

**Articles of Association
of the Societas Iuris Publici Europaei
adopted 5 April, 2003**

Article 1

(I) The name of the society is Societas Iuris Publici Europaei (SIPE); the goal of the society, as an academic forum, is to discuss and to clarify questions of public law including its impact on the legal system as a whole. The society has its seat in Göttingen. The society shall be registered as an association .

(II) The society pursues exclusively and directly non-profit- making goals. It acts impartially and does not pursue economic goals. The resources of the society may be used only in conformity with these articles.

(III) The members are not entitled to receive any payments from the resources of the society. Payments may not be made to any person for purposes inconsistent with the goals of the society; no disproportionate payments may be made.

Article 2

(I) Any person engaged in scholarship relating to public law may become a member of the SIPE. Such scholarship must be proved, especially by outstanding publications.

(II) The procedure for admission to the SIPE shall be opened upon the motion of at least three members of the SIPE. The motion, supplemented by the curriculum vitae and by the bibliography of the nominee, must be accompanied by a short statement of reasons.

(III) If the Executive Committee is of the opinion that the conditions for membership are fulfilled, it shall inform the members about its intention to offer membership to the nominee in the next circular. If at least five members oppose membership or should doubts exist in the Executive Committee, the General Meeting shall decide the matter by a simple majority of votes.

Article 3

(I) The Executive Committee shall consist of at least five and at most seven members. The composition of the Executive Committee shall have regard to a regional balance.

(II) The Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Meeting for a period of four years. The General Meeting elects one member of the Executive Committee as President and another member as Secretary General. The President may not be reelected, the other members of the Executive Committee may be reelected only once.

(III) The President and the Secretary-General shall represent the society and each of them shall be able to act for it independently.

(IV) In case of vacancy of the post of President or of Secretary-General between two General Meetings, the Executive Committee shall decide which member of the committee will perform the tasks concerned until the next General Meeting takes place.

(V) In order to prepare a congress, the Executive Committee may co-opt a member resident at the place of congress. This member shall have no right to vote.

Article 4

(I) The SIPE shall organise a General Meeting, which shall be linked to a congress, at least once every two years. The agenda of the General Meeting, the subjects of the congress and the place of the gathering shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. The invitation, together with the agenda, must be communicated to the members at least three months in advance.

(II) On presentation of a reasoned written demand by at least one fifth of the members, the Executive Committee shall call a General Meeting.

(III) The working languages of the SIPE shall be English, French and German. The language of the place of congress may be used, too, if simultaneous translation into one of the aforementioned working languages is guaranteed.

(IV) Minutes of the decisions of the General Meeting must be taken and signed by the President or the Secretary-General.

Article 5

(I) The annual subscription of each member shall be fixed by the General Meeting. For special reasons, the Executive Committee may reduce the subscription.

(II) Members who fail to pay their subscription three years running shall be excluded from the beginning of the fourth year on. The Secretary-General shall determine a case of exclusion and communicate it to the former member with reference to these articles.

Article 6

(I) To be approved, amendments of these articles must be adopted by a two-thirds majority in the General Meeting and be entered in the register of associations.

(II) In the case of dissolution of the Society or of abolition of associated tax privileges, its property shall accrue to the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung, Bonn.

Signed:

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