

By-Laws of DELOS

ASSOCIATION for DIGITAL LIBRARIES

Article 1 - Request for membership

- a) Individuals (natural persons) willing to join the Association should send a request to the President, signed by the requestor, containing:
 1. name, address and affiliation of the individual;
 2. brief description of his/her activities and reasons for interest in becoming a member;
 3. brief description of the proposed contribution to the activities of the Association.
- b) Organizations (juridical persons) willing to join the Association should send a request to the President, signed by the legal representative of the organization, containing:
 1. name, address and legal status of the of the organisation;
 2. brief description of the objectives and the activities of the organisation;
 3. brief description of the proposed contribution to the activities of the Association.
- c) All the individuals and organisations that become members within the first year from the constitution of the Association are considered Founding Members. All the others are Regular Members.
- d) Each member (Founding or Regular) has one vote in the Assembly.

Article 2 – Executive Committee, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary

- a) At least half plus one of the members of the Executive Committee must be Founding Members.
- b) The Executive Committee will appoint a Vice-President, to be chosen within the members of the Executive Committee. The Vice-President substitutes the President in all his functions, in case of absence.
- c) The Executive Committee will appoint a Treasurer, to be chosen within the members of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer has the responsibility of managing the financial aspects of the Association.
- d) The Executive Committee may also appoint a Secretary to support the President and the Executive Committee in the managerial and administrative activities.
- e) The Executive Committee named at the time that the Association has been established will remain in charge for one year, or until the first meeting of the Assembly that will elect the new Executive Committee.

Article 3 - Annual membership fees

- a) Each year, the Assembly will approve the annual membership fees for the following year, based on a proposal prepared by the Executive Committee.
- b) The fees can be different depending on the juridical status of the member. The annual fee for 2008 is established in 50 EUR for individuals and in 2000 EUR for organizations.
- c) The members must pay the fees within March 31st of each year.
- d) The annual fee of Founding members and Regular members is the same.
- e) For some members, the Executive Committee can waive the payment of the annual membership fee;

Article 4 – Decisions of the Executive Committee

Decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by majority vote of the Executive Committee members present, and are valid only if at least half plus one of the members are present.

Article 5 – Voting means

The Executive Committee may decide that voting on some matters may be conducted by mail, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, chat software, video conferencing, wiki software, or other similar verifiable means connected in a network. Those voting means can be used also for a voting of the Assembly, in which case proxy voting is not allowed.

Article 6 – Compensations

- a) Members of the Association do not receive any compensation for their activities in support of the Association.
- b) In particular, members of the Executive Committee and the Scientific Committee will not receive any compensation for their services in their capacity of officers of the Association.
- c) The Executive Committee may authorize reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by a member of the Association in the performance of activities for the benefit of the association.

Article 7 - Expenses of the Association

The President can authorize expenses of the Association up to 2500 EURO. Greater amounts must be authorized by a decision of the Executive Committee.

Article 8 – Offices of the Association

In its activities, the Association may use offices and equipment made available by a member. The procedures of this collaboration will be defined by an agreement between the Association and the member, to be approved by the Executive Committee.

Article 9 - Modifications of the By-Laws

Modifications of this By-Laws can be proposed by the Executive Committee or by at least one fourth of the members. Modifications have to be approved by the majority of the members present or represented at the Assembly.