



Statutes of the Association

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Article 1. NAME

The Association is named: European Association for the Promotion of Research into the Dynamic Behaviour of Materials and its Applications.

The common name is: **DYMAT Association.**

This is a non-profit making Association registered under the French law of July 1st, 1901.

Article 2. PURPOSE

The principal aim of the Association is to bring together engineers and scientists who are working in the general field of impact with a particular focus on the study of the mechanical properties of materials at high rates of strain, their modelling and associated numerical simulations as well as the applications of this work.

For this purpose, every three years the Association will organize an International Conference held in one of the countries represented by the members of the Association.

The Association will also encourage the holding of technical meetings, seminars, training courses and all scientific events in accordance with its objectives, particularly those organized by the members of the Association. A particular attention will be brought to support the students.

Last, the DYMAT Association will endeavour to strengthen or to develop the connections with other scientific associations involved in similar fields of research.

Article 3. LOCATION

The registered office of the DYMAT Association is located in Palaiseau. The Governing Board¹ can choose freely the address of the office. It can move the address by a simple decision.

Article 4. DURATION

The duration of the Association is unlimited.

¹ Governing Board: see article 9

Article 5. COMPOSITION AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The DYMAT Association is composed of honorary members, benefactor members and active members. These members can be individual or legal entities. Legal entities can only be represented by one mandatory person.

Honorary members are named by the Governing Board¹. They are persons who have provided specific services to the Association, or who are well-known in the field of the behaviour of materials at high rates of strain. Honorary members do not pay any contribution to the Association.

Active members and benefactor members pay a yearly contribution whose amounts are fixed each year by the Governing Board¹.

Article 6. ADMISSION

The admission to the DYMAT Association as an active member and a benefactor member is submitted for the agreement of the Board Committee². In case of necessity, the Committee² can refer the decision to the Governing Board¹.

In case of refusal, the Committee is not compelled to give the reasons.

The status of **member of the Association** is effective after payment of the yearly contribution.

Article 7. RESIGNATION AND DISMISSAL

The membership status will stop on resignation, death, or dismissal declared by the Governing Board¹ for serious reasons or default in payment of the contribution.

In the case of dismissal, the member is summoned previously by the Governing Board¹ for a hearing.

Article 8. RESOURCES

The resources of the Association are as follows:

- members contributions
- subsidies and gifts
- amounts received for services provided by the Association
- revenues from its various properties
- all other legal resources.

Article 9. GOVERNING BOARD

The Association is directed by a **Governing Board** formed by **16 members**. They are elected by the General Assembly³, among the members of the Association.

Unless otherwise specified in the statutes, the mandates will have a two financial year duration with half of the members being re-elected each year during the Regular General Assembly³. Members of the Board are re-electable.

In case of a vacancy, the replacement of the member concerned shall take place through the elections organized during the next General Assembly³. Mandates of the members elected in this way shall end at the same time as the replaced members membership expiry date.

Each year, after the renewing of half of the members by the General Assembly³, the Governing Board shall elect, through secret vote, a **Board Committee** composed of:

- 1 President,
- 1 or more vice-Presidents,
- 1 General Secretary and, if needed, an assistant secretary,
- 1 Treasurer and, if needed, an assistant treasurer.

¹ Governing Board: see article 9

² Board Committee : see article 9

³ General Assembly : see article 14

Article 10. MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board shall meet after each General Assembly³ or when summoned by the President, or at the request of 7 of its members.

Board deliberations will be valid if at least 9 of its members are present or represented. In case of a split vote, the President shall exercise a casting vote. Matters in dispute shall be settled during the General Assembly³. Each meeting will be reported. The minutes will be available to all members of the Association.

Save in exceptional circumstances, if members of the Governing Board do not attend three successive meetings, they will be considered as resigned.

Article 11. POWERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND INTERNAL RULES

The Governing Board shall be invested with the most extensive powers to authorize all actions not reserved to the General Assembly³: purchases, transfers, rentals, loans useful for the working of the Association ...etc.

The Governing Board shall have the right to delegate its powers for clearly defined actions and within a limited period. In particular, although the Governing Board has general responsibility for the international conferences, it can delegate, partly or entirely the detailed organization of each conference to the volunteer members of the Association, who will act according to the guidelines set up by the Board.

Internal rules shall be drawn up by the Governing Board for approval by the General Assembly³, which can propose amendments.

These internal rules are intended to define the various matters not mentioned in the statutes, more particularly matters dealing with internal administration of the Association.

Article 12. PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES COSTS

The administrators shall carry on their functions free of charge. However, charges and expenses resulting directly from the performance of their functions shall be reimbursed on presentation of the corresponding invoices and with the President's agreement.

Article 13. FUNCTION OF THE BOARD

- The President will summon the General Assemblies³ and the meetings of the Governing Board. He represents the Association through all the actions of civic life and has all the necessary powers. He is also allowed to go to law on behalf the Association as plaintiff and defence. He puts in order the expenses. Each year, the President presents a report for a vote of the General Assembly².

In case of absence or illness, the President is replaced by the oldest Vice-President or in default of by another Vice-President or by any administrator appointed by the Governing Board.

- The General Secretary is in charge of all the secretarial tasks and administrative activities of the Association.

- The Treasurer is in charge of all the financial organisation of the Association. He makes the payments and collects the receipts under Presidential supervision. He keeps in contact regularly with the accountants and yearly presents a financial statement for approval of the General Assembly³.

³ General Assembly : see article 14

Article 14. GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

The General Assembly is composed of honorary members, benefactor members and active members. Any member unable to attend the General Assembly can give a proxy to another member of the Association.

Article 14.1. Regular General Assembly

The Regular General Assembly shall meet at least once a year on request of the President.

The agenda is defined by the Governing Board.

The Committee of the General Assembly is the Board Committee.

An attendance register is signed and certified by the President and the General Secretary.

The minutes of the deliberations of the General Assemblies are drawn up and signed by the General Secretary. They are certified by the President.

The Regular General Assembly shall be convened at least 30 days in advance. The convening notification shall include the agenda and a form to give a proxy to another attending member to the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall hear and vote on Governing Board reports, presented by the President and the Treasurer, concerning the management, financial and the legal situation of the Association. The General Assembly shall provide the renewal by half of the Governing Board members and also deliberate on matters specified in the agenda. Decisions shall be taken by a majority of valid votes expressed by the attending members and proxies.

Article 14.2. Extraordinary General Assembly

The holding of an Extraordinary General Assembly is necessary when the deliberations concern the modifications to statutes, the dissolution of the Association, the amalgamation with another Association, or any other subject implicating the Governing Board.

Such an Assembly shall be convened at least 30 days in advance on request of the President or at least one quarter of the adherents of the Association.

To make valid deliberations, at least one quarter of the adherents shall be present or represented. If this quorum is not attained the Assembly shall be convened again after an interval of at least 15 days. During this new meeting, the Assembly shall be empowered to make decisions regardless of the number of members present or represented.

Decisions shall be taken by a majority of 2/3 of valid votes expressed by the attending members and proxies.

In the case of dissolution, the Extraordinary General Assembly shall appoint one or several auditors in charge of the winding up of the Association and define their powers. The Extraordinary General Assembly shall attribute the credit account to every chosen legal Association with similar objectives.