

LAW ON THE SLOVENIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS

I. BASIC PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (hereinafter referred to as: SASA) is the supreme national institution of sciences and arts.

Article 2

SASA is an autonomous institution associating scientists and artists - members of SASA. It is a public legal person with the rights, obligations and responsibilities as defined by this Law and by the Statutes of SASA.

The Republic of Slovenia provides conditions for the operation and development of SASA.

Article 3

SASA cultivates, encourages and promotes sciences and arts and, through its activities, contributes to the development of scientific thought and creativity in the arts by:

- addressing basic issues of sciences and arts;
- participating in establishing the policies of research activities and creativity in the arts;
- giving appraisals, proposals and opinions on the position, development and promotion of sciences and arts, and on the organization of research activities and creativity in the arts;
- participating in discussions on common social and economic issues;
- supporting the scientific, cultural and artistic activities of all parts of the Slovene nation;
- encouraging scientific and artistic activities of the members of the Italian and Hungarian ethnic communities in Slovenia;
- creating opportunities for the scientific and artistic work of its members;
- organizing research work, also in cooperation with universities and other research institutions, particularly in the fields which are important for the aware-

ness of and gaining insight into the natural and cultural heritage of the Slovene nation and for the development of its language and culture;

- establishing institutes in the fields of scientific, research and cultural activities;
- organizing debates, expert meetings, consultations, lectures and exhibitions;
- issuing regular and occasional publications in the fields of sciences and arts;
- developing international cooperation in the field of sciences and arts.

Article 4

SASA cooperates with other academies of sciences and arts and with other scientific and arts organizations abroad, and makes arrangements for joint projects and their implementation.

Article 5

In discharging its responsibilities, SASA cooperates with research, university and arts institutes, business organizations, government agencies and with individual scientists and artists.

In implementing the projects which require the cooperation of a broader circle of scientists and artists and institutes, SASA sets up standing committees or ad hoc working bodies, incorporating other scientists and artists in addition to SASA members.

Article 6

SASA cooperates with the competent authorities and organizations in formulating the policies and programmes of activities in the fields of scientific research, culture and education in the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 7

The work of SASA is public. SASA informs the public of its work over the past year. The public character of SASAs work is regulated in detail by the Statutes of SASA.

Article 8

SASA has its Statutes. The SASA Statutes stipulate the organization, mode of work and management of SASA in accordance with this Law.

The Statutes shall be adopted by the Assembly of SASA. The Government of the Republic of Slovenia shall give its consent to the provisions of the Statutes relating to the financing of SASA.

SASA can adopt other general by-laws which, in accordance with the Statutes, regulate some issues of importance for the work and operations of SASA.

Article 9

The general regulations on scientific research and artistic activities shall apply to the work of SASA in the field of research and artistic activities, unless otherwise provided by this Law.

II. MEMBERS OF SASA

Article 10

SASA provides the framework for the activities of scientists and artists who have been elected as its members for their outstanding achievements in the field of sciences and arts. To be elected a member of SASA is a mark of national and social recognition. SASA has honorary, full, associate and corresponding members. Full members have the right to the title of Academician.

Article 11

Honorary membership of SASA may be extended to any person who has exceptionally enriched Slovenian culture through his scientific or artistic work, or who has rendered especially meritorious service to the Slovene nation and to the development of its sciences or arts.

Full membership of SASA may be extended to a scientist or artist who is a national of the Republic of Slovenia and has performed especially important work, representing peak achievements in the fields of sciences or arts.

Associate membership of SASA may be extended to a scientist or artist who is a national of the Republic of Slovenia and has created works of such importance that, through them, he has

substantially enriched sciences or arts.

Full and/or associate membership of SASA may be extended to a scientist or artist of Slovene descent, who is not a national of the Republic of Slovenia, if he is actively connected with his homeland and has created especially important works in the fields of sciences or arts.

Corresponding membership of SASA may be extended to a scientist or artist who is not a national of the Republic of Slovenia, if he fulfils the other conditions for full membership and has rendered significant services to sciences or arts in the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 12

The members of SASA are elected by the Assembly of SASA. The election procedure for SASA members is stipulated by the Statutes. SASA has 60 full and 30 associate members, and a maximum of 90 corresponding members. This limitation relates to members under 75 years of age. The discontinuation of membership is defined in detail by the Statutes of SASA.

Article 13

The election of SASA members takes place every second year.

Full and corresponding members are elected by full members only; honorary and associate members, however, are elected by full and associate members.

Elections are conducted by secret ballot. Voting by secret ballot may, exceptionally, also include absentee votes for those members who cannot participate in the elections due to ill-health or other excusable reasons.

The Statutes of SASA specify in detail the criteria for the election and the procedure for the nomination and election of SASA members.

Article 14

Upon election, the members of SASA take over the responsibility of endeavouring to implement the objectives and tasks of SASA.

In addition to the rights and duties, as stipulated by the Law, the members of SASA have the following particular rights and duties:

- to act creatively in their respective fields of sciences and arts;
- to participate in scientific and artistic work within the framework of the SASA programme;
- to vote for and be elected to the management and working bodies of SASA;
- to participate in the work of management and working bodies of which they have become members;
- to participate in the Assemblies of SASA and in the sessions of Sections.

Article 15

Full and associate members of SASA, nationals of the Republic of Slovenia with permanent residence in Slovenia, are entitled to a permanent monthly remuneration.

The Statutes of SASA provide for the criteria and amount of remuneration.

III. ORGANIZATION OF SASA

Article 16

The scientific and artistic activities of SASA are performed within the framework of the Sections and Subsections thereof, and in the Scientific Research Centre of SASA (hereinafter referred to as: SRC of SASA).

The Sections of SASA are entrusted with the carrying out of SASA's tasks; they are established for one or more fields of sciences and arts.

The Sections of SASA, and the fields for which they have been established, are defined by the Statutes of SASA. Full and associate members of SASA, experts of a particular scientific or

artistic discipline, work together in a Section

of SASA. Every full and associate member of SASA may take an active part within the framework of one Section only.

The work of each Section of SASA is conducted by the Secretary.

Corresponding members are classified into appropriate Sections depending upon their scientific and artistic discipline.

Within the framework of Sections individual Subsections may be established for the carrying out of tasks in selected fields of sciences and arts.

The Statutes of SASA regulate in detail the organization and operation of SASA Sections, and the cooperation of corresponding members.

Article 17

SASA and the institutes which are established by SASA may also include libraries, galleries and the like.

IV MANAGEMENT OF SASA

Article 18

The management bodies of SASA are the Assembly, the Presidency and the President.

Article 19

The Assembly of SASA is the management body of SASA, composed of all full and associate members of SASA. The honorary and corresponding members of SASA may also participate in the work of the Assembly.

The Assembly of SASA shall be convened at least once a year.

The Assembly shall be convened by the Presidency of SASA at its own initiative, upon proposal by at least two Sections of SASA, or upon proposal by at least ten full members of SASA.

The Statutes of SASA govern the participation of honorary and corresponding SASA members in the work of the Assembly of SASA.

Article 20

The Assembly of SASA shall:

- discuss basic issues with regard to the realization of the tasks of SASA;
- adopt the SASA work programme;
- elect the SASA members;
- elect and recall the President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General of SASA;
- adopt the Statutes of SASA;
- adopt acts on the establishment of institutes;

- adopt the budget and annual accounts of SASA;
- approve the statutes of the established institutes;
- perform other tasks as stipulated by law and by the Statutes of SASA.

Article 21

The Assembly adopts valid decisions if the majority of the full and associate members is present.

The majority of votes of all full and associate members is required for the adoption of the Statutes, for the election of the President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General,

and for the election of honorary and associate members.

The majority of votes of all full members, however, is required for the election of full and corresponding members.

Article 22

The Presidency of SASA is composed of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, the Secretaries of Sections and three SASA members elected by the Assembly of SASA in accordance with the Statutes of SASA.

The Presidency of SASA shall be responsible for the implementation of the decisions and directives of the Assembly. The current affairs of the Presidency are dealt with by the Executive Board, composed of the President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General.

Article 23

The President of SASA shall represent and act for SASA, and shall be responsible for the legality of the work of SASA.

The President of SASA shall be responsible for his work and report to the Assembly of SASA and - within the framework of the tasks performed by the Presidency - to the Presidency of SASA.

Article 24

The President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General are elected by the Assembly of SASA from among the full members. The Secretaries of Sections are elected by the members of the Section from among full and associate members. The President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General and the Secretaries of Sections are elected for a period of three years with the possibility of one further re-election.

The President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General and the Secretaries of Sections may perform this function up to the age of 75.

The Statutes of SASA specify in detail the criteria for election and the procedure for nomination and election of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General and the Secretaries of SASA Sections.

V ADMINISTRATION OF SASA

Article 25

Administrative-technical, ancillary and similar services of common interest for SASA are performed by the Administration of SASA.

The Administration of SASA is headed by the Executive Director who shall be appointed and recalled by the Presidency.

The Executive Director shall be appointed for a period of four years and may be re-appointed. He is responsible for his work and reports to the Secretary General of SASA.

The Presidency of SASA shall have a Secretary who is appointed for a period of four years and may be re-appointed.

VI. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CENTRES OF SASA

Article 26

SASA is the founder of the Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SRC of SASA).

Together with SASA, the SRC of SASA is implementing the joint long-term programme known as The Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Slovene Nation.

The SRC of SASA performs the basic tasks in the field of natural sciences, humanities and social sciences. The SRC of SASA operates under the Law on Institutes and performs scientific research in accordance with the law which governs research activities.

The research activities in the SRC of SASA are performed by the members of SASA, by researchers holding scientific titles accorded by SASA and by researchers with other titles.

The title of scientific associate, accorded by SASA, is defined by this Law.

VII. SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATES OF SASA

Article 27

The titles of scientific associates, accorded by SASA, are the following: scientific counsellor to SASA, senior scientific associate of SASA and scientific associate of SASA.

VIII. FUNDS OF SASA

Article 28

The funds for the operation of SASA shall be secured by the Republic of Slovenia from its budget, and are intended for:

- the work of the Assembly, Presidency and the Sections of SASA;
- the basic work programme of SASA;
- the work programme of the retired full and associate members of SASA;
- regular publishing activities;
- permanent monthly remunerations to the full and associate members of SASA;
- depreciation, investments and investment maintenance;
- the performance of professional, administrative and technical work;
- material and operational expenses;
- completion of the library, purchase of legacies, and of art works of importance for the cultural and natural heritage.

SASA raises the funds from the previous paragraph from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia on the basis of the financially evaluated annual work programme, submitted to the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for approval.

In addition, SASA provides funds for research and artistic work through contractual research and artistic activities.

SASA may also raise funds by grants, legacies and donations, or by other legal means.

Article 29

The funds for the operation of the SRC of SASA shall be secured from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia in the like manner and amount to those provided for public research institutes.

The SRC of SASA raises the funds from the previous paragraph from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia on the basis of the financially evaluated annual work programme.

The supreme management body of the SRC of SASA is required to obtain consent for its work programme from the Presidency of SASA and from the Ministry competent for research activities.

The SRC of SASA is also entitled to raise funds from other sources.

Article 30

The Court of Audit shall perform financial supervision over the business operations of SASA.

Article 31

SASA is the proprietor of assets which it has been apportioned or which it has acquired for the performance of the activities for which it has been established.

IX. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 32

SASA and the SRC of SASA shall ensure that their organization and operations, as well as their Statutes and other by-laws, are brought into accord with this Law, not later than within one year after it has come into effect.

Article 33

The Presidency of SASA shall limit the number of vacancies for each type of membership to SASA in the coming election periods, until the number of the members of SASA reaches the figure defined in paragraph 3, Article 12 hereof.

Article 34

On the day when this Law comes into effect, the corresponding members of SASA shall be renamed as associate members of SASA, and the external corresponding members shall be renamed as corresponding members of SASA; and thus acquire every right and duty under this Law.

Article 35

The scientific associates of SASA who have acquired this title under the previous Law on SASA (Official Gazette of the SR Slovenia, 30/80) shall keep that title until the expiry of the period for which they have been elected.

Article 36

The President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, the Secretaries of Sections and the Heads of Departments of SASA shall perform their duties until the expiry of the term of office for which they have been elected.

Article 37

The SRC of SASA, founded by SASA, shall by this Law acquire the rights and duties of a public research institute.

Article 38

On the date of entry in force of this Law, the Law on SASA (Official Gazette of the SR Slovenia, 30/80) shall cease to have effect.

Article 39

The present Law shall enter in force on the fifteenth day after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

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