

STATUTES OF THE SPANISH ASSOCIATION FOR LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

CHAPTER I

NAME, OBJECTIVES, SEAT AND SCOPE

Article 1.-Name

The International Association of Landscape Ecology–Spain (*Asociacion Internacional de Ecología del Paisaje – España; IALE-España*) is established as a non-profit entity, which will be governed by the regulations that are applicable at the time and by the Statutes that are also in force at any time.

Article 2.- Objectives

The International Association of Landscape Ecology-Spain constitutes the Spanish chapter of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE), so its abbreviated name will be the acronym IALE-Spain. The Association aims to:

- To develop the landscape ecology in Spain
- To promote the knowledge about the landscape ecology and its diffusion
- To promote communication among researchers and technicians working in the field of landscape ecology.
- To promote the connection between the knowledge acquired in studies of landscape ecology and its practical applications.
- To enhance the relationship with other IALE chapters and the active participation in the IALE international association.

Article 3. Activities

To accomplish these purposes, the following activities will be carried out:

- To plan meetings, debates, colloquia and conferences on topics of interest in the area of landscape ecology, as well as other scientific and cultural events.
- To promote exchange with other entities, universities and national or foreign research centers, as well as technical or administrative institutions whose competences are related to the field of landscape ecology.
- To prepare research projects, individual or collective, in the area of applied landscape ecology.
- To conduct studies, prepare reports or advisory works in the field of landscape ecology, in response to external requests and in accordance with what is stipulated in the internal Regulations of IALE-Spain.
- When the size of the Association justifies it and the Direction Board considers it convenient, to publish a journal and disseminate texts, unpublished or not, of the IALE members or other scientists.

- The Association may collaborate or associate with any entity, public or private, national or foreign, provided that they develop actions appropriate to their objectives.

Article 4. Seat and scope

The seat of the Association is the Ecology Section, Department of Life Sciences, University of Alcalá (Alcalá de Henares, Madrid), where the Administrative Secretariat of the Association will be established.

CHAPTER II

STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 5.- The bodies of the Association

The bodies of the association are the General Assembly and the Direction Board.

CHAPTER III

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 6.- Nature

The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association and shall be composed of all the members of the Association.

Article 7.- Meetings

The meetings of the General Assembly will be ordinary or extraordinary. The ordinary will be held once a year; the extraordinary ones will be held when the circumstances require it, in the opinion of the President; when the Direction Board agrees so By a formal request in writing from by at least one fifth of the members, with a clear statement of the matters to be discussed.

Article 8.- Notice of meeting

The calls of the General Assemblies, both ordinary and extraordinary, will be made at least eight days in advance, indicating the place, date, time and agenda of the meeting. Likewise, the date for a second notice of meeting the General Assembly will be detailed, when appropriate.

Article 9.- Rules of quorum for the validity of constitution and quorum for the approval of agreements

The General Assembly will be faithfully constituted on first call and on second call.

The agreements will be taken by simple majority of the members present in the case of an Ordinary Assembly and by a 2/3 majority of the members present in the case of an

extraordinary Assembly. In case of a tied vote the casting vote of the president, or of the person who represents him/her, will decide.

Article 10.- Competences of the Ordinary General Assembly

The competences/responsibilities of the Ordinary General Assembly are:

- a) Appointment of the Direction Board, administrators and representatives, and their honorary members as well.
- b) Examination and approval of the annual budget and accounts.
- c) Approval, when appropriate, of the management by the Direction Board.
- d) Establishment of ordinary and extraordinary fees.
- e) Admission and exclusion of members at the proposal of the Direction Board.
- f) Management of the Association's assets.
- g) Dissolution of the Association.
- h) Approval of the Internal Regulations of the Association.
- i) Any other responsibility that is not of the exclusive competence of the Extraordinary Assembly

Article 11.- Competences of the Extraordinary General Assembly

It is a responsibility of the Extraordinary General Assembly to modify the statutes and propose a motion of censure of the Direction Board, with possible consequences for renewal.

CHAPTER IV

DIRECTION BOARD

Article 12.- Composition

The Association will be directed and administered by a Direction Board formed by a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Members of the Board. All the positions that compose the Direction Board will be free, designated by the General Assembly and its mandate will last four years. Half of the positions of the Direction Board will be renewed every two years as regulated by the Internal Regulations.

Article 13.- Meetings and quorum of constitution and approval of agreements

The Direction Board shall meet with a previous call, and must mediate at least three days between it and the meeting, as often as determined by its President or at the request of at least a simple majority of its members. It will be constituted when half plus one of its members attend, and for its agreements to be valid they must be adopted by a majority of votes. In case of a tie, the vote of the President or of the person to whom he delegates will be of quality.

Article 14.- Powers of the Direction Board

The faculties of the Direction Board are:

- a) To lead the social activities and manage the economic and administrative management of the Association, agreeing to achieve the appropriate contracts and acts, bearing in mind the provisions of article 10, section g.
- b) Execution of the agreements of the General Assembly.
- c) Preparation and submission of the annual budget and accounts for the approval by the General Assembly.
- d) The elaboration of the Internal Regulations of the Association.
- e) Proposal for the admission of new members.
- f) Appointment of delegates and commissions for some specific activities of the Association.
- g) Any other faculty that is not of the exclusive competence of the General Assembly.

Article 15.- The President

The President shall have the following attributions:

- a) Legally represent the Association before public or private organizations.
- b) To convene, preside and finish the meetings held by the General Assembly and the Direction Board.
- c) To guide the deliberations of both, the General Assembly and the Direction Board.
- d) To order payments and authorize with his/her signature the documents, minutes and correspondence.
- e) To adopt any urgent measure required for the good functioning of the Association and that is necessary for the development of its activities, with the commitment of reporting it to the Direction Board.

Article 16.- The Vice President

The Vice President shall replace the President in his/her absence and shall have the same responsibilities.

Article 17.- The Secretary

The Secretary shall be in charge of the administrative work of the Association, will prepare the minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies and the Direction Board meetings, will issue certifications and keep the documentation of the entity, sending if necessary, communications to the Administration with the relevant requirements.

Article 18.- The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect the funds belonging to the Association, shall comply with the payment orders issued by the President, shall prepare the annual report and shall complete the account books of the Association.

Article 19.- The other members of the Direction Board

Any other member of the Direction Board will have his/her own duties as a person with a directive position, as well as those arising from the delegations or work commissions entrusted to them by the Direction Board.

CHAPTER V

MEMBERSHIP

Article 20.- Requirements to become a member of the Association

Any person of legal age who has an interest in the development of the purposes of IALE-Spain, may belong to the Association.

Article 21.- Types of Members

Within the Association there will be two types of partners: full members and special members.

The following types are included in the first category:

- a) Founder members, who will be those who participate in the act of constitution of the Association
- b) Regular members, who will be those who enter after the constitution of the Association.
- c) Honorary members, who due to their prestige or relevant contributions to the Association's purposes, are entitled to such a distinction.

The special partners will be:

- d) Institutions and Entities whose objectives are related to the aims of the Association.
- e) Students. Members who are currently registered as such at institutions of higher education and pay the correspondent fee. They have the same rights and duties as regular members.

Article 22.- Causes of termination of the condition of member of the Association

Members of the Association will be dismissed from the Association because one of the following reasons:

- a) By voluntary resignation, communicated in writing to the Direction Board.
- b) For non-compliance with his/her economic obligations, if he/she fails to pay the periodic quotas.

Article 23.- Rights of the members of the Association

The full member will have the following rights:

- a) To take part in all activities organized by the Association in compliance with its purposes.
- b) To enjoy all the advantages and benefits that the Association can provide.
- c) To participate in the Assemblies with a voice and vote.
- d) To be electors and eligible for management positions.
- e) To receive information on the agreements adopted by the bodies of the Association.
- f) To make suggestions to the members of the Direction Board in order to better fulfill the purposes of the Association.

All partners will have the same rights except, in the case of special members, the right to vote and to hold management positions

Article 24.- Duties of the members of the Association

The members of the Association will have the following duties:

- a) To comply with these Statutes and the agreements of the Assemblies and the Direction Board.
- b) To pay the fees that are set.
- c) To perform, where appropriate, the obligations inherent to the position they occupy.

CHAPTER VI

ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Article 25.- Types of resources

The economic resources foreseen for the development of the Association aims and activities will be the following:

- a) Ordinary and extraordinary fees.
- b) Subsidies, bequests or legacies that may be received from associates or third-party legal entities.
- c) Any other legal resource.

Article 26.- Budget

The annual budget limit will be determined by the General Assembly.
The Association lacks any Foundational Heritage.

CHAPTER VII

DISSOLUTION

Article 27.- Dissolution agreement

The dissolution agreement will be adopted by the General Assembly, with a 2/3 majority of the regular members.

Article 28.- Liquidation Commission

In the event of dissolution, a liquidation commission will be appointed which, once the debts are extinguished, and if there is a surplus, it will be destined for landscape or nature protection purposes.