

STATUTES OF THE ETYGRAM ASSOCIATION

Art. 1

An association is hereby created between the parties to these articles, governed by the law of 1st July 1901 and entitled *Association ETYmologies GRecques Antiques et Médiévales* (ETYGRAM): *Ancient & Medieval Greek Etymologies Association*.

Art. 2

The purpose of the association is:

- to promote the study of ancient Greek and Byzantine texts dealing with etymology-related issues on the Greek language and ancient Greek semantics, and to disseminate the results of that research
- to produce an online dictionary of ancient and medieval Greek etymologies through collaborative work and to develop other free-access electronic tools on ancient and medieval Greek etymology
- to encourage any undertaking linking research and educational activities on investigating the words of the Greek language as a creative operation, both scholarly and playful.

Art. 3

The Head Office of the association is based at the *Maison des Sciences de l'Homme et de la Société* in Nice, France. It can be moved by a decision of the General Assembly

Art. 4

The association is open to any person over 18 working on texts dealing with ancient etymology as well as any organization whose activities contribute to the knowledge of Greek theories or practices concerning etymology. Membership in the association is subject to the following conditions:

- approval by the General Assembly on the proposal of the bureau
- adherence to the statutes of the association
- payment of the annual due.

Art. 5

The association is comprised of two categories of members: active members and benefactors.

Art. 6

Loss of membership in the association is automatic in case of:

- resignation
- non-payment of dues over two consecutive years
- expulsion by the bureau, bearing in mind due process considerations
- dissolution of the association.

Art. 7

An Ordinary General Assembly is held annually. Any fully paid-up member may attend as of rights. He or she can be represented, with a maximum of two proxies per holder. Each organization is represented by an authorized representative with a single vote. The general assembly is convened by the President or the bureau, with a minimum of 21 days between the sending of the e-mail or snail mail and the holding of the general assembly. The convening letter must include the agenda, which itself includes at least: activity report by the president, approval of accounts and budget, renewal, as appropriate, of the bureau, outline of association's projects and achievements. Voting is carried out on a first-past-the-post basis. Decisions are binding for all members, even those who are absent.

Art. 8

The association is managed by a bureau comprising the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and a number of members or benefactors, representing the General Assembly. The members of the bureau are elected at the annual general meeting by secret ballot. They are elected for two years and are eligible for reelection. In the event of vacancy within the bureau, it provides for the temporary replacement of the members missing, by co-opting one or more of the active members of the association. Permanent replacement is ensured by election at the next general meeting. Co-opted members may be candidates to this election; the powers of the member so elected ending on the expiry of the term of the member replaced.

Voting within the bureau is carried out on a first-past-the-post basis, with no proxies allowed. The quorum is half of the members plus one. In the event of a hung vote, the President has a casting vote.

The bureau's main missions are:

- to authorize the president to sign on behalf of the association
- to implement all decisions – including financial – taken in the ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly
- more generally to ensure the day-to-day functioning of the association under these statutes.

The bureau is convened by the Chairman and meets if and when necessary. All members of the bureau work strictly on a volunteer basis. Only transport costs can be reimbursed to the members of the bureau, at their request, and subject to the provision of receipts.

Art. 9

The association's resources are:

- member contributions
- donations or bequests and subsidies.

The Treasurer's mission is to check the accounts and submit them to the bureau prior to the annual general meeting.

Art. 10

An extraordinary general meeting may be convened at the request of the president or of one third of the members of the association.

Art. 11

These statutes can be revised by an Extraordinary General Assembly convened for this purpose, provided that a majority of two thirds of the members present or represented agree. A quorum of no less than half of the members, present or represented, is required for the holding of this Extraordinary General Assembly. In the absence of a quorum, a new meeting will be convened.

Art. 12

Rules of procedure are set out by the bureau. It is subject to the approval of the General Assembly, as will be any changes to such rules.

Art. 13

The dissolution of the association may be decided at a general meeting convened for that purpose by a two third majority of the members present or represented. In this case, a liquidator is appointed to supervise the devolution of the assets of the association.