

## ***STATUTES***

### ***EUROPEAN NUCLEAR EDUCATION NETWORK ASSOCIATION***

#### **ARTICLE 1 - NAME – REGISTERED OFFICE**

In accordance with the French law, the Members, named at Article 3, have agreed to set up, for an unlimited period, a non-profit-making association pursuing a pedagogic and scientific aim, under the name of the "European Nuclear Education Network" also called "ENEN Association".

The registered office of the ENEN Association is established at:

Atomic Energy Commission - CEA  
National Institute for Nuclear Sciences and Technology (CEA-INSTN)  
F-91191- Gif-Sur-Yvette Cedex  
France.

The address of the ENEN Association may be changed by a decision taken by the Board of Governors.

#### **ARTICLE 2 - AIMS AND STRATEGIES**

2.1 - The main objective of the ENEN Association is the preservation and the further development of expertise in the nuclear fields by higher education and training. This objective should be realized through the co-operation between universities, research organisations, regulatory bodies, the industry and any other organisations involved in the application of nuclear science and ionising radiation.

To meet with this objective, the ENEN Association has to:

- Promote and further develop the collaboration in nuclear education and training of students, researchers and professionals,
- Ensure the quality of nuclear education and training,
- Increase the attractiveness for engagement in the nuclear fields for students, researchers and professionals.
- Promote life-long learning and career development at post-graduate or equivalent level.

The basic objectives of the ENEN Association shall be to:

- Harmonise European Master of Science curricula in nuclear disciplines and promote PhD studies,
- Promote exchange of students and teachers participating in the frame of this network,
- Increase the number of students by providing incentives,
- Establish a framework for mutual recognition,
- Foster and strengthen the relationship between universities, research organisations, regulatory bodies, the industry and any other organisations involved in the application of nuclear science and ionising radiation by facilitating their participation in (or associating them with) nuclear academic education and by offering continuous training.

2.2 - The aims of the ENEN Association shall be achieved by:

- Discussion on educational objectives, methods and course contents among the members and with external partners, particularly national and European industries.
- Organisation of internal audits on the quality of nuclear education curricula.
- Awarding the European Master of Science certificates in nuclear disciplines to the curricula satisfying the criteria set up by the ENEN Association.
- Cooperation between the ENEN Members, and with universities, research organisations, regulatory bodies, the industry and any other organisations involved in the application of nuclear science and ionising radiation for enhancement of mobility of teachers and students, organisation of training and advanced courses, use of large research and teaching facilities or infrastructures.
- Cooperation with international and national governmental institutions, agencies and universities.
- Synergy with European Union initiatives in nuclear science and technology
- Identification and development of solutions to specific problems and deficiencies which hinder the attainment of the aims of the Network.
- Facilitating the exchange of information between the Members of the ENEN Association - on course objectives, content, modes of presentation and other matters.

### **ARTICLE 3 - THE MEMBERS**

#### **Article 3.1 - Members**

The Members are public or private corporate bodies having a legal status and meeting the following criteria:

- universities
- research organisations,
- regulatory bodies
- nuclear industry, and
- any other organisations involved in the application of nuclear science and ionising radiation.

who:

- provide academic or professional education and training in the application of nuclear science and ionising radiation, and/or commit themselves to support the ENEN Association,
- have a firmly established tradition of relations with some of the members in the fields of education, research and training, and
- are based in the European Union or in one of its associated or candidate member countries.

They can be consulted by the Board of Governors on relevant subjects under discussion.

The Board of Governors shall have new applications for Membership evaluated according to the criteria defined above, after which evaluation the Board can provisionally accept the new member until the new Membership has been confirmed by the General Assembly, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.

### **Article 3.2 – Official Representative**

At the signature of the Statutes, each new Member nominates an official representative who represents it in the ENEN Association. The Member can change its official representative at any time by a written notice to the ENEN President.

At the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding, each Partner nominates an official representative who represents it in the ENEN Association. The Partner can change its official representative at any time by a written notice to the ENEN President.

A proxy can be appointed by the official representative as appropriate.

### **ARTICLE 4 - RESIGNATION, EXCLUSION**

The Members are free to withdraw from the ENEN Association by sending their written resignation to the President of the Board of Governors, according to the provisions of the Internal Rules.

Members may only be excluded by the General Assembly with a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, once the Member concerned has been heard by the General Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 5 – MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTION AND OTHER INCOMES**

The income of the ENEN Association is made up of:

1. Contributions by the Members. The amount shall be determined every year by a resolution of the General Assembly.
2. Grants.

The non-payment of the contribution fee for two consecutive years shall be considered equivalent to resignation and the defaulting Member shall be automatically excluded by the Board of Governors, after a last written reminder requesting payment has not been followed by a payment.

### **ARTICLE 6 - ASSETS**

Members, even if out-going, do not have any rights to the assets of the ENEN Association.

### **ARTICLE 7 - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **Article 7.1 - General Assembly Composition**

The General Assembly is made up of all Members. The Members are legally represented by the legal representative of the Member or their mandatories.

The President and the Vice-President of the Board of Governors shall act respectively as the President and the Vice-President of the General Assembly.

All Members have one vote each.

### **Article 7.2 – Meetings. Quorum requirements**

The General Assembly is convened at least once a year during the first Friday of March.

It is convened and presided by its President or, should he or she be prevented from attending by the Vice-President

The General Assembly shall also be convened upon written request of 20 % of the Members addressed to this effect to the Board of Governors.

Each Member may be represented by another Member, bearing a written mandate.

The General Assembly may only validly deliberate if 50% of its Members are present or validly represented.

Resolutions shall be taken upon a majority of 2/3 of the present or represented Members.

Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly are recorded in a Register signed by the President and the General Secretary and kept at the registered office of the ENEN Association where it is available to be consulted by the Members.

### **Article 7.3 – The Role of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly has the power to discuss the general policy of the ENEN Association according to the aims described in Article 2, to take the required measures to implement the decisions, and to establish sub-groups and committees, whenever required.

The General Assembly elects the members of the Board of Governors for a period of two years with the possibility of re-election once (1) The General Assembly approves the selecting of the President and Vice-President made by the newly elected Board for the period of one year with the possibility of reselection.

Moreover it possesses the following specific powers to:

- approve the annual report of activities;
- approve the annual budget and the accounts;
- approve the affiliation of new Member;
- fix the amount of the subscription as laid down in Article 5;
- appoint and dismiss any Member of the Board of Governors;
- appoint the General Secretary;
- exclude any Member;
- modify the Statutes of ENEN Association (Article 13);
- dissolve the ENEN Association (Article 14).

Honorary Members are individuals having accomplished distinguished work in the field of nuclear education and training.

The General Assembly may appoint as Honorary Member any such person by a majority of two-thirds of the present or represented Members.

Honorary Members can be invited to participate to the meetings organised by the Board of Governors and be consulted on relevant subjects under discussion but having no voting rights.

## **Article 8 - THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

### **Article 8.1 - Board of Governors - Composition/vote**

The Board members (8+1) are appointed as ENEN Members, i.e. as institutions, from all ENEN Members.

Eight (8) Board members are appointed by the General Assembly for a period of two (2) years with the possibility of re-election once (1). The composition of the Board is decided according to a reasonable balance of academia, research centres and end-users.

Re-election for the Board member shall be followed by interruption for at least one-year.

The ENEN Member who is functioning as the registered headquarter of the ENEN Association is a permanent Board member, in addition to the eight (8) elected Board members.

A President and a Vice-President are selected by and from the official representatives of the newly constituted Board and proposed for approval by the General Assembly for the period of one year with the possibility of reselection. The selection and approval process takes place during the session of the General Assembly where the new Board is appointed.

The duration of the mandate of President and Vice-President is one (1) year, with three (3) possible re-elections for one (1) year each. However, the total duration of the mandates of a given Member of the Board who has acted as President and/or Vice-President shall not exceed six (6) years. After this period, he/she will leave the Board for at least one (1) year.

A President or Vice-President whose mandate is not renewed in the roles of President or of Vice-President leaves the Board, for at least one (1) year, except if he/she is the representative of the ENEN Member functioning as the registered headquarter: in this case he/she stays in the Board as Member, but cannot be re-elected as President during the next two (2) years.

The President is selected from the official representatives of the Members.

Every year, the Board members having covered two years vacate their seats, with the exception of the President and Vice-President in charge, unless having completed 4 years of Presidency or of Vice-Presidency, respectively or 6 years in the Board.

Whenever during the meeting of the General Assembly the new Board will be found with less than nine (9) members, because of resignation of members or for stepping down of the President or the Vice-president or for any other reason, the Board shall be integrated in the same meeting making use of a possible reserve of already expressed candidatures or asking for further availabilities to the Members of ENEN.

Each Member of the Board of Governors has one vote and decisions shall be taken upon a simple majority of Members present or represented. In case of equality the President has a double vote.

Each Board member may represent another Board member, but not more than one.

The President of the Board convenes the Board of Governors at least two times a year. The Board may validly meet if 5 of its Members are present or duly represented.

### **Article 8.2 – The Role of the Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors has the widest powers for the administration and management of the ENEN Association, insofar as these are not reserved for the General Assembly by Article 7.

In particular, the Board is responsible for:

- defining the powers and missions of the Secretary General,
- establishing sub-committees, drafting their terms of reference, nominating their members, and supervising their activities.

The Board of Governors appoints annually a Treasurer who ensures the financial management of the ENEN Association. He also administers the ENEN Association's bank accounts and in particular the subscription account provided for in Article 5 of the Statutes.

### **Article 9 – WORKING GROUPS**

Every year, on proposal of the Board, the General Assembly approves a list of actions to be performed during the coming year, as well as the list of persons in charge. These actions are pre-selected by the Board at the suggestion of the ENEN Members, the Partners of the Memoranda of Understanding and the Secretary General.. Each action pertains to a Working Group. A Working Group dedicated to the action is set up and its Leader is nominated by the same General Assembly.

Each Working Group belongs to one of the five possible Working Areas but others may be constituted:

- Teaching Academic Affairs Area
- Advanced Courses and Research Area
- Training and Industrial Project Area
- Quality Assurance Area
- Knowledge Management Area

Each Working Area consists of all Leaders of the Working Groups belonging to that Area.

For each Working Area a Coordinator is selected by the Leaders of the Working Groups belonging to it. The Coordinator reports to the Board and the General Assembly.

The Board, together with the Secretary General, monitors the activities of the Working Groups.

A new Working Group may be established provisionally, with approval by the Board, till the next General Assembly in case there are strong needs to establish it, It is established formally by the General Assembly.

The Coordinator of Working Areas, the Leaders and the members of the Working Groups are appointed as individuals belonging to the ENEN Members, the Partners of the Memoranda of Understanding and the Secretariat.

### **ARTICLE 10 - REPRESENTATION**

The ENEN Association is legally bound vis-à-vis of third parties by the signature of the President of the Board of Governors together with that of the Secretary General.

Concerning day-to-day activities, the ENEN Association shall be represented by the Secretary General as defined in the Internal Rules.

In the event that the above-mentioned are prevented from exercising their powers, the Board of Governors, chaired by the eldest Member present, shall take the required measures.

All lawsuits, whether the ENEN Association appears as the plaintiff or as the defendant, shall be pursued and followed through on behalf of the Board of Governors by the President or by any governor appointed by the Board for this purpose.

#### **ARTICLE 11 - BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS**

The ENEN Association has the legal capability to own the means and goods necessary to pursue its aim, and to receive grants provided they are used for the realisation of its goals. The financial year of the ENEN Association runs from January 1 until December 31.

The Board of Governors submits the accounts for the past year and the budget for the current year for the approval of the General Assembly.

#### **ARTICLE 12 – BYLAWS**

The Board of Governors shall draw up Bylaws and Guidelines to govern the functioning of the General Assembly, the Board of Governors, the Working Groups, the Secretary General and any other sub-groups established.

#### **ARTICLE 13 - MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES OF THE ENEN ASSOCIATION**

Only the General Assembly has the authority to deliberate on a modification of the Statutes of the ENEN Association.

The General Assembly may be convened for this purpose, in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 7, in an extraordinary meeting. The proposed modification must be explicitly indicated in the convening notice.

Any modification of the Statutes can be decided by the General Assembly provided that at least two thirds of its Members are present or duly represented, by a two-thirds majority vote.

#### **ARTICLE 14 - DISSOLUTION**

The General Assembly shall only pronounce the dissolution of the ENEN Association by a unanimous vote taken by its Members present or duly represented, provided that at least two thirds of its Members are present or duly represented. This point should be clearly mentioned on the agenda.

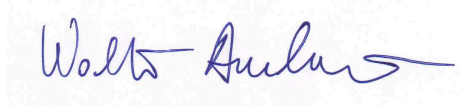
In the event that no activity is carried out during a period of five consecutive years, the dissolution of the ENEN Association shall be pronounced by an ordinary majority of the present or duly represented Members during a General Assembly specially convened for this purpose, on the provision that at least two-thirds of its Members are present or duly represented.

In the event of the dissolution of the ENEN Association, the net assets shall be allocated to one or several similar associations, to be designated by the same General Assembly by a two thirds majority vote.

**ARTICLE 15 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Anything not expressly provided for in the present statutes is governed by the French law.

The statutes are made out in English and French. The French version, as registered at the French legal authority, shall prevail over any translation thereof.



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