

This is a translation from the "Satzung" originally published in German - this is not a legally binding document and serves only to inform the non-German speaking community about the:

Association for the Promotion of ARTS (Agricultural Sciences and Resource Management in the Tropics and Subtropics)

STATUTE

§ 1

Name, localization

- (1) The association bears the name " Verein zur Förderung von ARTS (Agrarwissenschaften und Ressourcen Management in den Tropen und Subtropen) e.V."
- (2) The association is located in Bonn

§ 2

Purpose of the association

- (1) The purpose of the association is the promotion of the international post-graduate program "ARTS" (Agricultural Sciences and Resource Management in the Tropics and Subtropics) at the University of Bonn by supporting and organizing lectures, scientific colloquia and meetings, supporting students and alumni, and by organizing an annual graduation ceremony.
- (2) The funds of the association serve primarily:
 - (a) to subsidize (teaching) events within the frame work of ARTS,
 - (b) to organize annually a graduation ceremony,
 - (c) to support ARTS students through logistics and infrastructure,
 - (d) to support ARTS students for the publication of scientific reports,
 - (e) to support of an Alumni network, as well as
 - (f) to organize scientific colloquia in the context of ARTS by financing additional travel expenses to Bonn. Suggestions can be submitted by any member to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee decides on the acceptance of the submissions.

§ 3

Non-profit character

- (1) The association pursues exclusively and directly non-profit (scientific) purposes in the sense of the section "tax-privileged purposes" (§ 51 FF AO 1977).
- (2) The association acts altruistically. It does not pursue economic goals for itself.
- (3) Funds of the association can be used only for statutory purpose. Only members (without outstanding dues) are eligible for subsidies according to §2 paragraph 1 points A-D. Members cannot receive regular funding from the association.

- (4) Nobody may be favored through expenditures not in alliance with the aims of the association or by exorbitant re-funds or compensations.
- (5) In the case of dissolution or termination or if the original purpose of the association does no longer exist, the assets of the association will be donated to a non-profit association, that will be specified by the last Members Assembly and that has to have aims similar to those of the "Association for the Promotion of ARTS".

§ 4

Membership

- (1) Any legal or natural person of age can join the association as a member.
- (2) Upon application, the admission of a new member is decided by the Executive Committee, to whom a written declaration of membership has to be presented.
- (3) By signing the declaration of membership, the future member accepts the statute in its current valid version as well as the resolutions of the Members Assembly.
- (4) Members are responsible for keeping their personal data up-to-date. Addresses of members are considered current, until up-dated by the member.

§ 5

Membership dues and donations

- (1) Members agree to pay dues to the association. The fees and the due dates are decided by the Members Assembly.
- (2) The funds to pursue the purpose of the association should be complemented by donations acquired from within the association or from external sources.

§ 6

End of the membership

- (1) The membership ends by death, resignation or exclusion.
- (2) The resignation must be declared in writing to the Executive Committee. Due membership fees have to be paid fully and fees already paid are not refunded.
- (3) Exclusions are decided upon by the Executive Committee. Exclusions can only be decided on grounds of serious reasons. A serious reason is for example if a member of the club did not pay the dues totally or partly for two years and after two reminders, or if a members behavior causes damages to the reputation and the goals and/or interests of the association. If possible, the exclusion must be communicated to the member.

§ 7

Organs of the association

- (1) Organs of the association are the Members Assembly and the Executive Committee. The Members Assembly holds its annual meeting at the first Thursday after the first of April each year in the buildings of the Agricultural Faculty of the University of Bonn. Any deviations from this date or location will be announced in time. An invitation for the annual meeting including the agenda will be published at least three weeks prior to the meeting in the ARTS secretariat and in the ARTS internet pages. The meeting is chaired by the associations chair.
- (2) An extraordinary Members Assembly has to be called up by the Executive Committee, if the interests of the association are concerned or upon written request of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the members.

§ 8

Voting rights of the members

- (1) In the Members Assembly everyone present has the right to join the discussions. Guests and observers may speak, but have no voting rights.

§ 9

Members Assembly

- (1) The agenda of the annual general meeting must contain:
 - a) A report by the Executive Committee on activities of the past year.
 - b) Report by the auditors, acceptance of the accounts and release of the Executive Committee.
 - c) Acceptance of the budget plan for the next fiscal year.
- (2) The Members Assembly decides by vote on the membership fees, elects the Executive Committee, decides on changes in the statutes or the dissolution of the association, if rotationally necessary or stated on the agenda.
- (3) Votes have to be taken as a ballot, if requested by one third of the members present. The Members Assembly is a quorum if the invitation to it was issued and published in time.
- (4) The Members Assembly decides with the simple majority of valid votes cast by the members present. A change of the statute requires a majority of at least three quarters of the valid votes cast by the members present, and for the dissolution of the association, a majority of at least nine tenths of the valid votes cast by the members present is required.
- (5) Elected is, who collected more than half of the valid votes cast. If nobody collected more than half of the votes, then a decisive ballot is held between the two top candidates. Elected is, who collects most votes. If the ballot once more results in an equality of votes, a lot is drawn by the meetings chair.

- (6) Resolutions of the Members Assembly are recorded in a protocol to be signed by the secretary and the meetings chair.

§ 10

The Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee consists of a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, a treasurer and a student representative.
- (2) The association is represented judicially and out of court by the chairman.

§ 11

Tasks of the Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee is responsible for all affairs of the association, as long as they are not reserved for the meeting of the members. It has in particular the following tasks:
- a) to lead the daily affairs of the association
 - b) to prepare and summon the Members Assembly
 - c) to prepare the agenda
 - d) to execute resolutions of the Members Assembly
 - e) to prepare a budget plan
 - f) to audit and to report on activities annually
 - g) to decide on admission and exclusion of members
- (2) The Executive Committee can transfer certain functions or tasks to others, with permission of the majority of its members.

§ 12

Election and term of the Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee, with exception of the student adviser, is elected by the Members Assembly for a period of three years. It remains in office until a new Executive Committee is elected. Re-election is possible. Only members of the association can be elected into the Executive Committee. The chairman should have an ARTS relevant function at the University of Bonn. With the ending of the membership in the association, also ends the office of the Executive Committee. The student adviser is elected for one year by the student members present at the Members Assembly
- (2) If a member of the Executive Committee steps down prematurely, a successor can be elected at the next Members Assembly for the remaining term of office.

§ 13

Meetings and resolutions of the Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee decides in meetings called by the chairman or the vice chairman.
- (2) The Executive Committee meets at least once per semester.
- (3) The Executive Committee is a quorum if at least three of its members are present. A resolution is decided by the majority of the votes cast. With equality of votes, the chairman or if absent, the vice chairman decides.
- (4) The Executive Committee can decide by email or letter, if all members of the Executive Committee agree with on subject of the resolutions.

§ 14

Financing and accounting system

- (1) The activities of the association are financed by:
 - a) Contributions of the members;
 - b) Allowances, aids, donations and inheritances.
- (2) The auditing takes place via an audit committee, that is composed by at least two members. The auditors are elected by the Members Assembly for one year.

§ 15

Dissolution of the association

- (1) A resolution to dissolve the association can only be taken by the Members Assembly with a majority of 9/10 of the valid votes cast by the members present. If the Members Assembly does not decide otherwise, the chairman and the vice chairman can liquidate the association. Any remaining assets of the association after the liquidation are to be donated to a non-profit association, which is determined by the last Members Assembly and whose goals are similar to those of the association. The above regulations apply accordingly, if the association is dissolved because of another reason or it loses its legal capacity.

§16

Data security

- (1) The association stores personal data of its members for administrative procedures and communication.
- (2) The association does not publish personal data without permission of the member and does not pass it on to others.

§ 17

Validation

- (1) This statute is valid after its entry into the register of associations.
- (2) The legal regulations of the law on associations applies for all matters not specifically mentioned here.

Bonn, 27. 6. 2002

We would like to thank Oliver Jende for his help in translating this statute.
Bonn, 3. July 2003.