

LEPAGE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ARTICLES

Article 1

Name and address

- 1.1 The name of the citizens association: Lepage Research Institute (hereinafter "Association").
- 1.2 The seat of the citizens association: Faculty of Humanities and Natural Sciences, Prešov University in Prešov, 17. novembra Street 1, 081 16 Prešov. Address of the Association for electronic correspondence: info@lepageri.eu
- 1.3 The Association operates on the entire territory of the Slovak Republic and, in accordance with the legislation of the individual European Union Member States, likewise in the territory of the EU countries.
- 1.4 The Association is not subdivided into organizational units; the whole Association is regarded a locally relevant organizational unit.

Article 2

Goals

- 2.1 The aim of the Association is to work in the fields of science, research, education and the promotion of science.
- 2.2 In order to achieve this goal, the Association undertakes to:
 - a) to conduct research in mathematical, physical and computer sciences based on national and international cooperation,
 - b) to hold regular lectures, seminars, summer schools and conferences relating to science, research and education in mathematical, physical and computer sciences targeting the academic community, professionals and the wider public,
 - c) to operate a website aiming at the promotion of events and activities of the Association,
 - d) to publish professional books and promotional materials,
 - e) to collaborate on projects with other similarly specialized non-profit organizations, natural and legal entities in Slovakia and abroad in order to achieve the above objectives.

Article 3

Membership

- 3.1 A founding member of the Association shall be a natural person who will participate in the activities of the Preparatory Committee and against whose membership have not been raised any reasoned objections by other persons participating in the activities of the Preparatory Committee.
- 3.2 Membership in the Association shall be voluntary. A member of the Association may be any natural person regardless of his/her nationality, aged 18 or over, or any legal person that agrees with the Articles of the Association.
- 3.3 Membership in the Association shall take the form of regular membership or honorary membership.
- 3.4 Honorary membership is intended primarily for people supportive of the objectives of the Association, who for various reasons cannot be actively and systematically involved in the activities of the Association, nevertheless they want occasionally assist by participating in the activities of the Association.

- Honorary membership shall be approved by the competent authority of the Association.
- 3.5 Application for the membership shall be accepted by the Board of Directors (article 4) of the Association electronically to the email address of the Association, or in writing to the address of the registered office of the Association. The membership shall be decided by the Board of Directors of the Association. The candidate for membership accepted by the Board of Directors shall become a Member of the Association by the signing the Membership Acceptance Letter.
- 3.6 Through signing Membership Acceptance Letter the Member of the Association undertakes to comply with the Articles of the Association, the Election and Procedure Rules and agrees with the processing of personal data in the register of the Association members pursuant to the legislation in force.
- 3.7 Membership shall cease:
- a) upon the resignation of an Association member as of the day of the delivery of the notification to the Board of Directors – electronically to the Association email address, or in writing to the address of the Association registered office,
 - b) upon the decision made by the Board of Directors on the exclusion as of the date on which suspending of the membership has been decided by the Association Board of Directors,
 - c) upon the death of a member, dissolution of a legal person – a member of the Association, and termination of the Association.
- 3.8. Proof of membership is the signed Acceptance Document.
- 3.9 Full member of the Association is entitled to:
- a) participate in the activities of the Association and of its bodies and be informed about the activities,
 - b) participate in the General Assembly, to vote and to be elected to the Association bodies,
 - c) submit proposals, suggestions and comments on the activities of the Association,
 - d) participate in setting the goals and forms of activity of the Association.
- 3.10 Full member of the Association is obliged to:
- a) conform to the Association Articles in force, act in accordance with the decisions of the authorities and through their activities attain the objectives of the Association,
 - b) perform the roles assigned to them in the Association bodies,
 - c) see that the interests and reputation of the Association not be damaged.
- 3.11 Honorary Member of the Association:
- a) is entitled to participate in the activities of the Association and be informed of its activities,
 - b) is entitled to submit proposals, suggestions and comments on the activities of the Association,
 - c) is obliged to see that the interests and reputation of the Association not be damaged,
 - d) is entitled to vote but cannot be elected to the Association bodies.

Article 4

Association Bodies

- 4.1 The bodies of the Association are:
- a) the General Assembly,
 - b) the Board of Directors,
 - c) the President of the Association.
- 4.2 The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association and is made up of all full members of the Association.

- 4.3 The General Assembly shall be convened by the Board of Directors at least once a year and also in case it is so requested by at least half of the full members of the Association. The General Assembly shall be presided over by the President of the Association or a member authorized by the President. The General Assembly may also take place electronically. The rules for such form of Assembly shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 4.4 The General Assembly shall decide on the basis of the vote. The decision shall be adopted by a majority vote of the participating members of the Association.
- 4.5 Each Member has one vote. The votes of all members are equal. In case of equality of vote, the President of the Association shall have the casting vote. The General Assembly shall be quorate if at least half of the full members of the Association are present. If more than one hour into the duly convened General Assembly it has not quorum, the powers of the General Assembly are taken over by the Board of Directors. If within 24 hours into the beginning of the duly convened General Assembly in electronic form the Assembly is not quorate, the powers of the General Assembly are taken over by the Board of Directors.
- 4.6 The General Assembly
- a) amends the Articles, the Internal Regulations and the Election and Procedure Rules of the Association; taking the decision on the amendment of the Articles, the Internal Rules and the Election and Procedure Rules requires the consent of at least half of the full members of the Association and, at the same time, at least half of all members of the Board of Directors,
 - b) debates the Annual Report on the management and activities submitted by the authorized member of the Board of Directors,
 - c) debates and approves the plan of future activities and the objectives of the Association,
 - d) debates and approves the budget of the Association,
 - e) upon the proposal of the President of the Association, votes on the removal of a Board member and on the creation of a new post of Vice-president of the Board of Directors,
 - f) elects and removes the President of the Association in accordance with the applicable Procedure and Election Rules of the Association.
- 4.7 The Board is the executive body of the Association; presided over by the President of the Association.
- 4.8 The Board has at least three members. The members of the Board of Directors are the President, the Vice-President of the Management and the Vice-President of the Organization.
- 4.9 The Management Board shall take its decisions by vote. The Board of Directors shall have a quorum if a majority of all its members is present. The decision is made by a simple majority of vote. The Board members have equal voting rights. In case of equality of vote, the President of the Association shall have the casting vote. The voting may be taken also in the electronic form.
- 4.10 The Vice-President of Management is entrusted with the supervision and management of the Association.
- 4.11 The members of the Board of Directors of the Association shall be appointed by the President of the Association from among the regular members of the Association, and within 14 days from the election of the President of the Association or removal of a Board member. A member of the Board may be appointed only a full member of the Association giving his/her consent.
- 4.12 The term of a Board member takes three years.
- 4.13 In particular, the Board of Directors:
- a) shall manage the Association in the period between the General Assemblies of the Association,
 - b) shall hire the staff and specify the remuneration to the members of the Association,
 - c) shall manage the funds and property of the Association and make decisions on their use,
 - d) shall prepare the data for negotiations and decision-making processes of the General Assembly,

- e) shall decide on the acceptance of new members of the Association,
 - f) is entitled to control the activities approved by the General Assembly and carried out by the members of the Association,
 - g) may withdraw the membership of a member of the Association if they acted contrary to the Association Articles, the Internal Rules or have damaged the reputation of the Association,
 - h) is responsible for the activities of the Association and bears the material responsibility for the management of the Association,
 - i) makes decisions on the dissolution of the Association.
- 4.14 The President of the Association is the statutory body of the Association, manages the Association and represents it externally.
- 4.15 The President's term of office is three years. The course of the regular and extraordinary election of the President is defined in the Election and Procedure Rules of the Association.
- 4.16 The President of the Association may delegate in writing some of his/her rights or obligations to any member of the Board of Directors.
- 4.17 Upon the resignation or withdrawal of the President of the Association, as defined in the Election and Procedure Rules, the powers of the Association shall temporarily pass onto the Vice-President of the Organization, who shall prepare the new election of the President in accordance with the effective Election and Procedure Rules.
- 4.18 At the time of his/her absence, the President of the Association is represented by the Vice-President for the Organization.
- 4.19 The President of the Association:
- a) controls and coordinates the activity of the Association,
 - b) is responsible for the activities of the Association,
 - c) convenes the Board of Directors meeting and the General Assembly,
 - d) appoints the members of the Board of Directors of the Association,
 - e) proposes the withdrawal of a Board member to the General Assembly.

Article 5

Principles of Management

- 5.1 Pursuant to the Act No. 83/1990 Coll. on Citizens' Association, the Association is a legal person. Any profit from its activities, sponsorships, donations and other income (after the deduction of overheads, expenses for the organisation, administration and any necessary payment) shall be spent on the objectives referred to in Article 2 of these Articles.
- 5.2 The income of the Association consists mainly of:
- a) gifts and contributions by natural and legal persons,
 - b) awarded grants and subsidies,
 - c) income from activities in pursuing the objectives of the Association,
 - d) the proceeds from the assets of the Association.
- 5.3 The Vice-President for the Management authorized by the President is responsible for the proper management and accounting of the Association.
- 5.4 The management shall be carried out in accordance with the annual budget approved by the General

Assembly of the Association, which is also authorized to supervise the management of the Association.

Article 6

Dissolution of the Association

- 6.1 The Association registered in the Public Register shall be dissolved on the date of the deletion from the Public Register.
- 6.2 If the Association ceases to exist voluntarily on the basis of the decision made by the Board of Directors of the Association, the Board shall decide on the settlement at the same time.

Article 7

Transitional and Final Provisions

- 7.1 The constituting Board of Directors is made up of members of the Preparatory Committee of the Association, the establishing President of the Association is a founding member of the Association.
- 7.2 The Constituting General Assembly shall be convened by the Preparatory Committee after registering the Articles of the Association.
- 7.3 For the constituting General Assembly, the Board of Directors shall prepare the Election and the Procedure Rules for approval.

In Prešov, this 12th Day of September 2016

Founding Member:

Prof. RNDr. Demeter Krupka, DrSc.

Members of the Preparatory Committee:

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