



ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

Statutes

1. An **Association of European Geological Societies** shall be established (AEGS).

2. **Membership** of the Association is open to all non-governmental societies, institutions and organisations in Europe active on a country-wide scale in the geological or earth sciences, whether covering the entire subject field or specialising in one or more of its branches.

3. Purposes and objectives.

3.1 The main purpose of the Association of European Geological Societies is to promote periodic meetings (MAEGS) during which European geologists gather together to discuss aspects of European geology. At these meetings it is hoped;

3.2 to identify the geological problems of Europe as a whole regardless of regional or national boundaries, language or disciplinary approach;

3.3 to promote investigation and research into European geology;

3.4 to assist in promoting a unified understanding of geology, geophysics and geochemistry of the solid earth of Europe;

3.5 to promote collaboration between workers in the different countries and geological societies of Europe, and in different branches of earth sciences;

3.6 to increase the public understanding of geological knowledge and its use in planning the development of Europe, and for its application in the solution of economic, technological and social problems of the future.

4. Executive Committee.

4.1 In order to maintain continuity and to ensure that periodic meetings take place, there shall be an Executive Committee.

4.2 The Executive Committee, which shall be elected at the Plenary Session of the meeting shall comprise:

4.2.1 The President (Chairman of the next meeting) or his/her nominee and the Secretary of the Association;

4.2.2 The two immediate past Presidents or their nominees;

4.2.3 The two Secretaries of the Organising Committee of the last and the next meeting;

4.2.4 Representatives of all the societies due to hold future meetings of the Association of European

Geological Societies;

4.2.5 Representatives from other member societies not covered by 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 and 4.2.4;

4.2.6 The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members between plenary sessions of the Association.

4.3 Each voting society (see paragraph 6.1 below) shall have only one vote, even if there be more than one delegate from that Society on the EC. Similarly, each country represented shall have only one vote even if there be more than one delegate from that country.

4.4 The Executive Committee shall co-operate with the Organising Committee of the next meeting and shall continue in existence until the next meeting.

4.5 The Executive Committee will consider, approve or reject invitations by member societies to act as host for the next and future meetings.

4.6 It will consider, approve or reject the outline programme proposed by the Organising Committee for the next meeting.

4.7 In the event of no country offering to be host for a meeting it will request one or more countries to offer invitations.

4.8 It will resolve any contentious matter which may arise in the affairs of the organisation.

5. Meetings of the Association of European Geological Societies (MAEGS) and their Organising Committees.

5.1 Meetings of the Association of European Geological Societies, which are recognised as the most important function of the Association, are held as far as possible every 2 years, or 3 or 4 years if the Executive Committee considers that a 2 year interval would produce an undesirable conflict with another international meeting.

5.2 Participation at the meetings is based on individual application and every member of a member society shall have the right to participate.

5.3 Any member society may offer to be the host for the next meeting at any time from the commencement of the current meeting.

5.4 The Executive Committee shall respond to the invitation of a member society to host the next or any future meeting within 6 months of its receipt, and preferably before the end of the current meeting.

5.5 The meetings of the Association of European Geological Societies shall be organised and managed by an Organising Committee set up by the society or societies whose invitation has been accepted by the Executive Committee.

5.6 The composition and working procedures of the meeting Organising Committee will be at its discretion and as it considers most suitable for the country concerned, but it shall include a Chairman and a Secretary.

5.7 The Chairman of the Organising Committee (next President) should normally be nominated by the outgoing President of the current meeting during the opening ceremonies and subject to ratification at the closing Plenary Session. He/she will be the elected President of the Association and act as Chairman of the Executive Committee until the end of the following meeting of the Association.

5.8 The meeting Organising Committee is responsible for the organisation and administration of the current meeting, including the scientific and ancillary programmes, conduct of the meeting, accommodation, publications, excursions and finance.

5.9 The meeting shall include one Plenary Session for a Business meeting at which the affairs of the Association shall be discussed.

6. Funding.

6.1 The Executive Committee will establish a membership fee for the Association. The fee will be set in three bands according to membership, as follows: Band 1: < 500 members; Band 2: 500 – 1000 members; Band 3: > 1000 members. Member Societies paying a fee will be entitled to send a voting representative to Executive Committee meetings. Those not paying a fee may send non-voting observers to Executive Committee meetings.

6.2 Member Societies will be expected to pay their annual fee in the first quarter of the year, or as soon as possible thereafter, and must have paid by the end of the year. Each year the Secretary will review the finances of the Association and make a report to the Executive Committee.

6.3 For the assistance given by the AEGS Secretary and the EC-members for the preparation and organisation of the biennial conferences, 10% of the registration fees paid by the participants in the conference must be paid to the AEGS secretariat. In special cases, e.g., when the AEGS conference is combined with another conference, a certain amount of money (to be determined by negotiation with the Secretary) must be paid to the AEGS secretariat.

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