

STATUTES

Of the association

EUROPEAN HIGH PRESSURE RESEARCH GROUP (EHPRG)

I. GENERAL

Art.1 Name-Headquarters-Duration

1. Under the name of *European High Pressure Research Group* (EHPRG), an association is established which provides a legal frame to the group of scientists with the same name established in 1961. These Statutes formalize a list of rules established by the former Chairmen of the EHPRG and summarized in a document of December 2012. The association is governed by articles 21 and following of the French Civil Code. It is initially recorded on the Register of Associations of the Magistrates' court of Paris.
2. The association was established for an indefinite duration.
3. Its Headquarters are initially established at 4 Place Jussieu, 75252 Paris, France.
4. Any communications of the EHPRG with its members is made through its mailing list megabar@ehprg.org. This list contains, besides the names of the members of the EHPRG (Art. 3), those of other people interested in the topics of the EHPRG.

Art. 2 The aims of the EHPRG

1. The aim of the EHPRG is to contribute to the progress of research and technology of high pressures in Europe and in other nearby countries by using appropriate means, in particular:
 - a) By providing a forum for discussion on topics of common interest.
 - b) By organizing annually a congress that presents advances on the subject. The organization of this congress follows certain recommendations described in the Governing Rules which are not included in these Statutes.
 - c) By disseminating progress on the subject in suitable media, including through the internet.
 - d) By providing advice on questions that must be addressed on international scale.

II. MEMBERS

Art. 3 Types of memberships

The EHPRG has regular members and honorary members. The regular members are persons who paid an annual contribution. This contribution is usually included in the registration fee of the annual conference. The honorary members are persons who made an outstanding contribution to the progress of the science or the technology of high pressures. The Governing Rules explain, among others, the possible exceptions of these rules.

Art. 4 Obligations and Responsibilities

1. The Members of the EHPRG do not answer personally to debts and liabilities of the EHPRG.
2. The EHPRG's responsibility for these debts and liabilities is limited to the amount of its assets.

Art. 5 Duration and End

Membership in the EHPRG comes to an end:

- a) If the annual contribution is not paid.
- b) By voluntary retreat during the duration of one's contribution.
- c) As a result of death.

III. ORGANISATION & STRUCTURE

Art. 6 The three bodies of the EHPRG are:

- a) The Executive Committee
- b) The EHPRG Committee
- c) The General Assembly

IV. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Art. 7 Structure of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee consists of the following persons:

- a) The Chair of the EHPRG, who also chairs the sessions of the EHPRG Committee.
- b) The Secretary.
- c) The Treasurer.
- d) A Treasurer Delegate who has his/her affiliation at the location of the Headquarters. He/she is in charge of the local administrative duties, in particular the liaison with the authority where the EHPRG is registered and with the bank that holds the account of the EHPRG. This person can be the Treasurer, the Chair or the Secretary him- or herself.

Committee and the General Assembly.

V. THE EHPRG COMMITTEE

Art. 9 Structure and composition of the EHPRG Committee

1. The EHPRG committee is composed as follows:
 - a) The members of the Executive Committee (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer Delegate)
 - b) Sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) members of the EHPRG.
 - c) Two ex-officio members: The President of the AIRAPT and the chair of the Condensed Matter Division of the European Physical Society (EPS). They have no right of vote within the EHPRG Committee.

2. The Chair and the Secretary are elected by the General Assembly for three years. The Treasurer and the Treasurer Delegate are also elected by the General Assembly, but with no limit on the term of office. Their replacement is requested by the Chair and voted for by the General Assembly.
3. The Secretary usually takes on the function of the Chair immediately after the mandate of the later has expired.
4. A former Chair or Secretary can never be re-elected in the same function, except in exceptional circumstances, even after a long interruption of his/her function.
5. The new members start their duties immediately after the end of the EHPRG conference during which they were elected.

2. The members of the EHPRG Committee are elected for a period of three years by the General Assembly. They start their duties immediately after the end of the EHPRG conference during which they were elected.
3. A member who has served for three years has to wait for a period of at least three years before standing for membership in the EHPRG Committee again.
4. If possible, the composition of the EHPRG Committee has to:
 - a) Represent the diversity of the scientific areas of the EHPRG.
 - b) Represent the different countries of the EHPRG.
 - c) Respect gender balance.

Art. 8 Competence of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee governs and represents the EHPRG and is in charge of all issues which might concern the EHPRG.
2. The Executive Committee has the power of:
 - a) Carrying out all of the roles of the EHPRG as defined in Art. 2.
 - b) Administering all assets and property of the EHPRG.
 - c) Calling for the EHPRG Committee meeting and the General Assembly.
 - d) Organising elections and consultations when necessary.
 - e) Setting up committees for specific tasks that concern the EHPRG.
 - f) Implementing the decisions of the EHPRG Committee and the General Assembly.
 - g) Presenting a statement of the financial situation of the EHPRG to the EHPRG

5. For each election, the EHPRG Committee proposes a list of candidates to the General Assembly. This list should take into account, if possible, the criteria indicated in article 9.4. The General Assembly can then propose additional candidates who will be added to the list proposed by the EHPRG Committee. The General Assembly will then vote on this list.
6. As a general rule, the EHPRG Committee will discuss during its meeting various proposals of candidates and will try to find a consensus. For this, the Executive Committee will consult, well before the EHPRG Committee meeting, the outgoing members and will ask for proposals. The Executive Committee can also make a call for proposals from all the members of the EHPRG via its mailing list.

7. It is strongly recommended that the Executive Committee or the EHPRG Committee contacts potential candidates well before the meeting to insure that they indeed wish to be nominated as candidates and that they can be present at the next three Committee meetings, unless there is an exceptional reason for absence.

Art. 10 Competence of the EHPRG Committee

1. The main duties of the EHPRG Committee are:
 - a) Make suggestions on the scientific policy, on the organisation and place of future EHPRG conferences and on specific actions like pre-conference schools.
 - b) Suggest/nominate members for the Executive Committee and the EHPRG Committee, as well as new honorary members.
 - c) Decide on the amount of the annual membership contribution.
 - d) Advise on the choice of the annual EHPRG Award.
 - e) Accept donations to the EHPRG.
 - f) Propose modifications of the Statutes to the General Assembly and implement them if approved.

Art.11 EHPRG Committee Meeting

1. The EHPRG Committee meets at least once a year, usually during the annual EHPRG conference, on the day the registration starts.
2. The EHPRG Committee meets at the call from the Executive Committee. The call is sent to all members of the EHPRG Committee several weeks before the meeting. It should state the date, time, and approximate place of the meeting. The exact meeting place can be communicated later.
3. An EHPRG Committee member can be represented by another member. The power of representation has to be presented to the Executive Committee in written form (e-mail). A representing member cannot hold more than two powers of attorney.
4. The quorum of an EHPRG Committee meeting is 7 members effectively present (which corresponds to approximately 1/3 of the total number of members of the EHPRG Committee).

VI. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 12 Structure and Purpose of the General Assembly

All members of the EHPRG are invited to the General Assembly. The purpose of the General Assembly is to make decisions on proposals submitted either by the EHPRG Committee, or by the General Assembly.

Art. 13 Competence of the General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the EHPRG.
2. The General Assembly has all the powers which are not expressly awarded by the present Statutes to the EHPRG Committee or to a different body.
3. The General Assembly decides on the composition of the EHPRG Committee.
4. The General Assembly makes decisions on proposals from the EHPRG Committee.
5. The General Assembly has the exclusive power to dissolve or to merge the EHPRG, and to modify the Statutes.

Art. 14 Organisation of the General Assembly

1. A General Assembly is usually organized once a year during the annual EHPRG conference. It has to be held at least once every three years.
2. The General Assembly is convened by the Secretary or the Chair, by announcement on the mailing list of the EHPRG or by inclusion in the program of the annual EHPRG conference, indicating the place, the date and the time. This announcement will be sent at least one month before the date of the General Assembly. The detailed agenda can be disseminated at a later time.
3. The General Assembly is chaired by the Chair of the EHPRG. His/her presence is compulsory, except in unforeseen cases which must be justified in written form to the EHPRG Committee. If the Chair is absent, he/she will be represented by another member of the Executive Committee.
4. The Secretary takes notes or designates somebody to take notes for the Minutes.
5. Compulsory elements in the agenda of the General Assembly are:
 - a) The presentation of the agenda.
 - b) The approval of the report of the previous General Assembly. This text must be published at least one day before

the General Assembly. It will usually be posted near the room where the General Assembly is held or in another place easily accessible to all the Members, and clearly indicated.

- c) A financial report presented by the Treasurer.
- d) The approval of the financial report
- e) A presentation of the organizer of the following annual EHPRG conference. This presentation should include details of the conference: place, local organising committee, estimation of costs.
- f) Election of new members of the EHPRG Committee and the Executive Committee.

Art. 15 Votes and Majority

- 1. Each member of the EHPRG has one single vote.
- 2. Only members physically present at the General Assembly can vote. Nobody can hold powers of representation.
- 3. The voting is carried out by secret ballot. If there is an obvious consensus on a particular issue, the vote can be made by a show of hands.
- 4. Any decision to dissolve or to merge the EHPRG requires a majority of 2/3.
- 5. All other decisions require a simple majority.

VII. SECRETARY

Art. 16 Administration of the EHPRG

- 1. The Secretary is responsible for administrative affairs of the EHPRG. He/she establishes the minutes of deliberations and decisions of the General Assembly and the EHPRG Committee.
- 2. The minutes must mention the place, the date, the agenda, and the summary of the discussion and the content of the decisions. The minutes are signed by the Chair and the Secretary of the EHPRG.

VIII. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Art. 17 Resources and Funds

- 1. The financial resources of the EHPRG are :
 - a) The annual contributions of members.
 - b) Legacies, donations and contributions.
 - c) Subsidies or grants which might be attributed to EHPRG by private or public organisations.
 - d) All other resources the EHPRG might generate by its activities.
- 2. Details of annual contributions are described in the Governing Rules.

IX. DISSOLUTION OF THE EHPRG

Art. 18 Procedure and Assets

- 1. The dissolution of the EHPRG or its merger with any other organisation can be decided only by the General Assembly which is called expressly for this purpose.
- 2. In the event of dissolution of the EHPRG, its assets will be transferred to one or several organisations having a similar purpose as the EHPRG, following a decision of the General Assembly.

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