

Association for the Promotion of Spider Research

Statutes

1. Name and office

Under the name of "Association for the Promotion of Spider Research", an association exists with its office in Bern within the meaning of Articles 60 et seq. of the Schweizerisches Zivilgesetzbuch (Swiss Civil Code).

2. Aim and purpose

1. The purpose of the Association is to inform the society about the importance of spiders and to promote spider research. This shall be achieved by
 - performing or supporting projects to inform the society about the importance of spiders;
 - promoting projects to increase the identifiability of spiders also by laymen;
 - granting stipends for research projects on spiders to young scientists;
 - promoting projects in taxonomy, ecology and further topics in spider research;
 - promoting projects connecting spider research and nature conservation.
2. The Association is non-commercial and non-profit. All financial means and assets are used only to achieve the above-mentioned aims. Financial contributions to members of the association are not possible. The governing bodies of the Association work in an honorary capacity.

3. Membership

Natural and legal persons supporting the aims of the Association can become members of the Association. Applications have to be directed to the Board of Directors that will decide on the application.

4. Expiry of the membership

Membership of natural persons expires upon a letter of resignation to the Board of Directors, upon death or upon exclusion by the Board of Directors. Membership of legal persons expires upon a letter of resignation written to the Board of Directors, upon death or upon liquidation.

5. Governing bodies of the Association

The General Assembly and the Board of Directors are the two governing bodies of the Association.

6. The General Assembly

1. The General Assembly has the highest position among the governing body of the Association. The Board of Directors informs about date and location of the General Assembly at least once a year. Extraordinary general meetings can be called by the Board of Directors or if requested by 20 % of the members. If an extraordinary general meeting is requested by the members, the Board of Directors has to communicate date and location of the meeting within four weeks after receiving the request.
2. The invitation for the General Assembly shall be made in written or by email and contains the agenda items.
3. The General Assembly can also decide to proceed with decisions by circularizing members, if no physical meeting is desired. In this case, the Board of Directors informs by letter or by email on the forthcoming decisions and allows an appropriate period to communicate acceptance or rejection.

7. Responsibility of the General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall have the following powers:
 - to approve the minutes of the last General Assembly;
 - to approve the report of the Board of Directors;
 - to approve the annual financial statement;
 - to elect the President and other members of the Board of Directors;
 - to modify the statutes;
 - to vote on further agenda items proposed by members or the Board of Directors;
 - to decide on the liquidation of the Association.
2. Decisions and votes are made by a simple majority of the votes cast. When a vote ends in a tie, the President has the casting vote.

8. The Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors consists of a President and at least two further members, elected by the General Assembly. The Board of Directors constitutes itself.
2. The Board of Directors shall convene as often as required by business. Each member of the Board of Directors can ask the President to call a meeting at short notice, stating the reasons for the request. The President communicates date and location of a meeting. The Board of Directors decides by a simple majority of the votes cast. Decisions can also be achieved by circularizing members, if no physical meeting is desired.
3. The Board of Directors works in an honorary capacity.

9. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors holds all responsibilities which are not delegated to another body by law.

10. Finances

1. The Association is financed by voluntary contributions of the members, by donations, other contributions, or by the proceeds of own activities. When necessary, the General Assembly can decide on compulsory annual fees.
2. Only the assets of the Association are liable for debts of the Association. The liability of members is excluded.

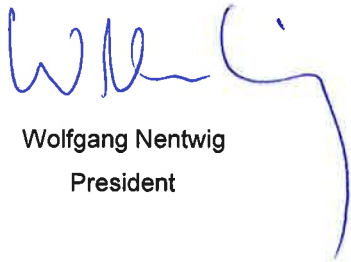
11. Liquidation of the Association

The liquidation of the Association can be decided by a vote of the General Assembly and is carried out by the Board of Directors. A resulting surplus shall go to a tax-exempted legal person with similar aims in Switzerland.

12. Taking effect

The statutes were accepted at the founding assembly of the Association on 4th January 2016 in Bern and shall take effect on this date.

Bern, 4. January 2016



Wolfgang Nentwig
President



Ambros Hänggi
Vice President

This English version is a translation from the German original text which is the legal version.