

# STATUTES

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# THE DELPHIC GAMES OF THE MODERN ERA

## - TIME TABLE -

### 1994

DECEMBER – Founding Assembly of the International Delphic Council (IDC) in Berlin, Germany under the initiative of J. Christian B. Kirsch and the participation of representatives of 18 Nations and 5 Continents.

### 1996

MARCH – First Delphic World Congress in St. Petersburg, Russia

MARCH – First Executive Board Meeting of the IDC in St. Petersburg, Russia, Patronage: Anatoli Sobtshak, First Mayor of St. Petersburg, Daniel Tarschys, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Federico Mayor, Director General of the UNESCO

OCTOBER – II. Executive Board Meeting of the IDC in Tokyo, Japan

### 1997

APRIL – First Junior Delphic Games in Tbilisi, Georgia

APRIL – II Delphic World Congress in Tbilisi, Georgia, Patronage: H.E. Eduard Shewardnadse, President of Georgia, Daniel Tarschys. Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Director General of UNESCO

APRIL – III. Executive Board Meeting of the IDC in Tbilisi, Georgia

### 1999

JUNE – III. Delphic World Congress in Athens, Greece, Patronage: UNESCO, Council of Europe

JUNE – IV. Executive Board Meeting of the IDC in Athens & Delphi, Greece

### 2000

MAY – Extraordinary Delphic World Congress in Berlin, Germany

DECEMBER – First Delphic Games of the Modern Era in Moscow, Russia

Patronage: Dr. Walter Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Supported by: H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of Russia and Alexeij II, Patriarch of Moscow and Russia

### 2001

MARCH – IV. Session (World Congress) in Berlin, Germany

SEPTEMBER – V. Executive Board Meeting (Amphictyony Meeting) in Delphi, Greece

## **2002**

OCTOBER – V. Session (World Congress) in Berlin, Germany

## **2003**

AUGUST – II. Junior Delphic Games in Düsseldorf, Germany, Patronage: Dr. Walter Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

AUGUST – VI. Session (World Congress) in Düsseldorf, Germany

## **2004**

FEBRUARY – VI. Executive Board Meeting of the IDC (Amphictyony Meeting) in Baguio City, Philippines, Goodwill Message of the UNESCO-Commission of the Philippines

JULY – VII. Executive Board Meeting of the IDC (Amphictyony Meeting) in Sao Paulo, Brazil

## **2005**

SEPTEMBER – II. Delphic Games in Kuching, Malaysia, Patronage: Chief Minister Rt. Hon. Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud of Sarawak

SEPTEMBER – VII. Session (World Congress) in Kuching, Malaysia

## **2007**

NOVEMBER – III. Junior Delphic Games in Baguio City, Philippines, Patronage of H.E. Gloria Aroyo, President of the Philippines

## **2009**

SEPTEMBER – III. Delphic Games in Jeju, South Korea, Support of Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism

SEPTEMBER – IX Session in Jeju, South Korea

## **2011**

NOVEMBER – IV. Junior Delphic Games in Johannesburg, South Africa

## **2013**

IV. Delphic Games – open

## **2015**

VI. Junior Delphic Games – open

# STATUTES

## § 1

### NAME, LOCATION, YEAR OF OPERATION

#### 1.1 Name

The name of the organization is the International Delphic Council.

#### 1.2 Location

The International Delphic Council (hereafter referred to as the IDC), has its headquarters in Berlin / Germany.

#### 1.3 Year of operation

The year of operation of the IDC is the current calendar year.

#### 1.4 Tax and legal status

The IDC is an international non-governmental and non-profit organisation, in the form of an association established for an indefinite period of time. The IDC was registered as a legal entity at the German Chamber of Commerce under the code number 15533 Nz on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 1995.

#### 1.5 Headings

The headings of the following paragraphs and passages are intended to explain and structure the content of the statutes and should in no way be taken as overriding restrictions on the content of particular sections.

## § 2

### PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### 2.1 The goal of the IDC is the promotion of culture and cultural education, as well as the improvement of understanding among nations. The organization aims thereby to contribute towards friendly and peaceful international relations. Intercultural education in the arts will encourage individual citizens of the world to promote friendship, tolerance and respect towards the vast diversity of cultures.

This cultural exchange will result in an increase in the cultural awareness, understanding, appreciation and respect for society's cultural diversity, while maintaining the values and mutual respect of the respective cultural fields. In a world becoming smaller by the day, this exchange will serve to satisfy the growing needs for communication between differing cultures and world communities and to implement this communication to achieve mutual understanding respect and tolerance, leading to peaceful coexistence and cooperation amongst nations

These intentions will be supported by the International Delphic Council by founding varying, unprejudiced platforms for the international promotion and presentation of national and regional arts and culture, taking place in the form of performances and exhibitions.

- 2.2** To accomplish the purposes and goals for which the IDC was founded, the IDC shall support the multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary objectives, programs and projects of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and work together with other international and national inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, associations and federations which share the aims of the IDC.
- 2.3** The members will not initiate or participate in, approve of, or associate with any organisation, project, program, event or activity, including fund raising, which shows, or could imply, a bias, prejudice or favouritism toward one or more cultures, ethnic groups, religions, nationalities, or which, in any way is, or could be interpreted to be, political, or in favour of, or opposed to, a position on any political question or which is inconsistent with the principals, purposes and goals of the IDC, or it would, or could, discredit or question the integrity, independence and/or impartiality of the Delphic Movement, the International Delphic Council, its members and/or activities.
- 2.4** The goal of the Association is particularly contributed towards by:
- 2.4.1 International Delphic Games** The Games are the centrepiece of the efforts of the International Delphic Movement. They take place every four (4) years and are devoted in each case to a particular theme, appropriate to the goals of the Association. They are a forum for the display of the arts of each culture, while also serving as an international meeting place and focus event for artists, government officials, politicians, students, business leaders and sponsors from around the world, and all those connected to and involved in the arts.
- 2.4.2 International Junior Delphic Games:** This event takes place two (2) years after the respective Delphic Games and serves to implement and develop the themes of the Delphic Games. It is aimed primarily at our future, i.e. the youth including young artists.  
This forum is dedicated and promoted to give the young artists the same opportunity as adult artists to help plan and give expression to their unique perspectives and values in displays of artistic talent.  
These are rooted in their cultural heritage, and through artistic intercultural exposure and education to, and thereby help humanity create a better future – and equally important – to enjoy themselves.
- 2.4.3 Delphic Clubs and Delphic Junior Clubs** – Permanent and active efforts aimed at the sponsorship and establishment of numerous organizations formed at the city, province and regional levels within various countries, with unified or diversified cultural specialties, for adults and juniors, as the ‘grassroots’ foundation activity to support the cultural and educational aims of the IDC, thereby providing the foundation for National Delphic Councils (NDC)
- 2.4.4 Institute for Intercultural Research** – established to pursue cultural research, and develop strategies to preserve our diversified cultural inheritance in conjunction with the development of society; and increase general public awareness of the fact that the uniqueness of humanity is our cultural diversity.



- 2.4.5 Council of Communication and Media** – This council is to be established in order to develop new ideas for the media presentation of the arts and to present cultures in the media and to thus awaken public awareness of and interest in the positive aspects which each and every culture has to offer. The Council promotes mutual understanding, appreciation, respect and tolerance through cultural education.
- 2.5** The Association pursues solely and tangibly aims such as are prescribed as ‘undertakings eligible for tax relief’ in German tax law (§51ff AO) in its most recent version.
- 2.6** The Association’s funds shall only be used for purposes such as are defined in these statutes. Members of the organization are eligible to receive specific funding following a decision made on the part of the Amphictyony only when it has been established that the funds are to be used for a non-profit undertaking compliant with these statutes and that the use of the funding allocation can be demonstrated retrospectively to the satisfaction of the Amphictyony.
- 2.7** No person or persons shall, either through receipt of funding for undertakings foreign to the aim of the organization or through inappropriately or unusually high remuneration for services rendered, use the resources of the organization for personal enrichment.
- 2.8** The Association operates for the greater common good and does not pursue undertakings which have as their ultimate aim the accruing of profit to the organization.

### **§ 3 FORMS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1 Members eligible to vote are:**
- (A) National Delphic Councils or ‘Designated National Delphic Councils’** which are legal persons, either already legally recognised or in the process of being founded. They must further:
- 3.1.1** - be active, be recognised as being representative of the political and geographical area which they claim to represent and be open to membership by any legal and natural persons who represent cultures and ethnic groupings prevalent within the country of operation
- 3.1.2** - both during the founding process and once established, have the status of a legal person within a legal area of jurisdiction in a nation which is recognised as such by the United Nations Organisation (UNO).
- 3.1.3** - have guiding principles, purposes, activities, charter, by-laws, statutes and/or government mandate or commission or other governmental document of creation and authorization if such organization is a government agency or legal instrument of a government body, which are, in the sole opinion of the Executive Board of the IDC, supportive of and compatible with the principles, purposes, goals and activities of the IDC and its Charter and By-Laws; and



**3.1.4** - in accordance with the following formula, or as amended by resolution of the Amphictyony, or as defined by a formula which is excepted by the session have the minimum number of legal entity and individual members required for a membership admission to the IDC as a National Delphic Council, hereinafter referred to as an 'NDC.

## **3.2 Members not eligible to vote are:**

### **(A) General members**

**3.2.1** City, province, regional, national and international non-governmental, governmental and educational organizations, associations, federations, corporations, partnerships and foundations, whose guiding principles, purposes, activities, Charter, Bye-Laws, Charter and/or government mandate or commission or other governmental document of creation and authorisation if such organisation is a government agency or legal instrument of a government body.

If such an organisation or governmental organisation applies for a membership it is at the sole discretion of the IDC and the Amphictyony to decide how helpful and in keeping with the principles, aims and activities it is and if whether applies to the statutes and Bye-Laws.

### **(B) Individuals**

**3.2.2 Founding Members of the International Delphic Council**, as far as they are not members eligible to vote pursuant to paragraph 3.1.

**3.2.3** Natural persons residing in political regions of nations recognised as such by the UNO, not being part of an organization, but who are nonetheless members of the IDC as denoted by paragraph 3.1 above and able to take part in the activities of the IDC insofar as they support the intentions and undertakings of the IDC as defined in these statutes and by the decisions of the executive bodies of the organization.

### **(C) Honorary members**

**3.2.4** Natural persons who have served the IDC over a prolonged period of time through active help and support and thus supported the aims of the organization in an extraordinary manner. Honorary membership for life can be granted on the recommendation of the President or by the Secretary General or by resolution of the Amphictyony or the Session.

Honorary members are not eligible to vote in the Session but they are permitted to take part in all activities and events organized by the IDC. On the request of any member of the Session, the Amphictyony or the Office of the Secretary, they can take part in meetings in an advisory capacity, but are not eligible to vote. Should they take part in meetings of the Amphictyony, they can be excluded from certain topics of the agenda by a simple majority vote of the Amphictyony.

**(D) Supporting members**

- 3.2.5** Individuals, informal groups and legal entities worldwide who wish to lend financial support to the aims, philosophy and concerns of the International Delphic Movement have the opportunity to do so as supporting members. This form of membership is eligible for tax relief in some nations.

## **§ 4 ATTAINMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1** Prospective members must submit an application appropriate to the bye-laws for the awarding of membership directly to the Amphictyony.
- 4.2** The awarding of membership is decided upon by the Amphictyony. The body's decision will be related to the applicant in writing. The Amphictyony is not required to give reasons for its decision.
- 4.3** Within one (1) month of receiving an official written refusal of membership, an applicant may submit a written appeal to the Amphictyony which will be decided upon in the course of the next Session, this decision being final.

## **§ 5 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMEBERS**

- 5.1** The members practice their rights in the Session as accorded by §9 of these statutes.
- 5.2** The members agree to:
- 5.2.1** - promote all activities of the IDC as defined under §2 of these statutes, either as members of the IDC or of an IDC-accredited organisation;
  - 5.2.2** - promote and take part in the running of the Delphic Games and the Junior Delphic Games;
  - 5.2.3** - initiate their own undertakings at a national level for the promotion of the goals of the IDC;
  - 5.2.4** - report to the Amphictyony at regular intervals on the development of the Delphic Movement and its members in their own country;
  - 5.2.5** - organise a fax number and an e-mail address in order to ensure that communication is possible at all times;
  - 5.2.6** - take part in the Sessions and to contribute to the work of the committees of the Delphic Movement insofar as they are able to do so;

- 5.2.7** - ensure the prompt payment to the treasurer of the IDC of membership fees as laid down by the Session in the regulations covering fees;
- 5.2.8** - inform the Amphictyony within one month of any changes to their legal status including submission of any relevant documents;
- 5.2.9** - respect the boundaries of jurisdiction of other members and, in particular, to engage in fundraising efforts beyond the boundaries of their own jurisdiction only when they have received written permission to do so from the Amphictyony in advance;
- 5.2.10** - inform the Amphictyony of any use of the Delphic symbols (as defined in §13 below) other than as permitted following confirmation of membership.

## **§ 6 SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS**

- 6.1** Legal and natural persons who, despite receiving a written demand, do not submit their membership fees as required, can not enjoy their rights as members until such time as they submit the arrears. Suspension of membership rights is formally established by the Amphictyony, which intimates a further one (1) month deadline for the submission of arrears when the fees are three (3) months overdue, after which deadline the membership rights in question will be suspended.
- 6.2** The suspension of membership can further take place when a member does not, after two (2) requests to do so, fulfil his/her responsibilities towards the IDC as defined in these statutes.
- 6.3** The termination of suspension of membership will be related to the member in question by the Amphictyony in any way it chooses.

## **§ 7 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 7.1** Membership is terminated by:
  - 7.1.1** Resignation, which can only be accepted when submitted in writing to the Amphictyony with effect from the end of the current calendar year;
  - 7.1.2** Formal rescinding of membership, which can only be effected by the Session and against which members have the right to take legal proceedings according to the law of the Federal Republic of Germany.

- 7.2** The formal rescinding of membership should be preceded by a written warning (expression of misgiving with regard to the activities of the member hitherto) from the Amphictyony, unless the nature and gravity of the member's infringement make it necessary to decide upon the annulment of membership immediately. In the case of a warning, the member should be given the opportunity to demonstrate satisfactorily, within an appropriate time limit, the abandonment of the course of action which led to the warning. A warning of this nature may also be agreed upon by a majority decision of the Session.
- 7.3** Following annulment of membership, a member has no further claim to the Association's funds nor to receipt or award of any part of those funds.

## **§ 8 ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The organs of the IDC are:

- 8.1 Session** (Members' Assembly)
- 8.2 Amphictyony** (Executive Board)
- 8.3 President**
- 8.4 Secretary General**

## **§ 9 SESSION (Members' Assembly)**

- 9.1 Powers:** The Session is the highest body of the IDC and possesses as such sole authority and competence within the IDC and is not answerable to any other organ within the IDC. It falls under the legal jurisdiction of the Federal Republic of Germany and its legislative bodies. It has the duty of appointing individuals to the positions defined below as well as undertaking any additions or changes to these statutes or delegating this task to the Amphictyony. In particular, the Session is responsible for:
- 9.1.1** - the election and removal of the Amphictyons;
  - 9.1.2** - the election and removal of the President;
  - 9.1.3** - the election and removal of the Secretary General;
  - 9.1.4** - the reception and approval of the annual reports and accounts of the above mentioned organs;
  - 9.1.5** - the changes and amendments of the statutes;

- 9.1.6** - the revocation of membership;
- 9.1.7** - the dissolution of the association.
- 9.2** **Voting rights:** Each member eligible to vote has one (1) vote. Every voting or non-voting member – unless being an individual – shall be represented by a delegation. All delegates must be nominated by the member organisation to which they belong in a manner appropriate to their membership of that organisation or, in the case of membership by a governmental organisation, in a manner defined by the state regulations in question. Honorary members should represent themselves. Amphictyony have all rights of participation in the Session by virtue of their office, provided however that the office of an Amphiktyon does not confer an own right of vote upon its holder.  
The representation of a member by a proxy with written power of attorney is permitted.
- 9.3** **Assemblies:** Regular and extraordinary Sessions should take place every two (2) years; they must be held every four (4) years Extraordinary Sessions shall be convened upon request of:
- 9.3.1** the President;
- 9.3.2** the Secretary General;
- 9.3.3** three (3) members of the Amphicityony;
- 9.3.4** 10% of the number of members.
- 9.3.5** In the cases described in sub-sections 9.3.3 and 9.3.4 hereinabove, the request to convene the Session shall be directed to the Amphiktyonia to the attention of the Secretary General or the President setting forth the subject of the Session requested, the resolutions proposed to be adopted at the Session and the reasons for both the request to convene and the resolutions to be adopted.
- 9.3.6** The invitation to the session shall be made in all cases by the Secretary General or the President in writing, observing a period of notice of at least six (6) weeks, including the day of dispatch of the invitation and the day of the Session. In case of an extraordinary Session, the period of notice can be shortened to three (3) weeks. The invitation shall be sent to the address notified last by the member to the IDC.
- 9.3.7** The invitation has to include the agenda. The minorities referred to in sub-section 9.3.3 and 9.3.4 above can demand additional subjects to be put on the agenda of a Session convened. The requirement shall be made within one (1) week from the date of the invitation to the Secretary General or the President, who shall notify all members of the requirement in writing forthwith, however not later than four (4) weeks prior to the date of the Session, including the date of dispatch of notification and the date of the Session.

- 9.3.8** In the case of a convening Session being requested by three (3) members of the Amphiktyonia or by a minority as per sub-sections 9.3.3, 9.3.4 above, the invitation can be sent by the persons requesting, following the authorisation of the Registration Court according to § 37 BGB, as long as the President or the Secretary General has not convened a session within six (6) weeks from the receipt of the request (date of Invitation letter). The invitation shall specify and substantiate the prerequisites described above for the convening by such members of minorities.
- 9.3.9** A Session shall have a quorum if all voting members have been invited properly. The Session shall also have a quorum if all voting members are present and no voting member objects.
- 9.4 Resolutions:** The Session decides in particular on the matters referred to in sub-section 9.1 above. In addition, the Session shall have the power to decide on any and all matters concerning the association including, but not limited to, any matter primarily conferred upon any other organ of the association by these statutes, any business distribution plan or other regulation.
- 9.4.1** Resolutions shall require the simple majority of votes unless otherwise provided for in these statutes or by law. Abstentions do not count as a vote. In case of an equal number of votes, the resolution shall be deemed not adopted. The manner of how the votes are cast shall be determined by the chairperson of the Session. Modifications of, or amendments to these statutes, or the dissolution of the association shall require a three quarters (3/4) majority of votes.;
- 9.4.2** Resolutions of the Session shall be recorded in the minutes. The minutes shall be signed by the chairperson of the Session and by the person writing the minutes.
- 9.4.3** Outside a Session, resolutions may be passed in writing subject to the following procedure ("**Written Resolution**"): Written Resolutions may be passed by mail, telefax, e-mail or any other means of communication providing a permanent record. The request to vote is initiated by the Secretary General or the President and shall be sent to all voting members to the last address notified by the member to the IDC allowing for an answering period of no less than one (1) month from the date of the request to vote to the date of receipt of the answer by the association, both inclusive. All other persons or bodies eligible to participate in a Session shall be copied on the request to vote. Written Resolutions are valid if passed under observation of the procedure referred to hereinabove regardless of the number of voting members having cast a vote unless three (3) voting members have expressly objected to passing a resolution by way of a Written Resolution.  
The results of the Written Resolution procedure shall be notified to all members by the Amphictyony.

- 9.4.4** Claims for invalidity of a resolution are precluded unless being notified to the Amphictyony within one (1) month from the date of receipt of the protocol, and - unless the Amphictyony promptly convenes a Session to decide on the claim – being brought before court within a further period of two (2) months from the said date of receipt of the protocol, however in no case not later than within six (6) months of the date of passing the resolution. In case of a Written Resolution, the date of receipt of the protocol shall be deemed to be the date of receipt of the notification of the results of the Written Resolution procedure, and the date of passing the resolution shall be deemed to be the date of dispatch of the said notification of the results of the Written Resolution procedure.

## § 10 AMPHICTYONY (Executive Board)

- 10.1 Principles, election:** The structure and the title ‘Amphictyony’ (Executive Board) are modelled on the original body extant in ancient Greece. As befits this model, the maximum number of members of the Amphictyony is twelve (12) and each member carries the title ‘Amphictyon’.
- 10.1.1** The election of the Amphictyons is incumbent upon the Session.
- 10.1.2** The Executive Board as specifically defined in § 26, section 2 BGB (Civil Code of Germany) consists of the President and the Secretary General. The President and the Secretary General each have the power to represent the association alone. By resolution of the Amphictyony they may be exempt from the limitations defined by § 181 BGB (i.e. the power to sign contracts on behalf of the association with themselves or in representation of a third party).
- 10.1.3** The regular time in office of an Amphictyon shall be until the next ordinary Session following his/her election.
- 10.1.4** The President and the Secretary General are members of the Amphictyony by virtue of their respective offices; they are to be offset from the maximum number of Amphictyons.
- 10.1.5** Should less than twelve (12) members be elected by the Session, or should one or more Amphictyons resign during their period of office, or should an Amphictyon die while in office, the vacant position may be filled temporarily until the next Session by a person appointed by joint agreement of the President and the Secretary General. All Amphictyons must be informed immediately of any temporary replacement in the Amphictyony. Members who have been elected on the recommendation of an NDC can only be temporarily appointed to the Amphictyony with the agreement of the NDC in question. Temporarily appointed Amphictyons have full voting rights within the Amphictyony.



- 10.1.6** The Amphictyony establishes the structure and logistical framework for the work of the IDC as defined in these statutes. In order to ensure that this work is carried out and to support the Amphictyony in its deliberations, it can establish regionally operative 'Delphic Directorates' as well as supraregional 'Delphic Councils' to address subjects of general importance, whose members the Amphictyony would designate.
- 10.2 Members:** Only natural persons can be elected to the Amphictyony. Election takes place on an individual basis. Amphictyons who have no particular commissioned function can, however, be elected on a group basis. Removal from office and re-election are permissible.
- 10.3 Powers:** The Amphictyony executes the business of the association. This is in particular:
- 10.3.1** the responsibilities assigned to it by these statutes or by resolution of the Session;
  - 10.3.2** the establishment of the annual financial statement;
  - 10.3.3** the drawing up and acceptance of the annual business plan;
  - 10.3.4** the establishment of Bye-Laws on the basis of and in line with these Statutes. The Bye-Laws are not part of the Statutes. A modification of the Bye-Laws, whether by the Amphictyony or the Session, does not require a qualified majority.
- 10.4 Standing orders, resolutions:** The Amphictyony can give itself standing orders. The Amphictyony decides by resolutions in Amphictyony meetings, which gathers when required.
- 10.4.1 Meetings** of the Amphictyony shall be convened upon request of the President, the Secretary General or three (3) of its members. The invitation shall be made by the President or the Secretary General observing a period of notice of at least one (1) month. In case the President or Secretary General do not comply with the request of three (3) Amphictyons to convene the meeting of the Amphictyony within three (3) weeks from the receipt of the request, the invitation can be issued by the initiating Amphictyons themselves. The invitation shall specify and substantiate the prerequisites described above for the convening by such members.
  - 10.4.2** Outside a meeting, resolutions may be passed in writing subject to the following procedure ("**Written Resolution**"): Written Resolutions may be passed by mail, telefax, e-mail or any other means of communication providing for a permanent record. The request to vote is initiated by the Secretary General or the President and shall be sent to all Amphictyons to the last address notified by the Amphictyon allowing for an answering period of no less than three (3) weeks from the date of the request to vote to the date of receipt of the answer by the association, both inclusive.
  - 10.4.3** Written Resolutions are valid if passed under observation of the procedure referred to hereinabove, regardless of the number of voting members having cast a vote, unless three (3) members have expressly objected to passing a resolution by way of a Written Resolution.

- 10.5** The Amphictyony may invite the directors or other members of particular commissions to speak during its sittings. Members of the Commissions thus present at a sitting are not eligible to vote.
- 10.6 Meetings:** Scheduled and extraordinary sittings of the Amphictyony should take place not less frequently than once a year and furthermore on any occasion deemed necessary by the resolutions of the Amphictyony. The Amphictyony is empowered to pass resolutions regardless of the strength of attendance of the Amphictyons, assuming that all members concerned received a written invitation to a particular sitting one month in advance.
- 10.7 Voting:** Each elected member of the Amphictyony has one (1) vote. The members are not, however, as a privilege of their position, automatically imbued with the right to vote in commissions, committees and working parties which have been called into existence by the Amphictyony and the Session. Unless otherwise specified in the statutes or by public law a resolution is accepted by the Amphictyony as a result of a simple majority of the votes cast.

## **§ 11 PRESIDENT**

- 11.1** The President will be elected by the session. His time in office remains until the next ordinary session which follows his election.
- 11.2** The President is, as a right of office, during his permanence as authority in office a member with concomitant full voting rights of any commission of the IDC.

## **§ 12 SECRETARY GENERAL**

- 12.1** The Secretary General shall be elected by the Session. His/her time in office shall be until the next ordinary Session following his/her election. The Secretary General is responsible for the day to day management of all businesses and affairs of the association between Amphictyony meetings.
- 12.2** The Secretary General shall, by virtue of his/her office as Secretary General, be a voting member of the Amphictyony and all commissions of the IDC.
- 12.3** The Secretary General fulfils his/her position on a full-time basis and is remunerated accordingly.

## **§ 13 COMMISSIONS**

- 13.1** With regard to particular topics and tasks, either the Session or the Amphictyony can establish commissions. All commissions are headed by a director. Members of a commission are not required to also be members of the IDC.
- 13.2** The Commissions operate according to procedural guidelines issued by the Amphictyony. An estimate of the costs arising from the work of a commission is established by the Amphictyony and confirmed by the Session.

## **§ 14 SYMBOLS**

- 14.1** The symbols of the Delphic Network are utilised by the IDC under licence, as distributed by the copyright holder. Once membership of the IDC has been confirmed, members have the right to utilise the symbols in order to carry out their responsibilities within the IDC. Prior to all planned utilisation of the IDC symbols, a copy of the document or publication in question must be submitted to the Secretary General for approval. Without such approval, use of the symbols is not permitted.
- 14.2** The symbols are based on representation of the six (6) arts (performing arts, figurative arts, linguistic arts, traditional arts and crafts, social arts, ecological arts) which are part of the Delphic Games of the Modern Age.
- 14.3.1** The symbol of the IDC, of the Delphic Games and of the Junior Delphic Games consists of six (6) interlacing semicircles which form a ring in the spectral colours of the rainbow.

## **§ 15 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

- 15.1** Each member is obliged to pay its membership fees.
- 15.2** Honorary Members are exempt from any membership dues.
- 15.3** The details of the membership fees and rules shall be set by the Amphictyony. However, the Session shall have the power to adopt membership fees and rules at any time in its own right or overrule any fees and rules set by the Amphictyony.

## **§ 16**

### **INITIATOR AND CO-FOUNDER SPECIAL RIGHTS**

Mr. J. Christian B. Kirsch, Berlin is the Initiator of the Delphic Movement of the Modern Era and of the International Delphic Council. After year-long preparations, he organised the Founding Assembly of the International Delphic Council in December 1994. In order to honour his merits as Initiator and Co-Founder of the IDC

- 16.1** He is a permanent voting member of the Amphictyony until the age of eighty (80) years. His membership shall be offset from the maximum number of Amphictyons.
- 16.2** After leaving the Amphictyony, for which reason whatsoever, including but not limited to when leaving the Amphictyony before the age of eighty (80), he shall be the Honorary President of the IDC. The Honorary President of the IDC shall have the right to attend all Sessions, Amphictyony meetings and meetings of the commissions. The Honorary President has no voting right.

## **§ 17**

### **ASSOCIATION LANGUAGES**

The official language of the Association is English. Provided that:

- 17.1** For all purposes and effects of these Statutes and their interpretation the German language shall be the sole official language, provided further that notwithstanding the aforesaid an English translation shall be made available to each member upon request;
- 17.2** The right of countries hosting Delphic Games or every other event related to the IDC to use their own language(s) in addition to English at such Delphic Games or other events and in connection therewith shall remain unaffected. In case of discrepancies the English version shall prevail.

## **§ 18**

### **DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 18.1** The Association can be dissolved by a decision of the Session. A resolution for the dissolution of the Association may only be proposed, when the resolution for the dissolution of the Association is included in the proposed agenda for an upcoming Session and is communicated to the members in advance.
- 18.2** A three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) majority of the votes cast is necessary for the dissolution of the Association.

- 18.3** On the dissolution of the Association or as a result of alterations to the Association's aims such that its status as a charitable organisation no longer applies, its financial resources shall be transferred either to a legal person subject to public law or to another body of charitable status for the purpose of the promotion of tolerance in all cultural areas and of international understanding.

## **§ 19 CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Should conflicts arise between the bodies of the Association or among members, a mediation process shall be initiated prior to any resolution of the Session, to a call for an extraordinary convocation of the Session or to the granting of permission to initiate legal proceedings. Details of this mediation process are prescribed in mediation regulations as issued by the Amphictyony.

## **§ 20 POWER OF ATTORNEY OVER ALTERATIONS TO THE STATUTES AND BYE-LAWS**

- 20.1** Should any court or other institute of public law declare any measure or stipulation contained in these statutes and bye-laws to be invalid for legal reasons, the remaining content of the statutes and the regulations for their implementation are unaffected in terms of their legality, function and validity by this declaration. The regulation in question must further be replaced by a regulation which upholds the spirit of the invalid section. The replacement section must be presented to the Session for approval at its next sitting.
- 20.2** The Secretary General is empowered, to undertake any emergency steps deemed necessary in order to maintain the Association's legal and charitable status, including making alterations to the statutes and/or bye-laws. Such changes would normally be the responsibility of the Session or the Amphictyony. Changes which take place as described are subject to ratification by the next Session or sitting of the Amphictyony, unless otherwise specified.