

STATUTE

of the Association IMMA - INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN MUSEUMS ALLIANCE

ARTICLE 1

A free association, with offices in Turin, Salita al CAI Torino 12, c/o Museo Nazionale della Montagna “Duca degli Abruzzi”, is hereby set up, called: “IMMA - INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN MUSEUMS ALLIANCE” (thereafter the Association).

ARTICLE 2

The Association is non-partisan, non-religious and non-profit-making. It aims to create a network to conserve, promote and enhance the cultures and inherent characteristics of mountains through comparison and a work of professional and managed actions among the various members, and also through carrying out common projects.

ARTICLE 3

The Association is composed of Museums, Foundations and Documentation Centres whose institutional interest focuses on mountains, and that have their own permanent collections, which are: open to the public; run by a scientific and top-quality level of management; and exclude any commercial and/or advertising reality.

Members have no individual right to the Association’s assets and likewise, in an individual capacity, cannot answer for its debts.

Physical persons cannot be members of the Association.

ARTICLE 4

Members of the Association are divided into the following categories:

- founder members
- ordinary members.

Members are generally represented within the Association by the Director *pro tempore* or by a representative.

Founder members are by right those who participated – directly or through delegation – in the constitutive meeting of 10 December 2015, in the Sala degli Stemmi of the Museo Nazionale della Montagna in Turin, signing the Foundation Agreement on 11 December 2015, in the FAO headquarters - Mountain Partnership in Rome, and more precisely:

- MUSÉE ALPIN, 89 avenue Michel Croz, F-74400 Chamonix-Mont-Blanc (France)
- MUSEO NAZIONALE DELLA MONTAGNA “DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI” – CAI-TORINO, piazzale Monte dei Cappuccini, 7, I-10131 Torino TO (Italy)
- MUZEUM TATRZAŃSKIE IM. DRA TYTUSA CHAŁUBIŃSKIEGO W ZAKOPANEM, Krupówki 10, PL-34-500 Zakopane (Poland)
- SERVEI GENERAL D'INFORMACIÓ DE MUNTANYA, Ctra Prats km 2, E-08208 Sabadell (Spain)
- WHYTE MUSEUM OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES, 111 Bear St, Banff, AB T1L 1A3 (Canada).

Ordinary members participate by contributing to the activities in favour of the Association.

The following bodies are ordinary members by right, having subsequently adhered to the above-mentioned Foundation Agreement, precisely:

- CHÂTEAU FORT – MUSÉE PYRÉNÉEN, 25 rue du Fort, F-65100 Lourdes (France).

Members are admitted on application by the interested party.

Applications for membership are accepted and decided by the Assembly of Members.

The category of Member bestows the right to benefit from services that the Assembly of the Association will decide every year.

ARTICLE 5

To guarantee the spirit and aims that led to the constitutive meeting of 10 December 2015, and to the signing of the Foundation Agreement on 11 December 2015, the Assembly can nominate “honorary members” of the Association.

ARTICLE 6

Members must pay the annual membership fee in one sum in accordance with the ways and in the amounts established by the Assembly of Members, within the first quarter of each calendar year.

Sums of the annual fees paid by Members that are not destined to cover the Association’s running costs will be used towards financing the Association’s objectives.

ARTICLE 7

The Association acquires the means for achieving its objectives from:

- a) membership fees;
- b) public and private contributions;
- c) proceeds from initiatives of the Association;
- d) offers, donations and testamentary bequests and any other form of gift, as well as any other proceeds destined for the Association.

ARTICLE 8

The following are organs of the Association:

- 1) the Assembly of Members;
- 2) the President;
- 3) the Coordinator.

ARTICLE 9

The Assembly of Members is ordinary and extraordinary.

The ordinary Assembly is convened by the President at least once a year, or every time the President feels it necessary, or at the request of a simple majority of Members. Notice of the meeting, including the agenda of the day, must be sent – by post or e-mail – by the Coordinator at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

The ordinary Assembly makes valid decrees by the presence, even by representation, of the majority of members, and the resolutions are approved by a majority of votes. In a second convocation the Assembly can make valid decrees whatever the number of those present.

Every member has the right to one vote.

Every member can be represented by another member with a written proxy.

Honorary members do not have the right to vote.

The ordinary Assembly passes resolutions on:

- a) the general direction of the Association’s activities, including the financial one;
- b) the President’s report on the activities carried out by the Association;
- c) the Coordinator’s report;
- d) the annual report;

- e) the annual budget;
- f) the nomination of the positions of President and Coordinator, and any other representation of the Association;
- g) to decide on the admission and expulsion of members of the Association.

The extraordinary Assembly is convened by the President or at the request of a simple majority of Members; both on a first and on a second convocation, the extraordinary Assembly can validly decide, even by representation, with a majority of members and resolutions can be approved by a majority of votes.

ARTICLE 10

The suspension or withdrawal of membership is decided by the ordinary Assembly for the following reasons: activities contrary to the best interests of the Association; lack of collaboration to the activities of the Association; non-payment of the fees for two years.

ARTICLE 11

President and Coordinator are nominated by the ordinary Assembly and remain in office for a period of three years and they can be re-elected. In the case of a vacancy occurring for any reason, the new appointment takes place in the first subsequent Meeting.

Reasons for forfeiture of the position of President and Coordinator: court conviction; activities contrary to the Association's interests or that seriously damage the prestige of the Association in the opinion of the Assembly.

Reasons for suspension: committal for trial up to the conclusion of proceedings.

ARTICLE 12

The President is responsible for the legal representation of the Association in a court of law; he/she presides over the Assembly of Members, also arranging to draw up the minutes of the resolutions approved; he/she is responsible for the administration and ordinary running of the Association; as treasurer, he/she has the faculty to open and close bank accounts, draw cheques, make money transfers, withdraw money and pay out the sums the Association has available for its aims; he/she can delegate authority – in written a signed letter – within the sphere of his powers to the Coordinator who carries out all the other tasks of the Association. The Coordinator maintains relationships with the Members and with external Bodies for the organisation and functioning of the Association's activity.

In the case of absence or other impediment of the President, the Coordinator will take his/her place.

ARTICLE 13

The Auditors of the Accounts, minimum one, maximum three, elected by the Assembly of Members from those enrolled in the registers of official auditors, control the Association's administration.

ARTICLE 14

All the positions in the Association, including those of the Auditors, are unpaid.

ARTICLE 15

The Association's patrimony can be made up of real estate or liquid assets as well as assets of any nature that come to the Association through acquisition, donation, bequest or any other means.

The Association's patrimony will be conserved at the headquarters of the Association.

ARTICLE 16

The Association's financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of every year. The annual report drawn up by the Coordinator must be subjected to the approval of the first valid ordinary Assembly.

The distribution, even indirect, of any profits or surplus and of any funds or reserves during the life of the Association is forbidden, unless the destinations or distribution is imposed by law.

ARTICLE 17

The duration of the Association is unlimited.

ARTICLE 18

The eventual dissolution of the Association must be decreed by a favourable vote of two thirds of the Members in an Assembly. In case of necessity, the Assembly will provide for the nomination of one or more liquidators and will decide about the devolution of the Association's patrimony.

In the case of the dissolution of the Association or of its termination for whatever reason, the eventual residual patrimony will be devolved to bodies with similar aims, that is with aims of public utility.

ARTICLE 19

For anything not considered in the present Statute, the provisions of the Italian laws in force hold good.