

STATUTE OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION RESEARCH

1. Name

The Association shall be known as the **World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER)**. The official language of WASER is English. The official abbreviation will be **WASER**.

2. Style

WASER shall be an independent non-governmental, non-political, non-profit organization, at all times free of racial, gender or national prejudice. The organization shall be registered as a non-profit organization in the country in which the secretariat is located.

3. Objectives

The objectives of WASER shall be: 1) to promote the study and development of the science of erosion and sedimentation interpreted in its widest sense; and 2) to foster the application and dissemination of knowledge in the field of erosion and sedimentation.

4. Mission

4.1 The mission of WASER is to promote international co-operation in pursuing its objectives. WASER will aim to further understanding and its application in the field of erosion and sedimentation, through international contacts among scientists, engineers, organizations, institutions, and governments.

4.2 To achieve its mission the WASER may:

- organize international or regional seminars, conferences, and meetings.
- promote research and training programmes on theoretical and practical aspects of erosion and sediment transport;
- foster the evaluation of erosion and sedimentation routines and models;
- publish scientific periodicals and books, reports and newsletters, independently or in cooperation with other organizations;

- collaborate with other associations and organisations having similar objectives.

5. Organs

The principal organs of WASER are:

5.1 The Assembly;

5.2 The Council;

5.3 The Officers;

5.4 The Secretariat.

6. Membership

6.1 Membership shall include individuals and corporate organizations. To be considered for membership of the Association, an individual should be the holder of degrees or diplomas in appropriate disciplines from universities or colleges or their equivalents, and should be engaged or interested in the field of erosion and sedimentation, including research and practice.

6.2 Persons without the said degrees or diplomas, but with wide practical experience may also apply for membership based on a recommendation by any member of WASER. Upon application, the individual may then be elected to membership by the Council or by a committee set up by the Council.

6.3 An individual who has performed special services to the Association or to sediment studies may be nominated by a committee set up by the council, for honorary membership of WASER. The Council shall determine which nominees are to receive honorary membership.

6.4 Benefactor members are those individuals or organizations who give major donations to WASER. The Council shall define "major donation".

6.5 Membership may be terminated by the Council for just cause or at the request of the member, or if the membership dues have not been paid for two years in succession.

6.6 All members are entitled to the reduced rates of registration when attending international meetings to be organized by the Association and free copies of newsletters and the WASER Journal (International Journal of Sediment Research).

7. Assembly

7.1 The members of WASER shall meet every three years at the Assembly held during the International Symposium on River Sedimentation. They may also cast votes by mail on questions referred to them.

7.2 The decisions of the Assembly shall be made by a majority of votes cast at a meeting or by mail. Each individual member has one vote.

7.3 The Council Members and the Officers of WASER shall be elected by the Assembly for three year terms.

8. Council

8.1 The council shall consist of:

- the President of WASER;
- the vice-Presidents;
- the secretary;
- individual members.

The number of council members should not exceed 19.

8. 2 The Council shall be presided over by the President of WASER or, in case of the President's inability to attend, by a Vice-President. In the event of a tie during voting, the President or Acting President shall cast the deciding vote.

8.3 The Council shall meet every three years during the International Symposium on River Sedimentation. An extraordinary session can be called, if requested by at least one third of the Council members. The Council may make decisions by communication on questions put to it by the Secretariat with the approval of the President. The Council may set up standing and ad hoc committees and working parties with whatever names, powers and terms of reference it may decide.

8 .4 The Council shall determine with the advice of the secretariat, the annual membership dues (including the subscription fee for the journal) of the Association, considering appropriate membership fees. The Council shall approve the budget and authorize distribution of funds.

8.5 The maximum period of membership of the Council shall be six years; No more than three council members shall be from the same country. To ensure continuity the President will remain a member of the council for three years after his presidency.

9. Secretariat

9.1 International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES), China, shall serve as the Secretariat of WASER.

10. Officers

10.1 The Officers of the Council comprise the President, the vice-Presidents and the former president. The Secretary-general and the Treasurer shall be elected by the Council.

10.2 The President or member delegated by the president, shall represent WASER on all official occasions and shall preside over the meetings of the Assembly and the Council meeting and shall have general responsibility for the execution of the policies and decisions of the Assembly and the Council meeting.

10.3 The other officers shall assist the President in the formulation of the policy of WASER and in all other important decisions.

10.4 The Treasurer of WASER shall be responsible for the maintenance of the accounts of WASER.

10.5 The Secretary-general shall be responsible, under the guidance of the President, for co-ordination of WASER-activities associated with arranging conferences, courses and publications. The Secretary-general shall be also responsible for preparations for Council meetings and the Assembly, including the preparation of reports, the recording of minutes of meetings and shall circulate to Council Members all required materials.

10.6 At the conclusion of their term of office, it shall be the responsibility of the President and the Secretary-general to prepare a comprehensive report to WASER concerning its activities during the previous three years (or since the last report). This report shall be presented to the Assembly of WASER.

11. Finances

11.1 The financial resources of WASER shall consist of contributions from conference fees, membership dues, conference and courses benefits, publication royalties, gifts and legacies, grants from public or private bodies, any receipts from other sources.

12. Bye-Laws

12.1 The council shall have power to draw up Bye-Laws for Divisions or Committees of the Association with the assistance of the Secretariat. The Bye-Laws of WASER shall not contain any regulation, which contravenes the statutes.

13. Amendments of the Statute and By-Laws

13.1 Proposals to amend the Statute and Bye-Laws may be made in writing to the President by any three members of the Council or by any five members of WASER.

13.2 An amendment to the Statute shall take effect if it is approved by at least two thirds of the number of council members casting votes. Any change in the Bye-Laws shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the members of the Council.

13.3 The approved amendments shall be published in the regular newsletter or the journal of WASER.

14. International Symposia of the WASER

14.1 The International Symposia on River Sedimentation, organized every three years by IRTCES, shall become one of the main forums of the Association. This series of Symposia shall become the official Symposium of the Association.

14.2 The venue and organizer of the Symposium shall be selected upon receipt of proposals for hosting the symposium by the Council three years before the Symposium.

15. Official Journal for the WASER

15.1 The International Journal of Sediment Research, currently edited by IRTCES, shall become the official journal of WASER. All regular and corporate members of WASER shall receive a copy of the journal and are encouraged to publish their papers in the journal.