

The Articles of Association

TITLE 1

CONSTITUTION

1 NAME, LOCATION AND DURATION

It is established a free association, of scientific and cultural scope at national, European and international level, non-profit, between scholars and practitioners in the field of forensic science called the "Associazione Europea di Scienze Forensi" (A.E.S.F.), in English: "European Association of Forensic Sciences" (EAFS); in Spanish: "Asociación Europea de Ciencias Forenses (A.E.C.F.); in German: "Europäische Vereinigung für Wissenschaften Forensische (E.V.F.W.); in French: "Association Européenne de Sciences Judiciaires" (A.E.S.J.); below called "AESF-EASF-AECF-EVFW-AESJ" or "Association".

The Association pursues the sole purpose of cultural scope and it performs only the activities mentioned in the following article.

The Association has its headquarters in Italy, in the municipality of Rome. Meetings and votes and/or deliberations of this Association may be held at the headquarters of the Association or in a different place after appropriate notice sent by the President within the time and manner prescribed by these conditions and indicated in the following articles.

The Board of Directors, with its deliberation, may transfer its seat within the same city.

To perform its activities, other branches may be set up in Italian cities or foreign countries, with resolution of the Board of Directors, determining certain powers and structures. The branches will be coordinated by a local leader belonging to the ordinary members. Each activity and initiative of the branch offices will be referred by the local manager prior to the Board that, by resolution, will provide technical and organizational standards.

The duration of the Association is unlimited. The Association may be dissolved by the Assembly of the members, convened in an extraordinary session, with a resolution of at least 3/4 (three quarters) of the members expressing only personal vote, excluding proxies, in both first and second call. So do the extraordinary request by ordinary members relating to the dissolution of the Association must be submitted by at least 3/4 (three quarters) of full members with voting rights, with the exclusion of proxies.

It is prohibited to distribute, even indirectly, profits and operating surpluses and funds, reserves or capital during the existence of the Association, unless the destination or distribution is required by law.

The Association uses the profits or operating surpluses for the implementation of institutional activities and those directly connected to it.

AIMS

This AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ aims to promote individual forensic science, integration and interdisciplinarity between them from a theoretical, technical and application standpoint. The purpose of the Association is to promote individual and social life of people in the framework of solidarity and culture.

The Association is founded on the idea that science serves humanity with respect for life, dignity and rights of the person and the prospect of peace, development, common knowledge and cooperation among peoples. For this, the Association focuses on the collaboration with national, European and international organizations; with national, European and international institutions; with other associations with and/or national, European and international companies, pursuing and/or share similar principles.

The Association has the following activities: it promotes, organizes and coordinates research projects, research, education and training initiatives for cultural or social significance, and assists organizations, institutions, associations and/or national, European and international companies in achieving application programs, through its activities of problem analysis and identification and indication of the technical resources, scientific and operational needed for their solution. In particular the Association is interested in:

a) the promotion, implementation, enforcement and application of skills related to forensic science in Italy, Europe and worldwide;

b) the promotion, coordination, and technical assistance in carrying out research and in putting in place methodologies in the fields of scientific interest in Italy, Europe and worldwide;

c) the organization, promotion, coordination and assistance in education and training in scientific fields of interest or other scientific disciplines related to them or incorporated in Italy, Europe and worldwide;

d) assistance and advice in the design, implementation and execution of operational projects in the field of forensic science in Italy, Europe and worldwide;

e) assistance and advice to private individuals, organizations, institutions, associations and / or national companies, European and international level in the field of forensic science;

f) research, collection, dissemination and exchange of scientific information through cultural activities, publishing of magazines and publications, both on paper and electronically, in Italy, Europe and worldwide. In particular, the Association may engage in publishing and/or printing in general, excluding the publication of newspapers; the Association may produce, publish, distribute and sell books, magazines, pamphlets and periodicals with a combination of audiovisual, compact disks, CD-ROMs etc., taking care also of the editing and printing, including the design and printing of packaging in paper; in particular the Association will carry on the business of publishing, print, and publication of works from or connected with the main focus of the Association ; it will also treat directly and/or indirectly the drafting and publishing of books, texts and all kinds of periodicals and also publish newsletters, surveys, research, studies and bibliographies in print and in electronic form;

g) the organization, promotion and implementation of masters, seminars, study groups and workshops, conferences and congresses, both at national, European and international levels;

h) assistance to the implementation of targeted interventions and projects designed and applied in developing countries, in order to facilitate the dissemination of technical knowledge and methodologies in the fields of interest.

TITLE 2

MEMBERS

3 MODE OF ADMISSION

May be part of AESF EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ all natural and/or legal persons who possess the moral and ethical requirements and relevant to the achievement of institutional goals, share the spirit and ideals, accepting unconditionally the articles of the Statute and Rules of Procedure approved by the Board of Directors.

The validity of membership, effectively achieved at the time of application for admission is subject to acceptance thereof by the Board, whose discretion must always be justified. When applying for membership, the aspirant member states to accept unreservedly the statutes and regulations of the Association. If you are applying for admission to a member by minors, the same must be countersigned by the operator parental authority. Registration begins on the date of resolution of the Board of Directors and is indefinite, with the express exclusion of temporary participation in community life.

When admitting, members will pay the membership fee established annually by the Board of Directors.

It covers the following membership rules:

- a) founders;
- b) ordinary members;
- c) supporting members;
- d) honorary members.

Among the members above the age of eighteen, a uniform regulation of the associative relationship and associative arrangements apply. Minor members are excluded from the electorate up to the age of eighteen.

Founding members are those who have established the Association. They are entitled to vote and are eligible for office.

Ordinary members are those who, attesting cultural and moral qualities necessary for a committed and selfless commitment to the principles and purposes of the Association, have gained outstanding achievements in scientific research. They are appointed by the Board from among the supporting members who have made a

specific application. They are entitled to vote for the approval of all shareholders' resolutions, to approve the financial statements and regulations and for the election of governing bodies of the Association and are eligible under the same offices. The number of ordinary members is unlimited.

Supporting members are those who intend to contribute to the pursuit of scientific and cultural of AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ, subscribe to a share of support, whose amount, in its minimum value, is set by the Board of Directors, to establish activities and initiatives of the Association. They are appointed by the Board between those who have made a specific application. They have no right to vote and are not eligible for office. The number of supporting members is unlimited.

Honorary members are those which the Board of Directors, upon recommendation of individual members or its own initiative, enrolled in the Association as persons who have distinguished themselves in working to achieve the goals that AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ poses to its reason for being or towards the Association in itself. Honorary members are not required to pay any share, they are not entitled to vote and they are not eligible for office and retain their status as an honorary member for the duration of the Association.

The status of member cannot be transmitted to third parties by any long standing or current member.

4 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

The founder, ordinary and honorary members are entitled to participate in the activities of the Association in the manner prescribed by the regulation, to receive periodic informational publications published by the Association, and enjoy all the benefits and facilities resulting from membership, consistent with available resources.

The supporting members have the right to participate in the activities of the Association in the manner prescribed by the regulation and to receive regular publications of the Association.

Members are entitled to attend the social premises and to use any facilities, but without altering its natural destination, in the manner prescribed by the regulation.

The founders are not subject to initial enrolment but must pay an annual membership fee whose amount is fixed by the Board of Directors.

The supporting members are subject to registration and payment of an annual membership fee whose amount is fixed by the Board of Directors.

The membership fee is neither divisible nor refundable in case of withdrawal or loss of membership. It must be paid before February 28 of each year.

Members who do not comply with the payment of the fee cannot participate in meetings of the Assembly nor take part in the activities of the Association. They are cannot vote and cannot be elected to offices.

5 LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

The quality of founding ordinary and supporter member of AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ is lost in case of:

- a) dissolution of the Association;
- b) resignation in writing and submitted to the Board or by direct submission or via telephone, fax, telegram, mail, email or by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or any other suitable means;
- c) persistent arrears in the payment of allowances for a period longer than 18 (eighteen) months [in this case the decision of revocation is communicated to the member at least 6 (six) months prior to its effectiveness and may be suspended and annulled by the partial or total payment of the due fees];
- d) expulsion for serious and repeated breaches of the provisions of this Statute and the Regulation, the Association's aims, for incompatible conduct and offensive, slanderous and abusive acts towards other members and the Association or for unworthiness. This measure is decided and approved by the Board of Directors;
- e) death.

The status of honorary member of AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ is lost in case of:

- a) dissolution of the Association;
- b) resignation in writing and submitted to the Board or by direct submission or via telephone, fax, telegram, mail, email or by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or any other suitable means;
- c) expulsion for serious and repeated breaches of the provisions of this Statute and the Regulation, the Association's aims, for dishonourable actions considered within and outside the Association, for incompatible conduct and offensive, slanderous and abusive acts towards other members and the Association and hinder the smooth running of the association or for unworthiness. This measure is decided and approved by the Board of Directors;
- d) death.

The types of unacceptable behaviour are:

- a) actions contrary to the principles and purposes of the Association;
- b) dishonesty, defamation, treacherous or destructive behaviour towards the Association;
- c) criminal behaviour sanctioned by final criminal conviction.

The member, within 30 (thirty) days of notification of the expulsion order, may appeal against it, appealing decisions of the Board who may readmit him/her with a majority vote of 3/4 (three quarters). At its first ordinary useful meeting he/she will be convened and the member concerned will proceed in contradictory among Board members with an interest in a discussion of objections.

The expelled member with ratification of appeal cannot be accepted again in the Association.

TITLE 3

THE BODIES

6 BODIES

The Association consists of:

- a) the Assembly of Members;
- b) the President;
- c) the Board of Directors;
- d) the Honorary President (optional);
- e) the Scientific Commission.

7 THE ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

The Assembly is made up of all ordinary members and is chaired by the Chairman of the Board, who is President of the Association, or in his absence or impediment, the Vice-President and in case of absence of even these, the oldest member of the Board of Directors.

It shall meet, ordinarily, at least once a year and within 2 (two) months after the closing of the financial year to approve budgets, whenever the President or the Board or at least 1/3 (a third) of the members deem it appropriate.

The Assembly is convened in extraordinary session, by the President or the majority of the Board of Directors, whenever deemed necessary or upon written request of at least 2/3 (two thirds) of members, in which case the President must provide, in the manner described in paragraph 5, to convene within 20 (twenty) days from receipt of the request.

Ordinary Assembly has the following duties:

- a) to elect and dismiss members of the Board of Directors;
- b) electing (possibly) the Honorary President;
- c) appoint, on proposal of the Board of Directors, members of a national commission for every Country where there are ordinary, supporting and honorary members;
- d) outline of the program of the Association and approve the annual program of the Association proposed by the Board of Directors;

- e) decide the internal rules of regulations and its variations;
- f) decide all questions relating to corporate management;
- g) approve the budget and final accounts;

The Extraordinary Assembly has the following tasks:

- h) decide on the dissolution and liquidation of the Association;
- i) decide on the transfer of the headquarters of the Association;
- j) rule on any other matters referred to the extraordinary character of its approval by the Board of Directors.

The meetings are convened by the President, with provision of the agenda showing the topics to be covered at least 10 (ten) days before the due date by phone, mail, fax, telegram, electronic mail or by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or any other suitable means, the emergency meetings may be made by phone, fax, telegram, mail, email or by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or any other suitable means at least 3 (three) days before meeting.

The Assembly, both ordinary and extraordinary, shall be deemed valid, in its first meeting, with the presence of at least 50% (fifty percent) plus 1 (one) of registered members. In the second call, which will be held on the same day of the first call and that is inevitable no later than 7 (seven) days from the same, the meeting is validly constituted irrespective of the number of participants.

The deliberations of the Assembly shall be valid unless approved by a majority of those present, except for the resolution concerning the dissolution of liquidation of assets and its residue for which you need the vote of at least 3/4 (three quarters) associates.

Voting may be undertaken by show of hands or secret ballot, when requested by at least 1/10 (one tenth) of those present. For the election of officers, the vote is by secret ballot. Voting always takes place based on the principle of the single vote, according to art. 2352, second paragraph, of the Civil Code.

Nominations to be elected as members of the Board must reach the Secretariat of the Association or by direct submission or via telephone, fax, telegram, mail, email or letter with return receipt or any other suitable means, at least 3 (three) months before the convening of the ordinary members.

In the light of any difficulties in reaching the venue for meetings of the ordinary members, both ordinary and extraordinary shareholders may participate, with voting right, to the deliberations through video conferencing or remote links or other electronic systems.

8 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Association, it shall ensure the overall progress and take all necessary steps and activities to the achievement of social goals.

The Board of Directors is elected by the ordinary members and is composed of an odd number of members [of a minimum of 5 (five) up to a maximum of 9 (nine)] elected by the ordinary members, beyond the Honorary President. The Board of Directors appoints among its members, with proven organizational and managerial skills, a President.

If the number of members of the Assembly exceed 100 (percent), the Board of Directors will consist of 15 (fifteen) members. Of these, 10 (ten) will be chosen from among the founders and/or among the members designated by the founders themselves.

The appointment of the first Board of Directors is made in the Articles of Association.

The Board of Directors may invite other members among the members as auditors or experts, without voting rights. Should it be necessary to replace Board members who resign, the remaining shall be filled by co-optation, which must be ratified by the next Assembly meeting. Where there is a decline of more than half of the members of the Board, the Assembly should appoint a new Board of Directors.

All the ordinary members may be elected to the Board of Directors as provided in the appropriate regulation, however in a way to ensure uniform regulation of the associative relationship.

Elected members hold office for 7 (seven) years, except as provided in the charter for the first Board, and may be re-elected.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every 4 (four) months.

The meetings are called by the President, with preparation of the agenda showing the topics to be covered at least 20 (twenty) days before the date fixed by a written notice (mail, fax, telegram, email or letter with advice of receipt or any other suitable means); the emergency meetings may be made by telephone, telegram, fax or e-mail at least 10 (ten) days before the meeting.

The meeting may take place at the request of the majority of the Board, in which case the President must ensure, in the manner described in paragraph 10 of this article, to convene within 20 (twenty) days from receipt.

The Board of Directors is chaired by the President or in his absence, the Vice-President appointed by him, in the absence of both, the oldest member of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors takes its decisions with the presence of a majority of its members and the affirmative vote of a simple majority of those present. With the favourable vote of counsellors present, in the event of a tie, the Chairman's vote prevails. By majority vote of the counsellors in office, in the presence of acts of extraordinary administration.

Members of the Board of Directors shall expire if absent without reason for more than 3 (three) consecutive times; the Board of Directors may authorize in advance an absence of one of its members.

The Board of Directors is properly constituted with the presence of at least half of the components.

The Board of Directors has the following tasks:

- a) elects the President;
- b) appoints the Vice-President, proposed by the President, who shall act as secretary;
- c) signs all acts and contracts of any kind relating to the social activity;
- d) sets standards for the operation of the Association; for this purpose it prepares and adopts appropriate regulations;
- e) submits to the Assembly approval the budget and profit and loss account;
- f) determines the work program based on guidelines contained in the general program approved by the members, taking care of their execution;
- g) determines the amount of the annual membership fees;
- h) accepts or rejects the applications of candidate supporting and ordinary members;
- i) ratifies, in the first meeting, the measures adopted by the President on grounds of necessity and urgency;
- j) coordinates the work of the committees on national, European and international level and convene national, European and international congresses that the Association promotes;
- k) dismiss the members.

9 PRESIDENT AND HONORARY PRESIDENT

The President is the summit of the Association and represents its unity. He/she ensures compliance with the statutory rules and regulations. The President, appointed by the Board of Directors, is responsible for convening and presiding over meetings of the Board of Directors and Assembly.

The term of office is 7 (seven) years and the president can run for re-election. He/she shall leave office if he/she does not comply with the provisions of article 7, paragraph 3 and Article 8, paragraph 10.

The President legally represents the Association towards third parties and in court.

The President signs social acts that commit the Association in respect of its members and in respect of third parties.

The President oversees the administrative and economic management of the Association, shall keep the accounts, accounting records and the register of members. For these tasks the President can also use external experts outside of the Association.

In case of necessity and urgency, the President take measures pertaining to the Board of Directors, subjected to ratification at the next meeting.

The President has the power to commit funds of the Association and shall produce detailed quarterly report to the Board of Directors.

The President may assign to one or more members, or even to strangers, the power to take certain actions or categories of acts on behalf of the Association, such delegation may be revoked at any time.

In case of absence, impediment or cessation, its functions are performed by the Vice-President or, in absence, the oldest member of the Board of Directors.

The office of President of AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ is incompatible with any other office in the corporate bodies of any affiliated associations.

If the Assembly members elect the Honorary President, it will be tasked, with character of representation, to be a promoter outside of the initiatives and goals of the Association, subject to the granting of legal representation of the President before third parties and in court, in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article.

10 VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President, elected by the Board of Directors, in its scope and proposed by the President, assists him/her in carrying out its functions and replaces him/her in all its allocation, in his/her absence, unavailability or vacation in the exercise of its functions. In case of death of the President, the Vice-President shall replace it only until the convening of the Board of Directors who appoints the new President.

The only intervention of the Vice-President is act on behalf of the president when required.

The Vice-President acts as Secretary. Therefore, he prepares and keeps minutes of meetings, ensures the correspondence of the Association, maintains updated lists of members and shall implement the deliberations of the various bodies.

The Vice-President of AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ is incompatible with any other office in the corporate bodies of any affiliated associations.

11 SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The Scientific Committee is the advisory body of scientific reference of the Association. They are part of this committee's influential personalities of proven national, European and international scientific and cultural expertise, which are appointed by the Board of Directors.

The Scientific Committee, chaired by the President of the Association, provides information and advice about the scientific initiatives taken by the Association. The

Committee appoints the heads of each scientific area, proposed by the President, who's the number and type are specified in the regulation of the Association.

The choice and the number will be established, after proposal of the President, by the Board of Directors.

The Scientific Committee shall be deemed dissolved by the end of the office of the Board of Directors which appointed it.

12 DURATION OF OFFICES, ELECTION METHOD AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

All officers have a term of 7 (seven) years, except as provided in the charter for the first Board of Directors, and may be confirmed.

Replacements and co-optations made during the seven years that lapse on the expiry of seven years.

Each member can apply to any office, as provided in the regulation, however in order to ensure uniformity of affiliation. The Board of Directors may also adopt a regulation for the nominations and elections within 6 (six) months of the convening Assembly.

All offices are free of charge, except for reimbursement of documented expenses, if authorized by the President.

Where one or more members of the Association, for whatever reason, is called by virtue of their specific skills to perform professional activities in aid of, behind President's delegation, will be paid for these specific functions, except that nothing can be recognized in front of a counsellor activity.

For any reimbursement of documented expenses or to pay pursuant to paragraph 7 of this article, due to minor shareholders, they have to countersign the declaration of acceptance by parental authority.

TITLE 4

ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND BUDGET

13 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The assets consist of:

- a) the movable and immovable property which become the property of AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ;
- b) any reserve funds established with budget surpluses;
- c) any payments, gifts and donations, after seeking approval under Art. 600 and 786 C.C.

The Association draws economic resources for the operation and conduct of its business by:

- a) membership fees;
- b) contributions from individuals and contributions from members;
- c) State contributions, public entities and institutions;
- d) contributions from individual member States of the European Community;
- e) contributions of the European Community;
- f) international contributions of individual States;
- g) contributions to international organizations;
- h) donations or gifts of any kind;
- i) revenues from conventions;
- j) revenue from commercial activities mainly relating to the sale of books, pamphlets, publications and various "gadgets" on the Association (DM Finance May 25, 1995 and subsequent amendments);
- k) income resulting from training conducted either directly or indirectly;
- l) income of movable or immovable property received by the Association for any reason.

The funds are deposited with the bank established by the Board of Directors.

Every financial transaction is arranged with president's signature.

The Board of Directors shall act by an absolute majority on the acceptance of gifts or bequests and the agreements between the AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW-AESJ and other persons or institutions.

In case of dissolution of the Association for any reason, the Assembly shall appoint one or more liquidators, even non-members, and determine any compensation. The assets after the liquidation of all debts and debt collection, will go to other associations with similar purposes or in connection with its statutory purpose or public purposes, after the inspection body referred to in Article 190 paragraph 3 of Law N. 23 December 1996, n. 662 or other destination set by law. These rules shall be drafted taking into account the rules provided by DL 12/04/1997 n. 460 for non-profit organizations.

14 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS

The financial years end on 31 (thirty-one) December each year. Within 90 (ninety) days from the end of the year the Financial Statement will be approved by the Board of Directors for approval by the General Assembly of members.

The profits or surpluses and funds, reserves or capital may not be distributed, even indirectly, to members, unless otherwise provided by law, and will be brought forward, capitalized or used by AESF-EAFS-AECF-EVFW- AESJ for associative purposes.

TITLE V

FINAL PROVISIONS

15 FINAL PROVISIONS

The Board of Directors will decide the implementing regulation which will discipline, in accordance with the statute itself, the additional aspects of the Association and the activity.

This statute is an integral and substantial part of the constitution drawn in the same date.

As it is under this statute refers to the Civil Code and other laws in force.