



STATUTES of the Confederation of European Environmental Engineering Societies (modified 2000)

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with respect to the foundation of a European organisation (International Association according to the Belgian law of 25th October, 1919 modified by the law of 6th December 1954)*

Article 1: Title

The title of the organisation shall be "**Confederation of European Environmental Engineering Societies (CEEES)**"

The place of residence of the organisation is Bovenbostraat 77, B-3053 Haasrode, Belgium. The residence may be transferred to any other place in Belgium by decision of the General Assembly, the decision will be forwarded to publication in the annex of "Moniteur Belge - Belgisch Staatsblad" within the same month of the decision date.

Article 2: Aims and objectives

The CEEES is a not-for-profit organisation which aims at:

- a) The advancement of science and technology in the field of environmental engineering and related branches of science and technology
- b) The exchange of information and experience concerning environmental engineering and related fields
- c) Participating wherever possible in national symposia and arranging international symposia on environmental engineering techniques and their application
- d) Participating in the establishment of standards in the field of environmental engineering at international level
- e) Encouraging member societies to support each other's activities
- f) To achieve recognition as an expert forum for environmental engineering and related technologies

Article 3: Membership

Registered national societies whose aim is the promotion of environmental engineering techniques and practices are eligible for membership. Member societies are obliged to pay the membership fees agreed on by the General Assembly annually.

The **Association pour le Développement des Sciences et Techniques de l'Environnement** (ASTE, France), the **Society of environmental Engineers** (SEE, UK), the **Gesellschaft für Umweltsimulation e.V.** (GUS, Germany), the **Swedish Environmental Engineering Society** (SEES, Sweden), and the **Swiss Society of Environmental Engineers** (SSEE, Switzerland), are to be known as **Founder Members** of CEEES.

A member society may leave CEEES at any time. The leave has to be announced to the CEEES President with a registered letter.

The exclusion of a member society may be proposed by the General Assembly and may be executed - after a hearing of the member concerned - by agreement of all other member societies.

After the conclusion of its membership, the member has no rights related to the assets of CEEES.

Article 4: Organisation

CEEES shall have the following bodies:

- a) an **Assembly of Delegates** of the member societies, named the "**General Assembly**"
- b) a **President** and a **Vice-President**
- c) a **Treasurer**
- d) a **Secretariat**
- e) such **Working Parties** as deemed necessary by the General Assembly.

However no member society may supply the President, Vice-President or Secretariat for more than two consecutive years.

The Treasurer will be elected by the General Assembly for two years and may be re-elected.

Article 5: General Assembly

Each member society shall nominate up to 4 delegates from within its organisation to serve on the General Assembly. The participation of observers is possible but may be limited.

The General Assembly shall meet at least twice a year at a venue agreed at the previous meeting. For all other General Assembly meetings, the delegates have to be invited 30 days in advance by simple mail.

Each society will be entitled to one vote. On general matters a majority decision shall apply. However, on the matter of statutes and of membership any decision must be unanimous. The quorum for General Assembly decisions is at least two third (2/3) of the registered CEEES members.

The General Assembly shall have the following duties and all thereof derived powers to realise the objectives of the organisation:

- To deal with all questions arising from the aims and activities of the Confederation.
- To appoint working parties or sub committees as appropriate.
- To decide upon matters which are presented to the General Assembly by the President.
- To appoint and to repeal the member societies who will succeed the one currently providing the President and Vice-President of CEEES. The society which provides the President shall not be the same as for Vice-President.
- To elect the Treasurer of CEEES, to agree on the membership fee and the CEEES budget.
- To approve the financial report of the Treasurer.
- To decide upon the acceptance and exclusion of members societies.
- To decide upon any changes in the statutes.
- To decide upon the annulation and liquidation of CEEES.

The resolutions of the General Assembly have to be written down and registered; the President has to sign the resolutions and to keep it for the members disposal.

Article 6: President of the CEEES

The President will be appointed and withdrawn by the member society which he belongs to during his presidency.

The President shall not have a casting vote in the General Assembly.

All legal actions (documentary) as well by statement of claim as well by defense will be pursued by the member society (according to article 5d) in charge of the presidency.

Should the President be temporarily or permanently prevented from running the affairs of CEEES, he may be replaced by a deputy appointed by the Society whose delegate the President is.

Article 7: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all financial matters of CEEES. He shall report to the General Assembly.

Article 8: The Secretariat

The Secretariat shall carry out the duties detailed by the President.

Article 9: Liability

The liability of member societies is financially limited to the amount of the annual membership fee. No member society shall commit any other member society to any obligation unless an agreement in writing between themselves exists.

Article 10: General regulations

These statutes replace the statutes of CEEES, dated January 29th, 1985, revised on September 17th, 1990.

Any issue not regulated by these statutes, especially those publications which have to be made in the Annex of "Moniteur Belge - Belgisch Staatsblad", are being directed by the law of October 25th, 1919.

The French text of the Statutes is legally binding.