

# Articles of Association -The European Neutron Scattering Association

## Article 1: Status

The European Neutron Scattering Association (hereafter known as ENSA) is an affiliation of national neutron scattering societies and committees which directly represent users. The overriding purposes of ENSA are to provide a platform for discussion and a focus for action in neutron scattering and related topics in Europe.

## Article 2: Aims

- (i) To identify the needs of the neutron scattering community in Europe.
- (ii) To optimise the use of present European neutron sources.
- (iii) To support long-term planning of future European neutron sources.
- (iv) To assist with the co-ordination of the development and construction of instruments for neutron scattering.
- (v) To stimulate and promote neutron scattering activities and training in Europe, and in particular to support the opportunities for young scientists.
- (vi) To promote channels of communication with industry.
- (vii) To disseminate to the wider community information which demonstrates the powerful capabilities of neutron scattering techniques and other neutron methods.
- (viii) To assist, if appropriate, national affiliated bodies in the pursuit of their own goals.

## Article 3: Affiliation

Affiliation to ENSA is open to bodies representing neutron scattering users in European countries. The present affiliation is listed in Annex.1. Further affiliations shall be approved by the ENSA committee.

## Article 4: The ENSA Committee

### 4.1 Delegates

Each national group of affiliated bodies will nominate one delegate per country to the ENSA committee. A substitute delegate will be allowed. The individual delegation is recommended to be 3 years and is renewable.

## **4.2 Observers**

Invited observers to the ENSA committee will include representatives nominated by:

- The major European neutron scattering facilities
- Projects for new European neutron sources
- The European Science Foundation.
- Further individual observers will be co-opted according to the needs of ENSA.

## **Article 5: Organisation of the committee**

### **5.1 Executive Board**

The ENSA committee will nominate an Executive Board which will represent the association between formal meetings. It will comprise the Chairman, the Vice-chairman and the Secretary. While the Vice-chairman and the Secretary will be elected by the ENSA committee from amongst the current registered delegates, the Chairman has not to represent a national society and can hence also be elected from outside ENSA. The Chairman has a casting vote and only a casting vote if chosen from outside the ENSA delegates. The normal term of office will be 2 years.

### **5.2 Auditors**

The ENSA committee will also nominate two auditors from amongst the current registered delegates who supervise all financial matters. The normal term of office will be 2 years.

**5.3** Executives and auditors act in an exclusively honorary capacity. They have the right to claim reimbursement of expenses. Reimbursement of expenses is regulated in Annex 2.

**5.4** The ENSA committee will meet at least once per year, if possible associated with a user meeting of a member country. Meetings will be called by the Chairman.

**5.5** On the demand of at least one quarter of the committee members, the Chairman will arrange a meeting within two months of that request.

**5.6** Decisions other than modifications to the articles (Article 7) and new memberships which will require the approval of more than one half of all registered delegates at formal meetings of the committee, will be made by a simple majority of delegate votes present. The number of delegate votes per national society is given in Annex 3.

## **Article 6: Financial Matters**

**6.1** ENSA is pursuing no commercial purposes and not aiming for financial earnings.

**6.2** ENSA committee might provide funds for any action appropriate to fulfill its aims according to Article 2 (sponsoring of research prizes, travel support according 6.3, membership in other scientific institutions, support of studies and surveys). Payments of salaries for executives or auditors are excluded.

**6.3** The costs associated with a delegate participating in a meeting of the ENSA committee shall ordinarily be found by the delegate or his nominating body. For specific cases, when a delegate or observer could not otherwise participate at an ENSA-Meeting, travel expenses might be covered by ENSA.

**6.4** The use of assets donated to ENSA for scientific prizes has to be defined in specific regulations.

**6.5** For obligations of ENSA the liability spans ENSA's assets only. There exists no private liability of its delegates or affiliates for a financing of any financial debt of ENSA.

**6.6** In case ENSA is dissolved, all remaining assets will become the property of the Swiss National Science Foundation, Berne, Switzerland. A distribution of assets amongst the delegates or affiliates is strictly excluded.

## **Article 7: Modifications to the Articles**

Any modification to the Articles of ENSA according to 5.6 shall require the approval of more than one half of all registered delegates at formal meetings of the committee. One months notification in advance of any proposed modification is required. Modifications to the Articles have to be reported to the authorities (Kantonales Steueramt, Dienststelleilung Recht, Sumatrastrasse 10, CH-8090 Zürich).

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