulfillment of the objectives of the Association annual subscriptions may be raised from the members, contributions may be fixed and donations invited. Contributions or donations may be rendered by passing of assets, rights, or services to the Association. The amount of annual subscription and the fixing of contributions, if necessary, shall be determined by the General Assembly of Members.

§ 13 Financial Year

The financial year coincides with the calendar year. The first one ended on Dec. 31, 1971.

§ 14 Association Funds and Profits

The common funds shall represent the indivisible proprietary assets of the Association. Upon termination of membership, upon reasons whatsoever, the leaving member shall lose all possible rights to the funds of the Association.

IASMiRT is a non-profit organization. Primarily, it does not strive for financial profits. Funds of the Association may only be spent for purposes covered by the Statutes. No individual may be favoured by grants which are not in line with the objectives of the Association, or by unreasonably high reimbursements.

Members shall not receive distributions of profits and in their capacity as members shall not receive any other allocations from the funds of the Association. Members of the Board and of the Advisory Board as well as all other officers of the Association shall receive no compensation for their services.

§ 15 Minutes of Resolutions Passed by the Bodies of the Association

Resolutions passed by the bodies of the Association shall be kept in writing and signed by the chairman of the meeting and by the writer of the minutes.

§ 16 Right of Escheat

Upon dissolution of the Association or upon the cessation of its tax-exempt objectives, the funds of the Association shall be devolved upon the Institute for Nuclear Technology of the University of Technology in Berlin, which shall use the funds solely and directly for purposes of public benefit within the meaning of the Regulation of Taxation (AO) by furtherance of the sciences. Should the above-mentioned institute not exist any more, or should its public benefit objectives no longer be accepted, the funds shall be devolved upon the city of Berlin.

The Statutes were accepted by the General Assembly of Members, held in Beijing, China, on August 12, 2005.

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