

According to the Articles 4, 8 and 9 of the Law of Societies (Official Gazette of RS, no. 64/2011) the Foundingl Assembly on Jan 15, 2014 adopted the decision of establishing European Association for Chinese Philosophy and adopted the following statute:

## **S T A T U T E**

### **Of the European Association for Chinese Philosophy (EACP)**

#### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **Article 1**

The name of the international association shall be »European Association for Chinese Philosophy«, henceforth »Association«, that shall operate in accordance with the provisions of this statute. The short name shall be Association EACP and the abbreviation EACP. In international communication the English version »European Association for Chinese Philosophy« shall be used.

##### **Article 2**

The European Association for Chinese Philosophy is a voluntary, independent, non-profit association operating in the field of Chinese Philosophy. The Association shall be registered as a non-profit and non-political organisation.

##### **Article 3**

The Association is a legal person governed by private law. The seat of the Association is in Ljubljana. The address is: Vrtača 7, 1000 Ljubljana

#### **Article 4**

The Association has its own mark, consisting of the abbreviation or full name of the Association.

#### **Article 5**

The Association can cooperate with other international associations, organizations, institutes, societies, operating in the field of Chinese Philosophy. The Association can operate independently or can join similar international and foreign associations with similar aims and objectives.

#### **Article 6**

The work of the association and its bodies is public.

Association informs its members:

- By the right to get insight into the records of the Association`s bodies;
- by regular meetings;
- through electronic media;
- using other ways

The president of the association is responsible to ensure publicity. The president may authorize another member for Public relations, which is responsible for authenticity and accuracy of the information.

## **II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Article 7**

The Association shall not engage in any political activity nor pursue private interests.

## **Article 8**

The aims and objectives of the Association are:

- encourage and advance all academic and scholarly activities related to Chinese Philosophy in all countries of Europe;
- strive for creating and maintaining a platform for a fruitful exchange of ideas;
- open a dialogue between scholars of Chinese Philosophy;
- offer a platform for the presentation and discussion of recent research, which would further contribute to the humanities and prosperity in the whole society.

## **Article 9**

The aims and objectives of the Association shall be achieved especially through the following activities:

- organization of regular conferences;
- organization of seminars, thematic conferences, workshops, symposia, study events, lectures;
- different ways of support of young scholars and young researchers in Europe
- publication projects:
  - Journal of Chinese Philosophy,
  - publications in the field of Chinese Philosophy, especially publications of academic research results,
  - e-newsletter or *Bulletin* for members;
  - proceedings of conferences
  - other
- promote contacts and cooperation between scholars and students conducting research in and teaching Chinese Philosophy;
- facilitate cooperation with other organizations having similar aims;
- disseminate any kind of information and resources related to Chinese Philosophy.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Article 10**

Membership in the Association is voluntary.

#### **Article 11**

The Association shall consist of Ordinary Members, Corporate Members and Honorary Members.

- Any individual – older than 18 years – interested in supporting the aims of the Association and in the achievement of the objectives of the Association can become an ordinary member, irrespective of nationality and residence. Ordinary member shall pay an annual fee to be determined by the Board;
- Corporate Members shall be organizations which desire to support the aims of the Association by payment of an open contribution or annual fee to be determined by the Board, irrespective of the country of their seat or administration. As to the management of the Association, the Corporate Member is represented by one responsible person.
- Honorary Members shall be nominated by the Board in recognition of eminent contributions to the aims of the Association. They will be elected by the General Assembly. Honorary members do not pay membership fees. They are equal to Ordinary and Corporate members in rights unless they are not Ordinary or Corporate members.

#### **Article 12**

With the exception of Honorary Members all other Members shall pay an annual membership fee, determined by the Board. The Board shall determine the amount of the membership fee.

#### **Article 13**

Anyone wishing to become a member shall submit a written request, CV and statement that he/she will adhere to the terms of this Statute. The application shall be submitted to the Executive Board of the Association, which approves the membership. The Board may reject membership in case a legal or individual person does not fulfil the conditions precised in Article 11. If the Executive Board does not approve a membership application, this decision

can be overruled by the General Assembly. Standardized application forms may be used. On applying, the applicant, or an authorized representative in the case of associations and corporations, declares by giving his or her name and address to adhere to the terms of this Constitution. The member is accepted as soon as the Executive Board has given written consent to the application and the membership fee has been received.

#### **Article 14**

Ordinary and Corporate members are equal in rights and obligations precised in Articles 15 and 16.

#### **Article 15**

Members` rights are:

- to vote and be elected to the bodies of the Association;
- to participate in the activities organized by the Association, under the conditions determined by the Assembly of the Association;
- to pursue their interests in the field of the aims and objectives of the Association;
- to regularly receive e-newsletter;
- to be familiar with the program and financial management of the Association;

#### **Article 16**

Members` obligations are:

- to respect the statute and other acts and decisions of the bodies of the Associations;
- to actively participate in promotions and events that are organized by the Association;
- to contribute to the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Association;
- to regularly pay a membership fee in an amount to be set by the Board of the Association;
- to provide information to the Association, relevant for the implementation of mutually agreed objectives;
- to educate and pass on their knowledge and experience;
- to protect the reputation of the Association;
- not to endanger themselves or others by their activities.

#### **Article 17**

Failure to comply with the above mentioned obligations is a violation of the accession commitments.

### **Article 18**

The status of Member of the Association may terminate under the following circumstances:

- voluntary resignation which should be declared in written form to the Board;
- suspension by decision of the Executive Committee if membership fees have not been paid for more than three years;
- exclusion by decision of the Board if a member has greatly violated the interests of the Association. Before the decision is taken, the member must be informed about the exclusion and its reasons. Within a reasonable period of time the member should be given the opportunity to justify herself/himself personally or in written form to the Board. Any written statement from the respective member must be read aloud during the Board meeting. The decision supplemented by reasons must be sent to the member by registered mail. The decision of the Board can be overruled by the General Assembly;
- death or by termination of the legal person.

## **IV. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Article 19**

Bodies of the association are:

- General Assembly;
- Board
- Executive Committee

The meetings of the bodies of the Association may be conducted via correspondence through modern electronic technology. The meeting shall be convened and conducted *mutatis mutandis* according the provisions of this Statute.

## **Article 20**

The Association shall be governed by a Board with the President, which shall be assisted by an Executive Committee.

## **Article 21**

### **General Assembly**

General Assembly shall comprise all members. General Assembly can be regular or extraordinary. The regular General Assembly shall convene once every two years. Members shall receive notice with provisional agenda. The extraordinary General Assembly shall convene upon proposal by the Board or upon the initiative of at least a quarter of its members who submit their proposal to the Board. The Board shall convene within 30 days upon the receipt of the proposal. In case the Board fails to do so, the General Assembly shall convene upon the proposal by the proposer who has to submit the agenda and suitable documents. Extraordinary General Assembly shall decide solely on items it has been convened for.

General Assembly decides on the following items:

- decides on the agenda;
- changes to the statute;
- regular approval of the budget planned by the Board;
- it shall receive reports by the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer on their respective responsibilities;
- it shall approve or correct accounts;
- shall discuss all matter on the agenda prepared by the Board;
- carries out the control over financial and material business at least once a year, required before the adoption of annual report.
- shall appoint and dismiss the members of the Board by a simple majority vote of members present and voting;
- shall appoint and dismiss the President of the Association and Vice – President with a simple majority vote of members present and voting;
- shall appoint and dismiss honorary members nominated by the Board;

- shall dissolve the Association and the use of its assets.

General Assembly shall convene once every two years at a date set by the Board. Members shall receive notice with a provisional agenda for the assembly. The General Assembly can also convene on the initiative of at least one quarter of the members, who shall submit their proposal to the Board.

The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President, or if he/she is absent, by his/her deputy.

General Assembly has reached quorum when at the time appointed there are more than half of voting members present. In case no quorum is established, the meeting is postponed by thirty minutes. After this period the Assembly has reached quorum with one third of voting members present.

Decisions at the General Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority of members present and voting. The decisions shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting signed by the president of the Board and the Secretary. If she/he is not present it should be signed by the present member of the Board.

Members should receive the minutes within three months of the meeting. Objections can only be raised within one month after the minutes have been made available.

The General Assembly meetings shall be public unless the Statute determines otherwise.

## **Article 22**

### **Board**

The Board with the President is elected by the General Assembly and has the power to govern the Association. The Board with the President, shall be assisted by an Executive Committee, which forms its central part and consists of 4 members: the President, Vice - President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

The Board is responsible to the General Assembly.

The members of the following boards shall be elected by secret ballot at each General Assembly. Those who receive the highest numbers of votes shall be elected. Candidates for membership of the Board shall apply formally to the Secretary before the date of the General Assembly.

They shall be elected for a period of two years. They may be re-elected for two further consecutive terms of office.

Functions and responsibilities of the Board:

- has the power to manage the Association;
- shall implement the decisions made by the General Assembly;
- is responsible for all matters and objectives of the association, as described in the Article 8 and 9 of the Statute;
- shall prepare the General Assembly;
- shall plan and run the regular conferences in cooperation with institutes or Universities related to Asian studies and art and archaeology;
- may appoint small committees on an ad hoc basis for specific duties. Such committees shall be responsible to the Board and shall submit a report on the specific missions entrusted to them;
- shall make annual and biennial budget planning and submit it to the General Assembly for confirmation.
- shall nominate Honour members;
- shall elect an Executive Committee from among its members and supervise their responsibilities;
- the Board shall meet at least once a year and more often if necessary. The minutes of Board meetings shall record all decisions made by the Board. The minutes shall be signed by the President and the secretary. Meetings of the Board shall require a

quorum of one third of its members present. All decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote of members present and voting. An evenly balanced result shall be decided by the President's casting vote.

### **Article 23**

#### **The General Secretary and the Treasurer**

The General Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence, files, convocations to meetings and General Assembly and the drafting of the minutes of Board meetings. The General Secretary may be assisted in this work by an assistant Secretary appointed by the president of the Association.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the funds of the Association, book-keeping, and collection of all documents related to financial operations. The Treasurer shall keep a regular record of all operations carried out and shall report there on to the Board and to the General Assembly. The Treasurer may be assisted in this work by a chartered accountant selected by the Board. The Treasurer shall not transfer the ownership of any assets of the Association without the Board's consent.

The Webmaster is in charge of maintaining and updating the website of the Association. The Webmaster will be assisted in this work by a chartered specialist supervised by the Board. Members of The Board shall appoint The General Secretary and the Treasurer among themselves.

### **Article 24**

#### **President**

The President shall be the chair of the Association and the Board.

The President is the representative of the Association and shall represent the Association against the third parties, government and administrative bodies and organizations at home and abroad in all acts of civil life.

The president is responsible to the General Assembly.

The President shall be elected for a period of two years and may be re-elected for two further consecutive terms of office.

The president shall convene the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board and preside over all meetings.

The President may temporarily/*pro tempore* appoint a third party to manage individual actions.

In cases when the President is absent or unable to perform the required duties, they shall be taken over *pro tempore* by the Vice-President, elected by the Board members.

## **V. PROFITS AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Article 25**

The Association shall derive its financial resources from the following:

- annual membership fees;
- public and private funds and grants;
- income from its own property;
- proceeds from the organisation of special events and publications;
- individual gifts;
- any legally acceptable resource or grant.

### **Article 26**

The Association shall manage the following profitable actions in accordance with regulation:

- organization of conferences and others (covered by code 82. 300);

- publishing of magazines and publications (covered by codes 58. 110 and 58. 140);
- advertising (covered by code 73. 110)
- research and development projects in social sciences and humanities (covered by code 72. 200)

#### **Article 27**

Possible profits and other funds of the Association are only to be used in accordance with the objectives of this Statute. Members neither receive shares in the profits nor any other transfers out of funds of the Association

No person shall benefit from expenses contrary to the stated objects of the Association or through unreasonably high compensations.

#### **Article 28**

The Association shall operate with financial sources in accordance with the program and annual financial plans approved by the General Assembly of the Association.

#### **Article 29**

Financial and material documents shall be signed by the President of the Association, after approval by the General Assembly or by representative of the Association, authorized by the President.

#### **Article 30**

The Association operates via a bank account.

#### **Article 31**

Financial and material management shall be in accordance with applicable regulations. Accountancy and preparing individual reports for tax and statistical purposes as well as any other help with financial and material items can be transferred onto an external executant via a

suitable contract. The Association shall keep a book of receipts and payments (cash book) whereas the remaining data for the annual report shall be provided via an annual inventory and assessment.

## **VI. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Article 32**

The Association shall be dissolved at the discretion of the members, by joining with other association, bankruptcy, on the basis of a court decision prohibiting the operation or by operation of law.

Dissolution of the Association can only be decided by the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority.

### **Article 33**

In case of dissolution, the General Assembly shall appoint one or more responsible people who shall carry out the dissolution and transfer any remaining assets of the association to the transferee of the property. The members of the Association shall not receive any portion of the assets. The assets of the Association must be transferred to a similar association or institution to be used for non-profit purposes for the promotion of scholarship and research or education. The General Assembly shall decide the details.

## **VI. AMENDMENTS AND REGISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Article 34**

The articles of the Constitution shall enter into force immediately upon approval by the General Assembly.

### **Article 35**

The articles of the Constitution may be amended only by the General Assembly. The members shall be given notice of proposed amendments two months before the assembly.

**Article 36**

The adoption of an amendment by the General Assembly shall require the approval of at least two thirds of the members present.

**Article 37**

This Statute was approved by the General Assembly at the constitutional meeting on Oct. 4th, 2014.

PRESIDENT:

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