

CONSTITUTION, STATUS AND BY-LAWS OF THE EURO-ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

STATUS:

Article I: Name

The name of the organisation shall be "*the Euro-Asian Association for Children's Environmental Health*" hereinafter called the Association. The official abbreviation of this name shall be "*EACEH*".

Article II: Purpose and Functions

The purpose of the Association shall be to foster international scientific co-operation among environmental health scientists and health care providers to promote world-wide acquisition, dissemination and utilisation of knowledge in the field of children's environmental health with the goal of improving the environmental health of children by sponsoring meetings, training sessions, collaborative research and interventions in the Euro-Asian countries for the benefit of children's health.

Article III: Membership

Membership in the Association shall be open to scientists, health care providers, other individuals and institutions who work on children's environmental health without respect to affiliation or prior commitment according to the prerequisites of membership set forth in the By-laws.

Article IV: Management

1. The Association shall be governed by a Council, hereinafter called The Council, of member-delegates hereinafter called councillors, whose eligibility, responsibilities and function shall be as defined by the By-laws and who shall meet for the purpose of transacting the business of the Association
2. The responsibility of The Council shall be to the members and its mandate to achieve the objectives set forth in Article II shall extend to all affairs of the Association
3. Interim management of Council activities shall be governed by an Executive Committee, hereinafter called The Committee, elected by and responsible to The Council. The size, composition, organization, tenure and responsibility of The Committee shall be as defined in the By-laws.

Article V: Scientific Affairs

The Association recognises the principle of the universality of science and resolves to conduct its scientific affairs in a non-political, non-discriminatory manner.

Article VI: Amendments

Changes in these statutes may be executed by The Council at General Assembly, or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, by a three-fourths majority vote of the ballots cast, provided that the proposed change be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General over the signatures of one-third of members of the Association in good standing, and that copies of the proposed change shall have been mailed to all Councillors at least 90 days in advance of the meeting, at which a final action is to be taken. Business of The Council may also be made through electronic communication, including teleconferences, among members.

Temporary Article 1:

The Association shall be governed by the Founding Members Committee until the first General Assembly of The Association. The Founding Members Committee was established by attendees at the founders meeting in Almaty on June 14, 2006. The first General Assembly should be convened before December 1, 2009.

BY-LAWS

The following shall be the By-Laws of The Association

A: Membership

A-1. Prerequisites of Membership: The only prerequisite for membership is a commitment to improve the health of children by individuals or organizations.

A-2. Application for membership: Application for membership must be made in writing, indicating the desire to join the Association, expressing a commitment to promote children's environmental health and a willingness to support the activities of The Association.

A-3. Acceptance to Membership: The Executive Committee will review applications and determine acceptance.

A-4. Rights of Members: Members shall have the right to receive notice to attend and vote at business meetings of The Association, to hold elected office in The Association and to participate in the scientific and business affairs of The Association.

A.5. Membership Resignation: Resignation without prejudice from The Association will occur fifteenth days after receipt by The Association of a written declaration to this effect.

A.6. Expulsion from Membership: A Member may be expelled from the Association by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of members present at Council if he or she promotes activities contrary to the principles of The Association.

B: Council

B-1. The effective governing body of the Association shall be The Council. The Council shall consist of all members of The Association, hereinafter called Councillors.

B-2. Council Meetings: The Council shall meet at least every 3 years on the occasion of scientific meetings of The Association. This meeting shall be called a General Assembly for the purpose of these By-laws. For special reasons, the President may, with the consent of The Committee, summon an extraordinary meeting of The Council at any other time. He/She is obliged to do so at the written request of at least one-third of the Councillors.

B-3. Voting : A simple majority of votes cast from Councillors present or who submit mail or electronic ballots will constitute approval for action. The President of The Association will be required to cast a deciding vote in the case of a tie.

C: Executive Committee

C.1. An Executive Committee, hereinafter called The Committee, shall be elected by The Council using secret ballots by a simple majority of votes cast at meetings of the General Assembly. The Committee will be composed of the President, the Vice-President (President-Elect), a Secretary General, a Treasurer, and three members.

C-2. Mandate: The Executive Committee shall function as the executive arm of The Association under the general direction of and responsible to The Council.

C-3. Term of Office: The individuals of The Committee shall be elected for a period of three years, and may be reelected. After completion of two consecutive three-year terms, personnel of the Committee shall not be eligible for further service in that specific office until an intermission of at least three years has passed.

C-4. Vacancies: If an individual on The Committee resigns his/her office, or without reasonable excuse absents himself from three or more meetings, or is suspended or expelled from The Association, The Committee shall declare his office vacated and may appoint a successor in his place to hold office until the next General Assembly.

C-5: Time and Place of Meetings: The Executive Committee meetings may be held at such times and at such places as the President, or the Vice-President, if the former is absent or unable to perform the duties, determines or upon application of any four Committee members. Meetings may be made by conference calls or through electronic media.

C-6: Notices: Notice of the time, place and date of Executive Committee meetings, together with an agenda shall be mailed to each Committee person not less than sixty days prior to the date of the meeting. Meetings of the Committee may be held at any time, without formal notice, if all the designated individuals are present, or those absent have waived notice or have signified their consent in writing or Email to the meeting being held in their absence. A Committee meeting may also be held, without notice, immediately following the General Assembly of The Association.

C-7: Quorum: Three Committee members, excluding the President, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

C-8. Voting: Questions arising at any meeting of The Committee shall be decided by a simple majority of votes from individuals present. Voting by proxy or electronic

communication is permitted. In case of a tie vote, the President or his/her alternate shall cast a deciding vote.

C-9. Duties of the President: The President shall preside at meetings of The Committee and The Council and, with the Secretary General, prepare their agenda. The President will be an *ex officio* member of all other committees of The Association, have authority to sign and execute contracts, agreements and other legal documents in the name of EACEH under such circumstances as shall be indicated by the Committee or the Council, represent EACEH in all proper ways and, calling on other members of the Committee as appropriate, manage the affairs of EACEH between meetings of the Committee.

C-10. Duties of the Vice President : It shall be the responsibility of the Vice-President, to preside at meetings of The Committee or of The Council in the absence of the President, and to undertake any other duties of the office which the President is unable to discharge. The Vice President shall be considered to be the President-Elect.

C-11. Duties of the Secretary General: The Secretary General shall keep the records of EACEH, maintain relationships with organisations adhering to EACEH and, with the President, prepare the agenda of the meetings of The Committee and of The Council. The Secretary General shall submit a report of the activities of EACEH to The Council at least three months in advance of its General Assembly.

C-12. Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be in charge of the finances of EACEH and shall prepare a financial report to be circulated to the individuals of the Council before its General Assembly at each International Congress. This report shall cover the three last fiscal years preceding the Congress and be considered by The Council for approval. The report shall be reviewed by auditors at least two weeks before the General Assembly to enable them to present their findings to the General Assembly.

C-13. The three other elected members of The Committee shall:
(i) participate in activities, vote and act as full members of The Committee;
(ii) provide advice and council to The Committee;
(iii) chair other committees, meetings and/or act as liaison officers of the Executive Committee to the same at the direction of the President.

C-14. Authority: The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act for The Council in the intervals between meetings of the General Assembly. The Executive Committee shall also implement decisions taken by The Council and shall have authority to make all administrative decisions relative to such implementations. The Executive Committee shall be guided by the wishes of The Council as expressed at the General Assembly.

C-15. Contracts: Contracts concerning publications or other matters sponsored by EACEH must be approved by The Committee and signed by the President of EACEH.

D: International Advisory Committee

An International Advisory Committee shall be constituted for the purpose of developing and maintaining communication with children's environmental health activities in other parts of the world, promoting sources of financial support and collaboration with other national and

international organizations. Members of this committee will serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee and will not be voting.

E: Commissions of Association

The following Commissions shall be established with members appointed by The Committee;

- Finance Commission
- Science, Education and Career Development Commission
- Communication, Public Relations and Advocacy Commission

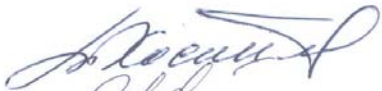



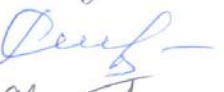
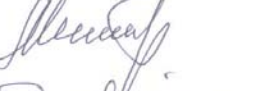
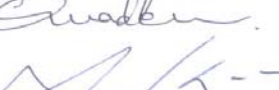



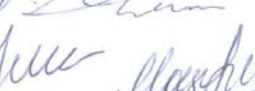
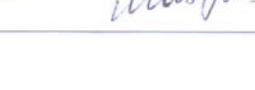



F: Standing Committee of Council

A Nominating Committee shall function as a Standing Committee of the Council, and shall consist of four Councillors. The Past-President of The Association shall be a member and chairman of the Committee. The President will prepare a slate of nominees, present this slate to the General Assembly, call for additional nominations from the floor, and conduct a secret ballot election of this Committee by Councillors at the General Assembly.

E: Fiscal Period and Auditor

The financial year shall be the calendar year. Annual dues, established by the Executive Committee, shall be paid from the beginning of the calendar year following the election of a Member Society. The Council shall elect at its General Assembly two Auditors whose duty it shall be to study the audit of the Treasurer and report its findings thereon to the General Assembly. The election shall be from a slate of nominees presented by The Committee. Nominations may also be initiated from the floor.

Bylaws and election results were approved in Almaty, Kazakhstan on June 16, 2006

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Ali Esat Karakaya	
Madine Nauryzbaeva	
Alisher Dosmetov	
ZAIRA MAZHITOVA	
ANDREY K. DEMIN	
Svetlana Choy	
Kubanychbek Mondbaev	

Constitution and By-Laws Approved by the following, members of the Founding Members Committee, on 16 June 2006 in Almaty, Kazakhstan:

Officers of The Association:

At the initial meeting of The Association, held on 16 June 2006 in Almaty, Kazakhstan, the following officers were elected by the Founding Members of The Association:

President

Muzafar Isobaev, Tajikistan

Vice-President

Andrey Demin, Russia

Treasurer

Ainash Sharshenova, Kyrgyzstan

Secretary General

Saleh El-Quaderi, Jordan

Members

Dilorom Fayzieva, Uzbekistan

Anwar Gilani, Pakistan

Ali Karakaya, Turkey

Three Commissions were established, and the members of these Commissions identified as follows, subject to acceptance:

Finance Commission

Anwar Gilani, Pakistan, Chair

Ainash Sharshenova, Kyrgyzstan

Yeldos Izatullaev, Kazakhstan

Kubanychbek Monolbaev, Kyrgyzstan

Science, Education and Career Development Commission

Dilorom Fayzieva, Uzbekistan, Chair

Zayra Mazitova, Kazakhstan

Omor Kasymov, Kyrgyzstan

Madina Nauryzbaeva, Kazakhstan

Elshad Mammadov, Azerbaijan

Yelzhan Birtanov, Kazakhstan

Communication, Public Relations and Advocacy Commission

Ali Karakaya, Turkey, Chair

Amalia Hambartsumyan, Armenia

Irina Korsakova, Tajikistan

Bekbay Khairumlin, Kazakhstan

International Advisory Committee

Jenny Pronczuk, WHO Geneva

Kubanychbek Monolbaev, WHO EURO

Leda Nemer, WHO EURO

Ali Khan, CEHA WHO

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William A. Suk, NIEHS, USA
Martha Berger, USEPA, USA
Gregor Prindull, Germany
Rolf Zetterstrom, Sweden
Ruth Etzel, IPA
KC Donnally, USA
Saleh Al-Khusaiby, Oman