

In accordance with regulations of the articles 78 and 12 of the Law on Associations (Official Gazzete, 51/09), at the AGS Assembly meeting, held on August 3, 2010 in Belgrade, *Association of Geophysicists of Serbia (AGS)* was renamed to *Association of Geophysicists and Environmentalists of Serbia (AGES)*, with a new

STATUTE

of

ASSOCIATION OF GEOPHYSICISTS AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS OF SERBIA (AGES)

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Article 1.

Association of Geophysicists and Environmentalists of Serbia (AGES) (in the following text: *Association*) has been established as non-partisan, non-governmental and non-profit association, with the goal to promote and affirm Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences in the Society.

OBJECTIVES

Article 2.

Objectives and tasks of the *Association* are:

1. affirmation of significance and role of Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences in the society, particularly in the field of: hydrocarbon exploration, raw materials and geothermal energy exploration, protection of the environment, hydrogeology, civil engineering, mining, cultural heritage and archaeology, as well as spatial planning;
2. contribution to informing, application and improvement of scientific accomplishments and technical development in domain of Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences;
3. organizing presentations, conferences, symposia and meetings;
4. cooperation with institutions and organizations within R & D related to Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences and related disciplines;
5. cooperation with related international institutions and establishing of the regional education center;
6. organizing publishing scientific-expert publications, lectures, exhibitions, etc.;
7. support to the members in their scientific and expert development;

8. promotion of Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences among students and young scientists, as well as their involvement into activities of the *Association* (new software implementation, etc.);
9. education organizing for geologists and environmentalists at all age and experience levels, by international and national experts;
10. nomination of representatives at international meetings;
11. publishing of research journals;
12. participation in projects and cooperation with research, expert and economic organizations (extra work) and
13. education of citizens, children and youth about significance of preservation and protection of the environment, but also public call for changing habits referring to consumption and taking care of natural resources and in domain of waste materials handling and
14. establishing foundation for awarding prizes to outstanding members of *Association* and support young members to attend international meetings.

Article 3.

In order to carry out its goals, the *Association* particularly:

1. acquires and studies expert and scientific literature in the field of Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences and sustainable development;
2. organizes, itself or with other organizations, expert meetings, symposia, seminars and other ways of education in the field of Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences;
3. publishes books and other publications on issues related to Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences in accordance with the law;
4. organizes educators and other experts for teaching of children and youth in the field of Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences and for performing activities related to protection and conservation of the nature;
5. organizes voluntary actions for cleaning and protection of the nature, forestation and planting devastated parts of settlements and their vicinity;
6. cooperates with universities, schools, societies and other organizations in the country and abroad, dealing with Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences.

TITLE AND ADDRESS

Article 4.

Name of the society is: **Asocijacija geofizičara Srbije.**

Name of the society in English is: **Association of Geophysicists and Environmentalists of Serbia**

Abbreviated title is: **AGEC.**

Abbreviated title in English is: **AGES.**

Address of the headquarters of the *Association* is: Dimitrija Avramovića 38, 11030 Belgrade, Serbia.

The *Association* performs its work at the territory of Republic of Serbia.

TERMS AND METHOD OF JOINING AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 5.

Member of the *Association* can be any person accepting goals of the *Association* and Statute and submits the application for membership to the Board Committee of the society. Membership is obtained by signing the application form for admission.

At the same time, member of the *Association* can be a member of any other (national or international) expert group.

Juvenile person over 14 can become a member of the society with submitting notarized statement of its legal representative on giving agreement.

For the person younger than 14 from paragraph 1 of this article application is submitted by its legal representative.

Types of members of the *Association*: active, honorary, students and corporate.

Active member of the Association can be any colleague dealing with Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences, accepting goals and the Statute. Decision on acceptance is made by the Board Committee of the *Association*.

Honorary member can be any national expert or from abroad, who gave outstanding contribution to progress of Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences, or to the reputation of the *Association*. Honorary member is nominated by the Board.

Student members are students finishing undergraduate studies or young scientists (the first two years after graduation). Student membership fee is complimentary in that time period, and after they become active members.

Corporate member of the *Association* can become university, educational institution or company interested in participation in the *Association* work.

Article 6.

Decision on membership is made by the Assembly, informing the applicant without delay.

Member can stop his/her membership by submitting written statement. For stopping membership for juvenile person, agreement of the legal representative is not required.

Membership in the *Association* can stop because of long inactivity of the member, unpaid membership fee, not obeying regulations of the Statute or disturbing standing of the *Association*. Member can stop his/her membership by written explanation.

Decision on the membership end is made by the Assembly, proposed by the Board Committee.

Member must be given the opportunity to explain reasons for submitting the proposal on membership termination.

RIGHTS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Article 7.

Member of the *Association* has a right to:

1. participate in the *Association* goals implementation having equal rights;
2. participate directly in decision-making during Council meeting, as well as through the *Association* organs;
3. vote for and be voted for the *Association* organs;
4. be informed about the work and activities of the *Association* on time and completely.

Member is responsible to:

1. contribute to the *Association* goals implementation actively;
2. participate in the *Association* activities in accordance with the sphere of interest;
3. pay annual membership fee (with the exception of the honorary members);
4. carry out other tasks committed by the Board.

On the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding, corporate member supports the *Association* financially, but also in other ways.

Article 8.

Organs of the *Association* are: Council, Board Committee and Supervisory board. Position of the representative belongs to the president of the Board, and in his absence – Vice-President.

Article 9.

Assembly of the *Association* is consisted of the members. The Assembly meetings are organized once a year. Special Assembly meeting can be scheduled on the basis of justified proposal of the Board, as well as of written initiative of at least one third of all members of the Assembly. Initiative is submitted to the Board in the written form, including issues which should be discussed.

Assembly meeting is convened by the Board president, by written announcement about place and time of the meeting and proposal of agenda. Presiding person is one chosen by open balloting at the beginning of the meeting.

Assembly:

1. makes a work plan and program;
2. adopts Statute, but also changes and amendments to the Statute;
3. adopts other general acts of the *Association*;
3. examines and adopts, at least once a year, report of the Board;
4. defines priority tasks of the *Association*;
5. examines and adopts financial plan and report;
6. votes for and releases members of the Board Committee and Supervisory board;
7. determines annual membership fee;
8. decides on status changes and stop of work of the *Association*;
9. decides on uniting in societies and other associations in the country and abroad.

Assembly makes decisions having full civil rights if at least one half of all members are present.

Assembly makes decisions on the basis of majority of votes of present members (in case of excused absence: delegating a vote). For decision related to changes and amendments to the Statute, two thirds of all present members' votes is required.

Article 10.

Board committee is the executive organ of the *Association*, taking care of performing goals of the *Association* defined by the Statute. **Board committee is consisted of three members**, appointed or released by the Assembly. Among its members, the Board committee appoints *president*, *vice-president* and *general secretary*. Mandate of the Board members lasts four years and they can be elected again for the same position. Elections are performed four months before the expiration of the Board members mandate. Ballot is secret, by direct vote sending to the president (by snail-mail, fax or e-mail).

Members of the Board meet at least twice a year, when president of the Supervisory board is also present. All activities of the Board members are on the voluntary basis, except outstanding involvement in activities resulting in profit to the *Association*.

Article 11.

President of the Board presents and defenses the *Association* in legal issues and has rights and obligations as financial representative.

President signs all decisions on behalf of the *Association* and presides over the Board Committee.

Vice-President is licensed to, during absence of the President of the Board, represents the *Association* and signs all financial and monetary documents on behalf of the *Association*.

General secretary keeps a track of members and updates data changes, updates Web-site, organizes conferences, technical and expert events and meetings, informs members of the *Association* on all updates related to work of the *Association* and related national and international societies (by snail-mail or through Internet), promotes the *Association* at national and international level (according to decisions and recommendations of the Board), assists to the president of the Board and to the Board.

Article 12.

Board Committee:

1. manages with the work of *Association* between two Council meetings, making decisions in order to carry out goals of the *Association*;

2. organizes regular performing of the *Association* activities;
3. commits special tasks to some members;
4. makes financial decisions;
5. decides on bringing action for making changes and ammandements to the Statute (by own initiative or according to the proposal initiated by at least five members) and prepares proposals of changes and ammandements, submitted for adoption by the Assembly;
6. decides on bringing charges for payment for damage in cases from the article 25, paragraph 2, Law on societies and, if necessary, appoints a representative of the *Association* for this procedure;
7. makes decisions on joining international societies;
8. initiates establishing of the foundation and awards prizes for outstanding contribution;
9. appoints members for participation in international cooperation (congresses, excursions, projects, awards, scholarships);
10. decides on other issues for which other organs of the *Association* are not permitted by the law or this Statute.

Board makes decisions having full civil rights if at least half number of members is present, and decisions are made by majority of votes of the present members.

Board takes care of regular informing of the members and public work, as well as activities of the *Association*, directly or through internal publications.

Article 13.

Supervisory board checks financial work of the *Association* and informs the Board and Assembly about noticed irregularities. *Supervisory board is consisted of three members* (president and two members), appointed by the Assembly. President of the Supervisory board attends the Board meetings, in the status of adviser.

Mandate of the Supervisory board members lasts four years and they can be appointed again for the same position.

Supervisory board submits report at the each meeting of the Assembly.

Performing the work publicity

Article 14.

Work of the *Association* is public.

Board takes care on regular informing of its members and the work publicity, as well as activities of the *Association*, directly or by internal publications, in other words – by announcement to the public, or other acceptable way.

Annual accounts and reports about activities of the *Association* are submitted to members at the Assembly meeting of the *Association*.

Article 15.

In order to perform its goals, the *Association* cooperates with other expert, scientific, educational, social and similar societies and organizations in the country and abroad.

Association can join international societies, according to the decision of the Assembly.

METHOD OF FUNDS FORMATION FOR FULFILMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND MANAGEMENT

Article 16.

Association is financed by membership fees, donations, by organizing expert meetings, participating in calls for projects at governmental bodies or foundations or from other sources, in accordance with the law. *Association* can also make funds from registration fee for seminars and other ways of education in the field of Geophysics, Geo- and Environmental Sciences, as well as selling secondary raw materials acquired during carrying out of actions of cleaning the environment or products made during education workshops.

Financial report is referring to the calendar year (inclusive to December 31 of the current year).

TERMINATION OF ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Article 17.

Association stops working according to the Assembly decision, when conditions for performing goals stop, as under other conditions anticipated by the law.

PROPERTY OF ASSOCIATION IN CASE OF TERMINATION

Article 18.

In the case of termination, property of the *Association* is transferred to the national legal body founded in order to perform same or similar goals, in other words – Assembly will make decision on termination and define to whom the property is transferred in accordance with the Law.

APPEARANCE AND CONTENT OF THE SEAL

Article 19.

Association has rectangular stamp, where the name is written in Cyrillic letters: **Асоцијација геофизичара и еколога Србије – Београд** and logo: **АГЕС**.

Article 20.

This Statute takes effect after adopting from the side of the Founding Assembly of the *Association*.

Presiding officer of the Assembly,

dr Snežana Komatina-Petrović

Belgrade, August 3, 2010

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I hereby certify that this translation into English is fully true and accurate to the original text in Serbian language.
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