

# STATUTES OF THE GROUPEMENT AMPERE

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## **Paragraph I: Definition, Domicile, Expiry**

- a) Under the name of "Groupement AMPERE" a European association has been constituted which is corporatively organized under the rules of the paragraphs 60 (and following paragraphs) of the Swiss Civil Code and of the statutes presented here.
- b) The time, for which the association is constituted, is not limited.
- c) Its domicile is in Zürich, Switzerland.

## **Paragraph II: Purpose**

The purpose of the association is to contribute to the progress of radio spectroscopy, magnetic resonance and related phenomena. This is done

- a) by means of congresses and specialized "Colloques";
- b) by means of symposia, summer institutes, schools, and workshops;
- c) by means of a bulletin acting as a link between the members to be published at least twice a year (electronically and/or on paper);
- d) by means of prizes that honor outstanding contributions to the progress of the fields covered by the purpose of the association.

## **Paragraph III: Members**

The association consists of individual members (natural persons) and associated members: laboratories and companies (civil entities). Documentation centers and libraries can subscribe to the Bulletin AMPERE without having the status of a member.

Applications for new membership of the Groupement AMPERE have to be addressed to the secretary general who will submit doubtful cases to the executive committee (AMPERE Bureau).

The membership implies the full consent (without any restriction) with the statutes presented here, as well as with the decisions taken or to be taken legally by the organs or by the officers of the association.

The members cannot be made individually responsible for the debts of the association. These fall entirely under the responsibility of the secretariat. The membership to the Groupement AMPERE will end

- a) with a resignation, submitted in a written form, for the end of the civil year, announced at least six months ahead;
- b) with death of individual members or a dissolution of an associate member;
- c) with exclusion which can be pronounced by the AMPERE Committee at the normal session;
- d) with failure to pay the membership fees after two reminders.

## **Paragraph IV: Organization**

The organs of the association are

- a) the General Assembly;

- b) the AMPERE Committee;
- c) the AMPERE Bureau;
- d) the secretariat.

#### **Paragraph V: General Assembly**

- a) The General Assembly is the supreme power of the association.
- b) The General Assembly executes all rights, which are not delegated to another organ by the present statutes.
- c) The meeting of the General Assembly takes place annually at the EUROMAR conference.

#### **Paragraph VI: AMPERE Committee**

The AMPERE Committee is the organ, which is responsible for executing all the power, which is normally executed by the General Assembly of an association. It decides on the general policy of the Groupement AMPERE.

The AMPERE Committee consists of the members of the AMPERE Bureau, one or more representatives of each European country of members, and of some eminent scientists.

The members of the AMPERE Committee are elected by the General Assembly for four years. They can be reelected once in succession.

The AMPERE Committee meets usually at the occasion of every EUROMAR conference. It elects the executive officers for a period of four years. Executive officers can be reelected once, except for the secretary general, who can be reelected multiple times. Furthermore it elects a maximum of three honorary members of the AMPERE Bureau for a period of four years. Honorary members can be reelected twice.

The AMPERE Committee can also elect honorary members of the AMPERE society for a lifelong term. The election is by simple majority of present and voting members and by secret ballot.

#### **Paragraph VII: AMPERE Bureau**

The AMPERE Bureau consists of

- a) the *executive officers*: the president, the secretary general, the vice presidents, the past president, and the executive secretary, the chairperson and financial officer of the EUROMAR Board of Trustees, and one representative of each other subdivision;
- b) the *temporary members*: the chairpersons of the last and the immediate next AMPERE events;
- c) the *chairpersons of major scientific conferences where AMPERE participates*;
- d) the *chairperson of the AMPERE prize committee*;
- e) the *honorary members*: (elected by the AMPERE Committee) who are entitled to attend the meetings of the AMPERE Bureau.

The AMPERE Bureau governs the association and in particular takes decisions during the time between the meetings of the Committee. It meets at least once a year.

#### **Paragraph VIII: Secretariat**

The Secretariat consists of the president and the secretary general. It is responsible for the management, administration and finances. It resides in Zürich, Switzerland.

### **Paragraph IX: Resources**

The Groupement AMPERE is financed by

- a) fees of individual members and subscribers to the Bulletin;
- b) grants and donations;
- c) contributions of associated members.

### **Paragraph X: Modification of statutes and dissolution**

- a) Any suggestion for modification of the statutes has to be communicated to all members of the Groupement AMPERE, via the secretary general, at least three months before the session of the AMPERE Committee which will treat this suggestion.
- b) Any modification of the statutes has to be approved by a majority of two thirds of the attending and voting members of the AMPERE Committee.
- c) The dissolution of the Groupement AMPERE is pronounced by the general assembly, on proposition of the AMPERE Committee, which is based on a majority of two thirds of the attending and voting members. It has to be approved by a majority of two thirds of the attending and voting members of the general assembly. In case of dissolution of the Groupement AMPERE the remaining active property will be transferred to one or several associations with similar purposes.