



## STATUTES

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## 1. NAME, HEAD OFFICE, LEGAL FORM

### 1.1

Under the name AIDA International - Association Internationale pour le Développement de l'Apnée a federation (association) was founded in Paris on the 11th of December, 1999, as defined in Article 60ff of the Swiss Civil Code.

### 1.2

The head office of AIDA International is in Lausanne, Switzerland.

### 1.3

The annual period starts January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 1.4

AIDA International is obliged towards third parties to sign collectively by the President and/or Vice-President and by a member of the Executive Board (according to Art. 11.1).

## 2. GOALS

### 2.1

AIDA International has the following goals:

- The development of freediving in all countries.
- The organization of international meetings and competitions.
- The standardization of regulations in regard to education, competitions and records.
- The assurance of cross-border communication between practising members.
- The development of a system of reciprocity for various existing forms of education.
- The recognition and registration of records and achievements for the various disciplines of freediving.

### 2.2

AIDA International will undertake all necessary steps to achieve these goals.

### 2.3

AIDA International may associate itself with other international organizations.

### 2.4

AIDA International is a non-profit organization.

## 3. MEMBERS

### 3.1

AIDA International consists of the following member categories:

- EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
- ACTIVE MEMBER
- HONORARY MEMBER

## 4. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

### 4.1

Members of the Executive Board are those mentioned in article 11.1.

### 4.2

Members of the Executive Board have the right to vote.

## 5. ACTIVE MEMBERS

### 5.1 DEFINITION

An active member of AIDA International is a national institution comprised of several people.

### 5.2 ADMISSION

A national organization wanting to become a member of AIDA International must send written application to the Executive Board. A copy of the statutes and a list of members must be enclosed in the appendix of the application. The statutes must clearly mention a democratic way of election for all functions of the institution. The Executive Board will decide on admission of a new member after consultation with other members.

### 5.3 A.I.D.A. NATIONAL

For countries having several national affiliated institutions (active members), the Executive Board/Assembly of Delegates will appoint the institution considered as the A.I.D.A. National each year, by taking into account the number of verified members and the activities organized by these institutions. To that effect, the institutions will circulate a history file to the Executive Board/Assembly of Delegates, no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of December of each year. Only the A.I.D.A. National expressed by its national representative or, if he is unable, by its national consultant has the right to vote (1 country = 1 vote).

### 5.4 WITHDRAWAL

All withdrawals must be addressed in writing to the Executive Board no later than the 1st of December, to take effect December 31st. Members fees for the year in progress are remain due.

### 5.5 EXCLUSION

Exclusion may be pronounced by the Assembly of Delegates by the majority of 2/3 of the members having the right to vote, against a member who, by his conduct, or any other manner, has harmed AIDA International, violated the present statutes or breached the internal AIDA International regulations. Membership fees that have already been paid will remain with AIDA International.

### 5.6 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees are established by the Assembly of Delegates, in Euros € 100  
There are due by March 31st of each year.

## 6. HONORARY MEMBERS

### 6.1 DEFINITION

A natural person may be nominated as Honorary Member by the Assembly of Delegates of AIDA International by proposal of the Executive Board. An Honorary Member is exempt of all fees and may participate in the Assembly of Delegates, however, he does not have a voice.

## 7. RESOURCES

### 7.1

AIDA International has the following resources:

- Annual member fees
- Donations, legacies etc.
- In general, the total income generated by AIDA International activities.

## 8. RESPONSABILITIES

### 8.1

All members are freed of all personal financial responsibilities. AIDA International obligations are only guaranteed by the assets of the association. Each member takes part in AIDA International activities on his own responsibility.

## 9. GOVERNING BODIES

### 9.1

The Governing Bodies of AIDA International are:

- a) The Assembly of Delegates
- b) The Executive Board
- d) The Auditors

## 10. ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

### 10.1

The Assembly of Delegates is the paramount authority of the association. It is composed of representatives of each active member (1 national representative having the right to vote per country).

It has jurisdictions conceded by law and the present statutes, notable:

- Election of the Executive Board
- Election of Auditors
- Approval of various activity reports
- Approval and release of annual and auditors reports
- Approval and release of the management of the directing bodies
- Establishment of membership fees for the following year
- Votation of the budget
- Nomination of Honorary Members
- Pronouncement of exclusion of members
- Modification of the statutes
- Decisions of all submitted questions
- Decision of the dissolution of AIDA International

### 10.2

With the exception of dispositions contrary to the law or to the present statutes, the Assembly of Delegates, meaningfully appointed and convened on a regular basis, may make decisions by simple majority of the members present. No decisions can be made on subjects not listed on the agenda.

### 10.3

The regular Assembly of Delegates is convened by the Executive Board. Appointment to the Assembly of Delegates is addressed to each national representative at least 10 days in advance. The appointment must include the meeting agenda.

#### 10.3.1

All decisions, with the exception of dissolution of the association, may be decided by mail no matter the media used.

#### 10.3.2

Corresponding information must be sent simultaneously to all voting members (national representatives)..

#### 10.3.3

For validation purposes, a decision must be announced in writing within 10 days following the decision, by simple majority of the members present.

10.4

A special Assembly of Delegates may be convened by the Executive Board or by the President at any time or by request of at least 1/5 of the voting members.

10.5

In the case of emergency an Assembly of Delegates may be convened by mail within 48 hours (no matter the media used).

10.6

Only the delegates of active members (national representatives), and voting members of the Executive Board have the right to vote at the Assembly of Delegates, whether it be regular or special assembly. In case of impediment, a member may appoint a delegate of another country to represent him, provided that a signed power of authority has been sent to the President declaring right of representation.

10.7

Elections, nominations and votes are made by handsign. A secret vote is made on request by the president or if requested by at least 1/10 of the members present.

## 11. EXECUTIVE BOARD

11.1

The Executive Board is responsible for the management and administration of AIDA International activities, which consists of the following members:

- President
- Vice-President "Europe"
- Vice-President "North America"
- Vice-President "South America"
- Vice-Président "Asia"
- Vice-President "Africa"
- Vice-President "Oceania/Pacific"
- Technical Officer
- Sportive Officer
- Education and training Officer
- Secretary
- Treasurer

## 12. COMMISSIONS

12.1

To ensure the smooth functioning of AIDA International or if the Executive Board sees the need, they may nominate commissions deemed useful throughout the course of the year. A detailed list of duties and a budget will be created.

## 13. AUDITORS

13.1

Each year the Assembly of Delegates elects two auditors and a substitute.

13.2

Each auditor remains in office two years and will be replaced by his substitute.

13.3

Auditors verify the books and compile a report for the Assembly of Delegates of AIDA International.

## 14. MODIFICATIONS OF STATUTES

14.1

The statutes may only be modified by an Assembly of Delegates consisting of at least 2/3 of the members having the right to vote, and by majority of 2/3 of the voters.

## 15. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

15.1

The dissolution of AIDA International may only be decided by special assembly consisting of at least 2/3 of the members having the right to vote, and by majority of 2/3 of the members present.

15.2

The dissolution of the association can not be made by written correspondence.

15.3

In the event of a dissolution, the assets of AIDA International assets will be transferred to a legal public entity or to a natural person having similar goals.

## 16. QUORUM

16.1

If the quorum of Art. 14.1 or 15.1 are not attained, a second assembly will be convened. It will deliberate no matter the number of members present or represented having the right to vote and will make decisions on the majority of 2/3 of the members present.

## 17. FINAL DISPOSITIONS

17.1

The present statutes were accepted by the founding assembly in Paris, the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 1999, and modified by special Assemblies of Delegates the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2002, the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2003, and the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2005.

They take effective immediately.

President

Vice-President "Europe"

Vice-President "North America"

Vice-President "South America"

Vice-President "Asia"

Vice-President "Africa"

Vice-President "Oceania/Pacific"

Technical Officer

Sportive Officer

Education and training Officer

Secretary

Treasurer

Bill Strömberg

Panos Lianos

Grant Gaves

Gabriela Contreras

Junko Kitahama

Yehia Safwat

Erez Beatus

Cédric Palerme

Pim Vermeulen

Samantha Kirby

Susan Kluytmans

Sébastien Nagel