

EUROCLASSICA

At the inaugural assembly on 2nd September 1991 the undersigned..... established an association which is non-profit making and comes under the purview of the Luxembourg law of 21st April 1928 and is controlled by the present statutes as defined below.

Section I: Name, Head office, Term, Aims

Article 1: Name

(i) A European federation of associations of teachers of classical languages and civilisation has been formed as a non-profit-making association under the name EUROCLASSICA It is neutral from a political, philosophical and religious point of view.

Article 2: Head Office and Term

- (i) The Head Office of the Federation is established in Luxembourg.
- (ii) Its term is without limit.

Article 3: Aims

- (i) The aims of the Federation are pedagogical, cultural and scientific.
- (ii) The objectives of the Federation are:
 - a) to bring together all the associations of teachers of classical languages and civilisation in Europe in order to promote their cooperation;
 - b) to ensure the promotion and defence of the study of classical languages and civilisation, a unifying link and powerful factor of cultural cohesion among European countries, especially through representation at international organisations;
 - c) to assert publicly the contemporary importance of classical languages and civilisations, and to demonstrate the pressing need to teach them, fully respecting the autonomy of each country;
 - d) to encourage cooperation with associations outside Europe which have similar aims.

Section II: Constitution

Article 4: Membership

- (i) The following may become members of the Federation:
 - a) unilingual or multilingual national associations of teachers of classical languages and civilisation, when these associations are groupings of regional associations;
 - b) in countries which are federations or confederations, regional associations of teachers of classical languages and civilisation;
 - c) in countries where associations as defined in a) and b) do not exist, associations concerned with classical culture to which teachers of classical languages and civilisation belong.
- (ii) The number of members must not be less than five.
- (iii) All members shall pursue the aims of the Federation and take part in its activities. *Each association is required to present an annual report on the situation of the teaching of Latin and Greek in their own country. (added 1997)*
- (iv) The statutes and rules of procedure as well as the resolutions of the General Assembly shall be respected by all members.

Article 5: Admission; Resignation; Exclusion

Admission:

- (i) Requests for admission to membership must be sent to the Executive Committee of the Federation, which examines the request and submits it to the General Assembly.
- (ii) The General Assembly then examines the request and decides on the admission by a simple majority of members present or represented.

Resignation:

- (iii) Members may be presumed to have left the Federation
 - a) when they do not pay their annual subscription after three reminders from the treasurer in respect of the same year;
 - b) after sending a letter giving reasons for the resignation to the Executive Committee and giving three months' notice of resignation.

Exclusion:

- (iv) The exclusion of members of the Federation can be proposed by the Executive Committee on the request of at least one quarter of the active and duly elected members. The exclusion may be confirmed by the Executive Committee only after the association whose exclusion is proposed has been invited to present its defence. A majority of two-thirds of the members present or represented is required to determine the exclusion. The ballot must be in secret. The decision is final and there is no appeal.

- (v) Members who leave the Federation (by resignation or by exclusion) have no claim on its assets.

Article 6: Voting

Members have the right to vote under the conditions determined in Article 8.

Article 7: Subscription

Members pay an annual subscription the rate of which, calculated in ECU and determined by the General Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Committee, may not exceed 1,000 ECUs at 1st September 1991 prices.

Section III: General Assembly

Article 8: Constitution; Powers

Constitution:

- (i) The General Assembly is composed of all the member associations which have paid their subscription.
- (ii) Each member association is entitled to at least one delegate. The number of delegates per country may not exceed five.
- (iii) In a ballot, each country represented by one or more member associations is entitled to two votes.

Powers:

- (iv) The General Assembly has all powers to attain the aims of the Federation.

The following tasks are of the exclusive competence of the General Assembly:

- a) approval of the accounts for the past year and of the budget for the coming year;
- b) election and dismissal of Executive Committee members;
- c) modifications of statutes;
- d) exclusion of members;
- e) dissolution of the Federation;
- f) determining the annual rate of subscription.

Article 9: Meetings

- (i) The General Assembly is convened by right every year, under the chairmanship of the President of the Executive Committee in office, at the venue indicated on the notification. Notification is made on the initiative of the Executive Committee and sent out by the Secretary.
- (ii) The notification must be sent six weeks before the date of the General Assembly and must contain the agenda drawn up by the Executive Committee and, if necessary, the list of candidates for Executive Committee posts. Any member may request the inclusion of an item on the agenda. Any proposal signed by a number of members equal to one twentieth of the last annual list of members must be included on the agenda. Except in urgent cases such proposals, in order to be accepted, must reach the Executive Committee at least three months before the date of the General Assembly. The Secretary will inform all member associations of the items added to the agenda before the meeting of the General Assembly.
- (iii) Except in special cases provided for by these statutes and by the law of 21st April 1928, the General Assembly forms a quorum if a half plus one of its members are present or represented.
- (iv) An extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly can be called by the Executive Committee. Such a meeting must be called when one fifth of the duly elected members make a written request, giving reasons for the meeting, to the Executive Committee within the time limits mentioned above.

Article-10: Proxy

Each member association may arrange to be represented at the General Assembly by another member association and may remit to that association its two votes. However, each member may be proxy for the two votes of only one other member country.

Article 11; Resolutions

- (i) Except in special cases provided for by these statutes and by the law of 21st April 1928, all decisions are taken by means of a simple majority vote of the members present or represented.
- (ii) The Assembly considers and votes on only those items listed on the agenda.
- (iii) The decisions of the General Assembly are entered in a record signed by the President or the Vice-President and kept by the Secretary who will make it available to all members.

The decisions will be incorporated in the minutes of each meeting which will be sent to each member association.

Section IV: Administration

Article 12: Constitution

- (i) The Federation is administered by an Executive Committee consisting of from 5 to 7 members elected by the General Assembly, *consisting of a president and six members elected by the General Assembly. (alteration of 1997)*
- (ii) The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected under the following conditions:
 - each member shall be elected for a period of four years
 - no country may have more than one member on the Executive Committee
 - the Presidency may not be exercised two consecutive times by a representative of the same country
 - no member of the Executive Committee may sit on the Committee for more than eight consecutive years
 - the Executive Committee has the power to co-opt a member in the case of an unexpected vacancy until the General Assembly following.

Article 13: Meetings

- (i) The Executive Committee will meet at least once each year and also by means of special notification by the President.
- (ii) The Executive Committee forms a quorum when at least four of its members are present including the President or the Vice-President.

Article 14: Powers

The Executive Committee has all powers to manage and administer the Federation except those falling within the competence of the General Assembly. It may on its own, responsibility grant specific powers (in particular representation at international organisations) to one or more persons. It is accountable to the General Assembly for all its actions.

Article 15: Resolutions

- (i) The resolutions of the Executive Committee are taken by a majority of the votes of its members present. At parity the President has an additional casting vote.
- (ii) The decisions are entered in a record signed by the President or the Vice-President and kept by the Secretary who will make it available to all members of the Federation.
- (iii) The decisions will be incorporated in the minutes of each meeting which will be sent to each member association.

Article 16: Acts

All acts binding the Federation will be signed by two persons, that is by the President or the Vice-President and by one other member of the Executive Committee.

Article 17: Legal Action

Legal action either as plaintiff or as defendant is taken by the Executive Committee represented by its President or by a member of the Executive Committee appointed by the President for this purpose.

Section V: Modification of the Statutes; Dissolution

Article 18: Modification of the Statutes

The procedure for modification of the statutes is determined by Articles 8 and 9 of the law of 21st April 1928.

- (i) Without prejudice to the provisions of these articles, any demand for the modification of the statutes may be presented only by the Executive Committee or by at least a quarter of the member countries.
- (ii) The Executive Committee must bring to the attention of the members of the Federation at least three months in advance the date of the General Assembly which will decide upon the said proposal.
- (iii) To modify the statutes, the General Assembly forms a quorum only if two thirds of the members of the Federation with a right to vote are present or represented.
- (iv) No decision may be reached unless it is approved by a majority of two thirds of the votes.
- (v) However, if this General Assembly does not consist of two thirds of the members of the Federation, a new General Assembly will be convened under the same conditions as above, which will decide definitively and validly on the proposal in question, whatever the number of members present or represented.
- (vi) Modifications to the statutes will have effect only after the approval of the authorised Luxembourg authorities.

Article 19: Dissolution

- (i) The dissolution of the Federation can be declared only at a General Assembly called specifically for this purpose. The dissolution can be decided only if two thirds of the members are present or represented, and by a majority of two thirds of the votes of the members present.

- (ii) In case of dissolution, the assets of the Federation will be realised and the balance allotted to an aim as close as possible to the aims of the liquidated Federation.
- (iii) Articles 22,23, 24 and 25 of the law of 21st April 1928 are applicable.

Section VI: Budget and Accounts

Article 20

- (i) The financial term begins on 1st January and ends on 31st December of the same year.
- (ii) The Executive Committee is required to submit for the approval of the General Assembly the accounts for the past financial term and the budget for the following financial term.
- (iii) The Executive Committee can authorise the treasurer to carry out certain regular transactions in the name of the Federation.
- (iv) The General Assembly may decide to create a reserve fund and fix the amount and terms of the contribution to be paid to this fund by each member.

Section VII: General Provisions

Article 21

All matters not provided for in the present statutes will be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Luxembourg law of 21st April 1928 and with the rules of procedure drafted by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly.