

By-Laws

I. NAME - SEAT

1 Is constituted under the name of "Association geoENVia" an association within the meaning of article 60 and ss SAC, whose headquarters is in Neuchâtel.

II. GOALS

2. The general aim of the Association is to promote the use of probabilistic methods, statistics, geostatistics and GIS in the field of the environment. For this purpose, the Association organizes an International Conference on a biennial basis, edits and publishes the conference proceedings as well as other works, manages a website to provide an up-to-date information on the activities of the association.

3. Goals of the Association are exclusively of general interest.

III. MEMBERS

4. The candidate who wishes to become a member of the Association must submit a written request to the Committee that decides freely.

5. Each Conference geoENVia Organizer automatically becomes a member of the association, unless it waives this possibility.

6. Any member can apply to organizing a Conference.

7. Any Member wishing to abandon its activities within the Association may leave the Association at the end of a calendar year upon communication of decision 30 days in advance.

8. The exclusion of a member may be decided by the Committee if he harms seriously the Association or in case of serious violation of the By-Laws. The excluded Member can use, within a period of thirty days, his right to resort to the General Assembly by a registered mail addressed to the President.

9. Any personal use of the resources of the Association by the Members is excluded.

IV. ORGANIZATION

10. Organs of the Association are:

-General Assembly

-the Committee of the Association

A. General Assembly

11. The General Assembly is composed of all members of the Association.

12. The General Assembly has the following powers:

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- (a) Adoption and modification of the statutes;
- (b) Adoption and modification of intern rules, especially that concerning the organization of the conferences;
- (c) Election of the Chairman and the Secretary;
- (d) Selection of the site for upcoming conferences and persons responsible for their organization;
- (e) Ratification of annual reports, and accounts;
- (f) Decision on appeals against exclusion;
- (g) All materials on the agenda.

13. The ordinary general assembly is convened by the Committee and in principle takes place during the Conference. The Committee or one-fifth of the members may request the convening of an extraordinary general assembly which shall take place within two months following the request. Summonses are sent 15 days at the latest before the meeting and noted the agenda.

14. Each Member present at the meeting is entitled to one vote. Legal persons make use of their right to vote with one of their organs. Convened meeting statutes can validly deliberate regardless of the number of members present.

15. Members who cannot attend the General Assembly may give a proxy to any other member or to a member of the Committee of the Association.

16. Decisions of the Assembly are taken by a majority of the votes cast. In case of equality of votes, the voice of the President is decisive. Modification of the statutes of the Association, its dissolution or its merger with other associations must be approved by a majority of two thirds of the members present at the meeting. Members concerned by a decision do not have voting rights.

17. The General Assembly is chaired by the President or in case of absence, by another Member of the Committee.

B. The Committee of the Association

18. The Committee is composed of President, Secretary and the chair of the upcoming Conference. The members of the Committee are elected for a period of two years; they may be re-elected.

19. The Committee meets at the request of the President as often as business requires. The majority of the members of the Committee may also request the convening of a meeting to be held within a period of one month following the request.

20. The Committee takes its decisions by a majority of members present. Other decisions are taken by a majority of the votes of all members of the Committee.

21. The Committee takes all decisions which are not the responsibilities of another body of the association, in particular:

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- (a) Administration of the association;
- (b) Execution of the decisions of the General Assembly;
- (c) Approval of the provisional budget of the conferences;
- (d) Call for candidacy for the organisation of the next conferences;
- (e) Preparation of directives and specifications for the candidates of the organization of the conference;
- (f) Representation of the association to third parties;
- (g) Preparation of regulations and by-laws;
- (h) Preparation of the General Assembly;
- (i) Definition of the format and content of the WEB site.

22. The association is validly bound by the individual signature of the president or secretary of the association.

C. Obligations and benefits for the members

23. The members of the Association are automatically part of the Scientific Committee of the geoENV conference, and as such are committed to participate actively in the conferences and in particular in reviewing the scientific articles which are submitted.

V. RESOURCES

24. The association has the following resources:

- products of the organisation of conferences;
- sponsorship;
- donations and bequests;
- contributions and grants various;
- all other revenues.

25. The accounts of the association are recorded according to the principles of commercial accounting. Exercise and the annual accounts correspond to the calendar year.

26. No member shall be liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the Association. The private property of the members shall be exempt from execution or liability for any debt of the Association.

VI. FINAL PROVISIONS

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27. The Committee may require the registration of the association in the registry of Commerce of Neuchâtel.

28. Cases of dissolution, the Committee runs the liquidation and presents a final statement to the general meeting which decides on the use of a potential active balance

29. Neuchâtel courts are competent to deal with all disputes between the association and its members. Recourse to the Federal Court is reserved.

30. These statutes were adopted and immediately put into effect by the General Assembly of October 26, 2011 held in Neuchâtel.



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