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CONSTITUTION
of the
WORLD ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND
TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS
(WARTRO)

as approved by
the Meeting of the Founding Members
on 29th October 1970, in Vienna

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CONSTITUTION

I PREAMBLE

1. Industrial and technological research covering Research and Development and innovative investigations have been recognized as one of the essential requirements of dynamic and successful industrial development at the national and regional level. It is through the generation of new ideas and techniques and finding the means of exploiting new materials and processes that progressive industrial, and consequently social, advancement can be realized.
2. Many industrial and technological research institutes exist or have been established lately and are making a valuable contribution to the general industrial research effort. But it is realized today more than ever before, that it is important for industrial research institutes and associations to create an effective liaison for the exchange of ideas, information and experience, and for co-operation, co-ordination and mutual support at the regional and international level. In this manner industrial research and development (R & D) efforts would become more efficient, unnecessary duplication would be avoided and practical application of research findings would be promoted.

II NAME

1. The name of the Association shall be: World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations. "IAITRO" shall be its abbreviation in all languages.

III AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

4. The aims of the Association shall be:
 - a) to facilitate the development and advance the level and capabilities of member industrial and technological research organizations;
 - b) to identify fields of research, where international or regional co-operation and possible external assistance is needed;
 - c) to foster and promote co-ordination and co-operation between member institutes and organizations;
 - d) to encourage and facilitate the transfer of research results and technical know-how between members;
 - e) to promote exchange of experience in research management with the view of improving their overall efficiency.

5. These aims may be implemented by the Association inter alia by:
 - a) sponsoring meetings;
 - b) providing assistance in finding financial sources in order to improve research facilities;
 - c) establishing a central information clearing house for a systematic exchange of information on research organizations such as their programmes, expertise of research staff and research results achieved;
 - d) establishing programmes for the exchange of research workers and research facilities;
 - e) serving as a link between research establishments and international associations and federations;
 - f) to act as a spokesman of members in matters on which a common opinion is desirable.

VI MEMBERSHIP

6. Technical Membership shall be open to organizations actively engaged in industrial or technical research. Sustaining Membership shall be open to organizations active in encouraging and promoting research and desirous of assisting the Association by financial support or otherwise advancing its aims. Both types of membership shall only be available to non-profit organizations. Non-profit organizations are defined as those which do not distribute profits to stockholders.

7. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall examine and accept applications for membership to the Association after approval by a simple majority of the Executive Committee.

V ORGANS

8. The main organs of the Association shall consist of: the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat.

9. The General Assembly shall consist of all Members who are in good standing, and shall have the following functions:

- a) decide on the number of members and structure of the Executive Committee;
- b) elect the President of the Association who shall also be the Chairman of the Executive Committee;
- c) elect two Vice-Presidents;
- d) elect the other members of the Executive Committee;
- e) review and approve of working programmes and the global budget presented by the Executive Committee;
- f) review and approve of the report on the activities of the Association since the previous meeting of the General Assembly;
- g) adopt By-Laws of the Association;
- h) adopt Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly;
- i) decide on amendments of the Constitution;
- j) appoint the Secretary-General of the Association upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

10. The terms of office of the President and the Vice-Presidents shall each be two years.

11. The Executive Committee shall be under the chairmanship of the President of the Association and shall initially contain six other members elected by the General Assembly. The Executive Committee shall elect from among its Members a Vice-Chairman and a Treasurer, and establish its own Rules of Procedure.

12. Each Member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote at meetings of this Committee.

13. A Secretariat shall be established with a Secretary-General appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, as the responsible officer for the discharge of its functions, under the guidance of the Executive Committee.

VI FINANCE

14. The fees shall be established by the General Assembly as established in the By-Laws.

15. Special tasks undertaken in connexion with special committees, studies or activities shall be funded separately by grants or special contributions, if they have not been foreseen in the biennial budget presented by the Executive Committee to the General Assembly.

VII CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

16. The Executive Committee shall prepare at least every two years, a plan of activities of the Association, and shall submit it to all members for comment and amendment. This plan shall take into consideration, as far as possible, the activities planned and proposed by other national, regional and international bodies. The Executive Committee is responsible for initiating and implementing any activities to be undertaken on behalf of the Association.

17. The Executive Committee shall prepare and maintain, under directives from the General Assembly, or on its own initiative, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, regulations covering the detailed conduct of work.


18. Members shall be kept informed by the Secretariat on the activities of the Association.

VIII BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

19. There shall be By-Laws and Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly which shall be complementary to this Constitution.

IX AMENDMENTS

20. A change may only be made in this Constitution if supported by at least two-thirds of the Members in good standing of the Association.





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