

According to Articles 4, 8 and 9 of the Societies Act (Official Gazette of RS, no. 64/2011), on 24 November 2012 the Founding Assembly passed a decision to establish the European Association for Asian Art and Archaeology and adopted the following Statute (changed at the General Assembly on Aug 26, 2017):

**S T A T U T E**

**of the European Association for Asian Art and  
Archaeology**

**(EAAA)**

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1**

The name of the association shall be »European Association for Asian Art and Archaeology« (hereinafter »the Association«) that shall operate in accordance with the provisions of this Statute. The short name shall be Association EAAA and the abbreviation EAAA. In international communications the English version »European Association for Asian Art and Archaeology« shall be used.

**Article 2**

The European Association for Asian Art and Archaeology is a voluntary, independent, non-profit association operating in the field of Asian art and archaeology. The Association shall be registered as a non-profit and non-political organisation in a European country.

**Article 3**

The Association is a legal person governed by private law. The seat of the Association is in Ljubljana at the address: Aškerčeva 2, SI-1000, Ljubljana (Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana).

#### **Article 4**

The Association has its own mark, consisting of abbreviated name of the Association.

#### **Article 5**

The Association can cooperate with other international associations, organisations, institutes and societies operating in the field of Asian Art and Archaeology. The Association can operate independently or can join similar international and foreign associations with similar aims and objectives.

#### **Article 6**

The work of the Association and its bodies is public.

The Association informs its members:

- through exercise of the right to gain an insight into the records of the Association's bodies;
- through regular meetings;
- through electronic media; and
- by using other ways

The President of the Association is responsible for ensuring publicity. The President may authorise another member to conduct public relations who shall be responsible for the authenticity and accuracy of the related information.

## **II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Article 7**

The Association shall not engage in any political activity nor pursue private interests.

## **Article 8**

The aims and objectives of the Association are to:

- encourage and advance all academic and scholarly activities related to Asian art and archaeology in all countries of Europe;
- strive to create and maintain a platform for the fruitful exchange of ideas;
- open a dialogue between scholars of Asian art history and archaeology; and
- offer a platform for the presentation and discussion of recent research that would further contribute to the humanities and the prosperity of all of society.

## **Article 9**

The aims and objectives of the Association shall, in particular, be achieved through the following activities:

- organisation of regular conferences;
- organisation of seminars, thematic conferences, workshops, symposia, study events, lectures;
- engaging in different ways to support young scholars and young researchers in Europe;
- publication projects:
  - Journal of Asian Art and Archaeology,
  - publications in the field of Asian art and archaeology, especially publications of scientific research results,
  - conference proceedings;
- involvement in exhibitions and other forms of cooperation with museums and galleries devoted to Asian art and archaeology;
- promotion of contacts and cooperation between scholars and students conducting research into and teaching Asian art and archaeology;
- facilitating cooperation with other organisations having similar aims; and
- disseminating any kind of information and resources related to Asian art and archaeology.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Article 10**

Membership in the Association is voluntary.

#### **Article 11**

The Association shall consist of ordinary members, corporate members and honorary members.

- Any individual older than 18 years interested in supporting the Association's aims and achieving its objectives may become an ordinary member, irrespective of their nationality or residence. An ordinary member shall pay an annual fee to be determined by the Board.
- Corporate members shall be organisations that wish to support the Association's aims by paying an open contribution or annual fee to be determined by the Board, irrespective of the country of their seat or administration. As to the management of the Association, a corporate member is represented by one authorised representative.
- Honorary members shall be nominated by the Board in recognition of their eminent contributions to the aims of the Association. They shall be elected by the General Assembly. Honorary members do not pay membership fees. They have the same rights as ordinary and corporate members unless they are themselves not an ordinary or corporate member.

#### **Article 12**

With the exception of honorary members, all other members shall pay an annual membership fee determined by the Board. The Board shall determine the amount of the membership fee.

#### **Article 13**

Anyone wishing to become a member shall submit a written request, CV and statement that they will adhere to the provisions of this Statute. The application shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Association, which approves the membership. The Board may reject an application of membership where a legal entity or private individual does not fulfil the conditions set out in Article 11. A decision by the Executive Board not to approve a

membership application may be overruled by a decision of the General Assembly. Standardised application forms may be used. On applying, the applicant, or an authorised representative in the case of associations and corporations, declares by providing his or her name and address that they will adhere to the provisions of this Statute. A member is accepted as soon as the Executive Board gives its written approval of the application and the membership fee has been received.

#### **Article 14**

Ordinary and corporate members have equal rights and obligations as prescribed in Articles 15 and 16.

#### **Article 15**

The rights of members are:

- to vote for and be elected to the bodies of the Association;
- to participate in activities organised by the Association on conditions determined by the Assembly of the Association;
- to pursue their interests related to the aims and objectives of the Association;
- to regularly receive an e-newsletter; and
- to be familiar with the programme and financial management of the Association.

#### **Article 16**

The obligations of members are:

- to respect the Statute and other acts and decisions of the bodies of the Association;
- to actively participate in promotions and events organised by the Association;
- to contribute to the achievement of the Association's aims and objectives;
- to regularly pay a membership fee in an amount to be set by the Board of the Association;
- to provide information to the Association relevant to the carrying out of mutually agreed objectives;
- to educate and pass on their knowledge and experience;

- to protect the reputation of the Association; and
- to not endanger themselves or others by their activities.

#### **Article 17**

Any failure to comply with the above mentioned obligations is a violation of the commitments made by a member upon joining the Association.

#### **Article 18**

The status of a member of the Association may be terminated in the following circumstances:

- voluntary resignation which should be provided in written form to the Executive Board;
- suspension upon a decision of the Executive Committee if the membership fee has not been paid for more than three years;
- exclusion upon a decision of the Board if a member has substantially violated the interests of the Association. Before such a decision is taken, the member must be informed about the proposed exclusion and its reasons. The member should then be given the opportunity to justify their behaviour personally or in written form to the Board within a reasonable period of time. Any written statement by the member concerned must be read out aloud during the Board meeting. The decision of the Board including the reasons for it must be sent to the member by registered mail. The Board's decision can be overruled by a decision of the General Assembly; or
- death or upon the dissolution of a member that is a legal entity.

### **IV. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Article 19**

The bodies of the Association are the:

- General Assembly;
- Board; and

- Executive Committee.

Meetings of bodies of the Association may be conducted by correspondence using modern electronic technology. Meetings shall be convened and conducted *mutatis mutandis* according to the provisions of this Statute.

## **Article 20**

The Association shall be governed by a Board with a President, which shall be assisted by an Executive Committee.

## **Article 21**

### **General Assembly**

The General Assembly shall comprise all members. The General Assembly can be regular or extraordinary. A regular General Assembly shall be convened once every two years. Members shall receive notice along with a provisional agenda. An extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened upon a proposal of the Board or an initiative of at least one-quarter of its members who submit their proposal to the Board. The Board shall be convened within 30 days of receipt of the proposal. In case the Board fails to do so, the General Assembly shall be convened upon a proposal of the proposer who has to submit the agenda and suitable documents.

An extraordinary General Assembly shall decide solely on the items for which it has been convened.

The General Assembly shall do the following:

- decide on the agenda;
- decide on changes to the Statute;
- regularly approve the budget planned by the Board;
- receive reports by the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer on their respective responsibilities;
- approve or correct accounts;
- discuss all matters on the agenda prepared by the Board;

- appoint and dismiss two auditors to examine and check the accounts. They shall submit a report to the General Assembly, which shall then declare the particular accounting period closed;
- appoint and dismiss members of the Board by a simple majority vote of members present and voting;
- appoint and dismiss the President of the Association by a simple majority vote of members present and voting;
- appoint and dismiss honorary members nominated by the Board; and
- dissolve the Association and determine the use of its assets.

The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President or, if he/she is absent, by any other Board member.

Decisions will be made by the members present at the assembly. Decisions at the General Assembly shall be made by a simple majority of members present and voting. Where there is no majority of votes, the proposer shall present the theme anew and, following that presentation, the decision shall be reconsidered. Decisions shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting signed by the Secretary or, if he/she is absent, by any other Board member as a minute taker. Members should receive the minutes within three months of a meeting. Objections may only be raised within one month of the minutes being made available. Meetings of the General Assembly shall be public unless determined otherwise by this Statute.

## **Article 22**

### **Board**

The Board along with the President has the power to govern the Association, assisted by the Executive Committee.

It consists of 11 members: the President, members of the Executive Committee and other members.

The Board is responsible to the General Assembly.



Members of the following boards shall be elected by a show of hands at each General Assembly. Candidates for Board membership shall apply formally to the Secretary before the date of a General Assembly.

They shall be elected for a period of two years. They may be re-elected for further consecutive terms of office.

The functions and responsibilities of the Board:

- it has the power to manage the Association;
- it shall implement decisions taken by the General Assembly;
- it is responsible for all matters and objectives of the Association as described in Articles 8 and 9 of the Statute;
- it shall prepare the General Assembly;
- it shall plan and run regular conferences in cooperation with institutes or universities involved in Asian studies and art and archaeology;
- it may appoint small committees on an ad hoc basis for specific duties. Such committees shall be responsible to the Board and submit a report on the specific tasks entrusted to them;
- it shall undertake annual and biennial budget planning and submit it to the General Assembly for confirmation;
- it shall nominate honorary members;
- it shall elect an Executive Committee from among its members and supervise their responsibilities; and
- it shall meet at least once a year and more often if necessary. The minutes of Board meetings shall record all decisions made by the Board. The minutes shall be signed by the President and the Secretary. Meetings of the Board shall require a quorum of one-third of its members present. All decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote of members present and voting. An evenly balanced result shall be decided by the casting vote of the President.

## Article 23

### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the executive body of the Association and performs technical and administrative work.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Board for its acts or omissions.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, a General Secretary, a Treasurer and a Webmaster. They shall be elected for a period of two years. They may be re-elected for two further consecutive terms of office. Apart from the President, members are appointed by the Board.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year.

During the intervals between full Board meetings, the Executive Committee shall have the power to:

- administer the Association;
- implement decisions made by the Board and the General Assembly;
- take any initiative to promote the Association;
- for important matters affecting the structure, organisation, financial resources or the Statute of the Association, the Executive Committee shall obtain the approval of the majority of Board members. The consent of Board members may be obtained by correspondence, including an electronic vote. The details and results of the voting shall be made known to all Board members.

The General Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence and files, convoking meetings and the General Assembly, and drafting the minutes of Board meetings. The General Secretary may be assisted in this work by an Assistant Secretary.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for day-to-day management of the funds of the Association, bookkeeping, and collecting all documents related to financial operations. The Treasurer shall keep a regular record of all operations carried out and report on them to the Board and the General Assembly. The Treasurer may be assisted in this work by a chartered

accountant selected by the Board. The Treasurer shall not transfer the ownership of any assets of the Association without the Board's consent.

The Webmaster is in charge of maintaining and updating the website of the Association. The Webmaster will be assisted in this work by a certified specialist supervised by the Board.

## **Article 24**

### **President**

The President shall be the chair of the Association, the Board and the Executive Committee.

The President is the representative of the Association and shall represent the Association in relation to third parties, government and administrative bodies and organisations at home and abroad in all acts of civil life.

The President is responsible to the General Assembly.

The President, who shall be a member of the Board, shall be elected by a secret ballot at the General Assembly. Nominations for this election, signed by three members of the Association, must be received by the Secretary before the date of the General Assembly. A member can only support one nominee. The outgoing President shall ensure that at least one nomination is in the Secretary's hands by the date of that General Assembly. The President shall be elected by a simple majority of members present and voting.

The President shall be elected for a period of two years and may be re-elected for two further consecutive terms of office.

The President shall convene meetings of the General Assembly and the Board and preside over all meetings.

The President may temporarily appoint a third party to manage individual actions.

In cases where the President is absent or unable to perform the required duties, they shall be temporarily replaced by a Vice-President elected by the Board members (as necessary).

## **V. PROFITS AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Article 25**

The Association shall derive its financial resources from the following:

- annual membership fees;
- public and private funds and grants;
- income from its own assets;
- the proceeds of organising special events and publications;
- individual donations; and
- any legally acceptable resource or grant.

### **Article 26**

The Association shall manage the following profitable actions in accordance with the (Slovenian) Standard Classification of Activities:

- organisation of conferences and others (Article 9) (activity code 82.300);
- publishing of magazines and publications (activity codes 58.110 and 58.140);
- advertising (activity code 73.110); and
- research and development projects in the social sciences and humanities (activity code 72.200).

### **Article 27**

Any profits and other funds of the Association are only to be used in accordance with the objectives of this Statute. Members neither receive shares in the profits nor any other transfers from funds of the Association.

No person shall benefit from expenses contrary to the Association's stated objects or through unreasonably high levels of compensation.

#### **Article 28**

The Association shall operate with financial sources in accordance with the programme and annual financial plans approved by the General Assembly.

#### **Article 29**

Financial and material documents shall be signed by the President of the Association following approval by the General Assembly or by a representative of the Association authorised by the President.

#### **Article 30**

The Association operates a bank account.

#### **Article 31**

Financial and material management shall be conducted in accordance with applicable regulations. Accountancy matters and the preparing of individual reports for tax and statistical purposes along with any other help with financial and material items can be transferred to an external party under a suitable contract. The Association shall maintain a book of receipts and payments (cash book), whereas the remaining data for the annual report shall be provided via an annual inventory and assessment.

## **VI. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Article 32**

The Association shall be dissolved upon the discretion of the members, upon its merger with another association, upon bankruptcy, upon the basis of a court decision prohibiting its operations, or by the operation of law.

Dissolution of the Association upon the discretion of the members can only be decided by the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority.

### **Article 33**

In the event of dissolution, the General Assembly shall appoint one or more responsible persons to carry out the dissolution and transfer of any remaining assets of the Association to the transferee. Members of the Association shall not receive any portion of the assets. The assets of the Association must be transferred to a similar association or institution to be used for non-profit purposes for the promotion of scholarship and research or education. The General Assembly shall decide the details.

## **VI. AMENDMENTS AND REGISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Article 34**

The provisions of this Statute shall enter into force immediately upon being approved by the General Assembly.

### **Article 35**

The provisions of this Statute may only be amended by the General Assembly. Members shall be given notice of the proposed amendments two months before the Assembly is convened.

### **Article 36**

The adoption of an amendment by the General Assembly shall require the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present.

### **Article 37**

The President shall be responsible for taking all measures necessary to establish the Association and register any amendments to its Statute.

This Statute was approved by the General Assembly at the constitutive meeting held on 24 November 2012. It was further supplemented on 27 September 2013.