

STATUTE OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SANSKRIT STUDIES
adopted in Paris by the General Assembly
of IASS on the 26th July 1977*

1. - Between the undersigned and all the other persons who adhere to the present statute an international association is being formed in accordance with the decree of 12 April 1939 and the laws subsequently promulgated. The Association is called the International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS), in French Association Internationale pour les Etudes Sanskrites.

IASS is member of the International Union of Oriental and Asiatic Studies, and through it, it is affiliated with the International Council of Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH).

2. - The seat of the association is Paris : c/f Collège de France, 52, rue du Cardinal Lemoine, F - 75231 Paris Cedex 05. The Association can be transferred to another place by declaration of the Board.

3. - The duration of the Association is not limited.

4. - The Association, so created, has for its purpose to promote, diversify, intensify and coordinate Sanskrit Studies in all the countries of the world; to maintain contacts with the organizing committee of the

* §§ 16, 17 and 24 have been modified at the Meeting of the Board and the Consultative Committee in Stockholm, 15th October 1980, § 13 at the Meeting of the Board and the General Body in Bangalore, 7th January 1997.

International Congresses of Asian and North African Studies; to organize international conferences of Sanskrit Studies; to promote scholarly publications of Sanskrit based Studies; establish and foster relations with national associations of Sanskrit Studies.

The Association will not engage in any political activity.

5. - The Association, so created, comprises national associations for Sanskrit studies established in different countries of the world, active members, honorary members and patrons.

6. - In order to become an active member it is necessary:

1) to perform teaching duties or to do research in the field of Sanskrit studies;

2) be presented by two members of the Association and be accepted by the Board; the Board decides independently without need to divulge the motives of its decision. Physical persons and institutions can become active members of the Association.

Should a national association of Sanskrit Studies or an institution express the wish to become members of IASS, it must be represented by a physical person designated by these organizations.

7. - In order to become an honorary member or a patron, the Consultative Committee of the Association must express its agreement.

8. - National associations of Sanskrit Studies and active members must pay to the Association of Sanskrit Studies an annual fee.

9. - The amount of the annual fee of members of the IASS is fixed each year by the decision of the Board.

10. - Every member has the right to resign from the Association.

11. - The Board will decide on its own to strike off the roll or suspend a member in case of a serious offence to the honour or legitimate interests of the Association. The non-payment of dues during two consecutive years causes the loss of membership.

A. ADMINISTRATION

12. - The Association is administered by the Board helped by the Consultative Committee.

13. - The General Assembly of IASS shall elect the Board composed of the President, six Regional Directors, a Secretary General and a Treasurer. The Consultative Committee consists of some 15 members.

14. - Members of the Consultative Committee are elected by the General Assembly by the majority of members present or represented. Nomination of candidates is made at the proposal of one of the representatives of the National associations or a member of the General Assembly.

15. - It is noted that in the Consultative Committee each country, if it so wishes, can have one representative at least.

16. - All elected members are elected for a period of 6 years, but the representative of National associations may ask the Consultative Committee to replace their representative during each General Assembly.

17. - The Board has to meet once every 3 years or more often, if necessary.

18. - All the powers to run and administer the Association are vested in the Board. The Board can delegate its powers to one of its members. The minutes of the meetings of the Board are signed by the president and the secretary; they register the decisions taken by the Board.

19. - The President convenes the meetings of the General Assembly. He represents the Association in all civil matters and is vested with all powers to this effect. He has, in particular, the right, with the authori-

sation of the Board, to represent the Association before the Courts as plaintiff and dependant.

He presides over the assemblies of the Association.

20. - In case of absence or impossibility of acting, he is replaced by a member of the Board.

21. - The General Secretary is in charge of the correspondance, archives, convocations of meetings and assemblies, preparation of the minutes and registers provided by the law.

22. - The Treasurer is in charge of the administration of the assets of the Association; he makes all the payments and receives all dues of the Association; he cannot alienate the assets belonging the Association unless he is so authorised by the Board. He keeps the comptability of regular transactions carried out by him and prepares a report of his activities to the General Assembly.

He may be aided by a professional accountant chosen by the Board.

23. - The members of the Board may delegate, under their own responsibility, their authority, within their sphere of action, to wage-earning persons or to not wage-earners.

24. - The General Assembly of the Association is composed of the authorised representative (or representatives) of the National Associations and of Individual Members. Each National Association will have five votes and Individual Members will have one vote each.

The General Assembly is convened every third year at the date fixed by the Board. All members of the Association must be informed of the date and place of the General Assembly.

25. - Members of the Association listen to the reports presented by the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer on their respective activities, including finances; approve or straighten out the accounts; and debate all the questions brought before them by the Board.

The General Assembly appoints two auditors who examine and

verify the accounts for the past period for which the Treasurer presents a report to the General Assembly and on which the General Assembly pronounces itself.

26. - Decisions are taken by the majority of members present or represented. They are established in the minutes approved by the President and the Secretary General. Each member has the right to represent two other members, if he produces a written proxy.

B. FINANCING

27. - Yearly receipts of the Association consist of dues of active members and benefactors;

- public subventions;
- revenues from the property of the Association;
- revenues derived from the organizations of meetings and publications;
- contributions.

C. MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTE AND DISSOLUTION

28. - The statute can be modified only by an extraordinary session of the General Assembly called specially by the Board, at the proposal of at least one quarter of its active members, if the provisional agenda contains this point on its order of the day.

29. - A two-third majority of members present or represented at the General Assembly and at least a half of the whole membership of the Association is needed for the decision of the modification of the Statute.

30. - If the proposal for the modification of the Statute is not carried, a new convocation of the General Assembly with the same agenda can be called in three months at the latest. At that time a majority of two-third of members present or represented is sufficient for the adoption of the proposed change of the Statute.

31. - The decision of the dissolution of the Association can be reached by the General Assembly by the majority of the registered members. If this number of members is not reached, a new General Assembly must be called and then the decision can be taken by the General Assembly by a two-third majority of members present. The property belonging to the Association can only be allotted to members of the Association in the amount not higher than their own contributions.

D. BY-LAWS

32. - The Board, if it so wishes, may publish by-laws and interior regulations of the Association which determine detailed conditions for the application of the Statute and the good functioning of the Association.

33. - The President is charged with the fulfillment of the necessary formalities for the constitution of the Association or the modification of the Statute.

34. - The present Statute will become effective after it was adopted by the next General Assembly.

The General Secretaries

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S. Lienhard (modification § 13)