



***Association des Alumni et des Amis
de l'Institut suisse de droit comparé***

STATUTES

I. Constitution

1. Name and Registered Office

Under the name, *Association des Alumni et des Amis de l'Institut Suisse de droit Comparé (AiSDC)*, an association, within the meaning of Articles 60ff of the Swiss Civil Code, is constituted. Its registered office is in Lausanne (Switzerland).

2. Purposes

The **AiSDC** has as its purposes to:

- Develop relations between its members and the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (SICL) in addition to relations between the SICL and the outside world;
- Consolidate the existing networks of former collaborators, scholarships winners, visitors and other friends of the SICL and foster the expansion of this network;
- Encourage young researchers to come to the SICL, possibly by participating in the financing of their scholarships;
- Support projects allowing for the reinforcement of the esteem of the SICL in Switzerland and abroad;
- Share information on legal developments in respective countries or in particular areas of law in which members are active;
- Organise scientific and / or social activities or contribute to their organisation and financing.

II. Society

3. Admission

All natural or legal persons interested in the activities of the SICL and of the *AiSDC* may adhere to these as benefactors, collective members or individual members.

To qualify as a member, the person must send a relevant request to the Secretariat of the *AiSDC*, who will submit the same to the Committee (cf. ch. 18 let. e hereunder).

4. Exclusion

Membership can be abandoned at the end of a semester by letter of resignation submitted with three months notice.

The Committee may exclude a member for gross violation of the statutes, though such decision is subject to appeal to the General Assembly. Where there is a refusal to pay dues, the exclusion will be decided after 3 written reminders, each allowing for a deadline of 30 days at least.

III. Resources

5. Dues

Members must pay annual dues, the amount of which is determined by the General Assembly in relation to the different member categories. Benefactors pay a contribution that is equivalent to triple the dues determined for an individual member or ordinary collective.

Instead of and in the place of the annual dues, a unique and substantial contribution may be decided upon, which confers to the payer or a person designated by the payer, membership for life.

6. Other resources

The other resources of the *AiSDC* are constituted by private or public donations and, otherwise, by the product of activities that it has organised with its own funds.

IV. Information and Publications

7. Regular Information

The members of the **AiSDC** are regularly informed of the activities of the SICL and of legal developments in the world, in particular through electronic publications that are accessible on the website of the Institute, such as the SICL's Letter, EU News: Click & Read (European Law) or the E-SDC, (*Etudes suisses de droit comparé*) (on precise themes). They receive, moreover, the annual report and all invitations to conferences, seminars and colloquia organised or co-organised by the SICL.

8. Publications

Benefactors receive free of charge the volumes published in the collection, "*Publications de l'Institut suisse de droit comparé*".

Individual members or ordinary collectives, as well as members for life, receive at least a 20% rebate on these publications.

V. Organisation

9. Organs

The organs of the **AiSDC** are:

- The General Assembly;
- The Committee;
- The Ambassadors of the **AiSDC**;
- The Account Auditors.

A. General Assembly

10. Convocation

As a general rule, the Annual General Meeting is convened by the Committee, once a year, but at least once every three years.

It is also convened at the request of more than 3 members of the Committee or of more than a third of the members of the **AiSDC**.

Notices indicating an agenda are sent by mail, fax or electronic mail at least 2 months before the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting generally takes place on a date immediately preceding or following a scientific activity organised by the SICL or the *AiSDC*.

11. Quorum and Vote

The Annual General Assembly statutorily called can validly deliberate irrespective of the number of members present and represented.

Each member has a voice. He can be represented by another member to whom he has given his proxy with notice to the Committee of this fact.

Unless otherwise indicated (cf. ch. 21 hereunder), decisions are taken by a vote of the majority.

12. Agenda

The General Assembly can validly decide any issue raised in the agenda.

Each member has the right to request that an issue be indicated in the agenda. This request must be received by the Committee, at the latest, one month before the Annual General Meeting.

13. Competences

The Competences of the General Assembly are as follows:

- a) Approval of the President's Report, the accounts and the budget and delegation to the Committee, as well as to the Auditors;
- b) Election and exclusion of members of the Committee and of Auditors;
- c) Modification of statutes;
- d) Decisions on issues indicated in the agenda;
- e) Decisions on appeals initiated based on ch. 4, 2nd para.;
- f) Decisions on the dissolution of the *AiSDC* and the liquidation of its assets (ch. 21 et 22 hereunder).

B. Committee

14. Composition

The Committee is composed of four persons acting as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, as well as one to seven assessors, including the Director of the SICL.

It is self-appointed.

15. Duration of appointment

The members of the Committee are appointed for a period of three years; they may be re-appointed.

It is preferable that they be chosen from the members residing in Switzerland or in a bordering country.

16. Convocation and Meetings

The Committee is convened by the President as often as necessary to deal with business matters.

Three members of the Committee can request that a meeting be convened and the meeting should be convened within a reasonable time thereafter.

Notices indicating an agenda are sent at least 2 months before the meeting.

The Ambassadors (ch. 19 hereunder) are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee, with a consultative voice.

17. Quorum and decisions

The Committee may deliberate where the majority of its members are present. It takes decisions and elects based on a majority of the votes of its members present. The president also votes and in case of a tie, his or her vote prevails.

The Committee can take decisions by way of circulation if all members agree.

A decision on an issue that is not included in the Agenda can be taken if all of the members present agree.

18. Competences

The Committee may decide all issues pending that are not exclusively reserved for the General Assembly or another organ.

Notably included as part of its responsibilities are:

- a) The execution of decisions of the General Assembly;
- b) The representation of the *AiSDC* externally;
- c) The calling of the Annual General Meeting;
- d) The approval of annual accounts;
- e) The admission and exclusion of members, subject to the right of appeal to the General Assembly;
- f) The admission of members for life and honorary members, as well as the determination of their dues;
- g) The planning and organisation [in collaboration with the direction of the SICL] of activities of the *AiSDC*;
- h) The nomination of Ambassadors of the *AiSDC*.

Two of the following persons must sign jointly: the President, Vice-President and the Secretary.

C. The Ambassadors

19. Responsibilities

The Ambassadors of the *AiSDC* act as liaisons for a particular region of the world. They maintain contact, on the one hand, with the secretariat, which communicates minutes of Committee meetings, and on the other hand with members residing in their region; they can organise regional meetings or activities.

D. Account Auditors

20. Number and Competences

The General Assembly elects two Auditors and one substitute for the duration of 3 years; they may be re-elected.

Two of the Auditors examine the accounts of the *AiSDC* and establish an annual report for the attention of the Committee, which submits the same for approval at the following Annual General Meeting.

VI. Final measures

21. Dissolution

The dissolution of the *AiSDC* can be decided only by the General Assembly convened exclusively for this purpose where at least the number of members who are present equals the number of Committee members.

To be valid, this decision must be approved by the majority of three fourths of the members present.

22. Liquidation

The Committee may liquidate and present a report, as well as the final detailed account to the the General Assembly.

Remaining assets are distributed to either an association pursuing similar objectives to those of the *AiSDC* or to funds outside of the SICL's budget. At the suggestion of the Committee, the General Assembly may decide otherwise.

23. Entry into Force

These statutes were adopted by the Assembly constituted on 15 March 2007 and immediately entered into force.

Lausanne, March 5th 2007

The President:



Pierre Widmer

The Secretary:



Christiane Serkis