

# IASLA

SOCIETÀ SCIENTIFICA ITALIANA DI ARCHITETTURA DEL PAESAGGIO - ONLUS  
ITALIAN ACADEMIC SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

## STATUTE

### PART 1

#### Art. 1 - NAME AND LEGAL STATUS

The non-profit Società Scientifica Italiana di Architettura del Paesaggio – hereinafter referred to as "Society" – is established on a national basis.

Within an international context, the Società Scientifica Italiana di Architettura del Paesaggio uses the English name "Italian Academic Society of Landscape Architecture" and takes on the English form IASLA as the unique acronym.

The Italian Academic Society of Landscape Architecture is a non-profit organization of social utility, regulated by the Italian Codice Civile, Articles 36 and following ones, Chapter III of Book I, by this Statute and by its own Rules.

#### Art. 2 - REGISTERED SEAT

The Society registered office is provisionally established in Rome, at the pro-tempore President's domicile. The Society operating office and secretary are located at the University offices of the pro-tempore President, for her/his three-year term.

Any change in the registered office does not entail any amendment to the Society rules, but the obligation to inform the competent offices.

#### Art. 3 - DURATION

The Society is established without any expiring date and may be dissolved by an Assembly resolution.

### PART 2

#### Art. 4 - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The Italian Academic Society of Landscape Architecture gathers scholars and experts of Landscape Architecture both active and retired academicians, with the main purpose of improving and spreading at the highest levels – in academic, cultural and social terms – the knowledge, the role and the meanings of landscape architecture, dealing with teaching and research, with academic life and with the cultural dissemination of its contents; therefore, strengthening the academic and scientific identity of the community that are involved into its fieldwork.

The Society is non-profit and exclusively pursues the aims of promotion, dissemination, and development of research and teaching in landscape architecture. It also works to increase a widespread social and political awareness about the active role of landscape design, as a meaningful moment for pursuing the aims of Article 9 of the Italian Constitution.

It promotes all the activities, fostering an operative and creative impulse towards a season of landscape projects, in a framework of an overall regeneration of the country. Similarly, it recognizes, as relevant, the

contributions and the letter of intent of other Scientific Societies and Professional and/or Cultural Associations, that are active at the national and international level in the field of Landscape Sciences, finding moments of mutual debate and dialogue.

In particular, it identifies the European Landscape Convention as a reference and guideline document.

In this sense, jointly and severally, the Society and its Members achieve mentioned purposes, through all forms of useful activity, committing themselves to:

- Promoting the development of studies and researches in the field of Landscape Architecture, in all its declinations, methods, approaches, and supporting a wide diffusion of the results;
- Implementing and facilitating the dialogues about the scientific contents of research in the field of Landscape Architecture;
- Strengthening the sense of belonging to the scientific community, also by realizing events of prominence for the Society;
- Disseminating and sharing both the problems and the opportunities that concern teaching, research and practice of Landscape Architecture;
- Identifying initiatives regarding training, research and design practice, supporting and giving priority to the empowerment of young teachers, researchers or scholars during their training;
- Identifying cultural and/or professional associations with similar purposes, to establish profitable linkage, in order to achieve the Society's objectives;
- Defining the body of stable scientific relationships between Landscape Architecture and the fields of study which express significant research for its need of knowledge and collaborative interpretation;
- Facilitating recurring exchanges between the university scientific research and the technical applications of practice in the field of Landscape Architecture for professional training purposes.

Seeking to become a point of reference in the debate about the central transformations of the country, the Society aims to:

- Representing its own requests by promoting a constant dialogue with the MIUR (Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research), the CUN (Italian National University Board), ANVUR (Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research) and all the national bodies involved in university education, and by reporting their positions about academic interests and about the more general strategic interests of the country;
- Broadening networks of relationships and constant and synergic interaction with national and international professional associations and with professional councils, to harmonize teaching and professional practices and to promote broader job opportunities;
- Encouraging dialogue with the competent Ministries within the full range of policies and actions that affect the transformation of urban and suburban landscape and territories.

#### **Art. 5 - SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY**

The Society carries out the aforesaid aims by organizing, promoting and sponsoring conferences, seminars, commissions and research groups, competitions and scholarships, publications, independently and in collaboration with Organizations, Scientific Institutions and Societies and other Associations, in Italy and abroad.

In particular, the Society promotes an Annual Conference as a shared moment to release the state of progress about the dissemination of the discipline at the national level. Besides, the Society supports theoretical and applicative researches on topics in the field of Landscape Architecture in its various forms and manifestations.

Every year by March, the President transmits an annual activity report of the Society to the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research and the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage.

### **PART 3 - ASSOCIATIVE STRUCTURE**

## Art. 6 - MEMBERS

6.1 All applicant scholars can register in the Society, according to the following categories as below identified.

a) ORDINARY MEMBERS are all the professors and researchers of Landscape Architecture, enrolled in the ICAR/15 SSD (i.e. Scientific Fieldwork), working at Italian Universities. Ordinary members are admitted by simple individual application. They participate as an active and passive electorate in the elections and are obligated to pay yearly membership dues, as determinate in the Assembly.

b) HONORARY MEMBERS are all retired professors of Landscape Architecture, who have been hired in the ICAR/15 SSD at any Italian universities. Honorary Members could also be retired professors of other academic fields, or landscape scholars from foreign universities, active or retired, who are introduced by two members of the Assembly and approved by the Executive Committee. There are no dues for Honorary Members, and they elect a member of the Executive Committee, who is among their candidates.

c) AFFILIATED MEMBERS are professors and scholars of other disciplinary fields, who work in Italian universities. In addition, other representatives of culture and civil society can be included in this category. Affiliated members are introduced by two members of the Assembly and approved by the Executive Committee. Affiliated members are required to pay the annual membership dues. They elect, among those who are applying for this position, a member of the Executive Committee, who is among their candidates.

d) EXPERTS MEMBERS are all researchers and scholars of Landscape Architecture, who do not hold any academic positions. They are also graduated in the landscape architecture, PhD students, and all those who have achieved a third level education in the landscape sciences, that require registration, upon presentation of at least two members and approval of the Executive Committee. Experts members are required to pay the annual membership dues, and they elect, among those who are applying for this position, a member of the Executive Committee.

e) SUPPORTING and INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS are Scientific Institutions, Companies, Public or Private Bodies, cultural and professional Institutions and Associations, that recognize themselves in the Society's aims. Membership takes place upon a request and be approved by Executive Committee's favorable opinion. Institutes, companies or organizations are represented at the assembly by their legal representative or the person to whom it is delegated. The Supporting and Institutional members are required to pay the annual membership dues, as needed, and they elect, among those who are nominated, a member of the Executive Committee.

f) AUDITORS are representatives of other Scientific Societies or Universities or Cultural Associations, active at national or international level. These Companies or Associations, must be engaged in similar or parallel purposes parallel to those of the Company. They are admitted to the Society's activities free of charge following the activation of a not onerous mutual partnership. Otherwise, they are considered to belong to the category e).

### 6.2 Duties and rights of members

Each member commits himself, with the admission request, to constant participation and to collaborate for the best achievement of the Society's goals.

Each member takes part in the activities of the Society, in the assemblies and votes according to article 6 of the present Statute.

Each member also has the right to be continuously informed about the promoted activities of the Society.

The members must pay the membership fees within the terms and comply with this statute and any internal regulations.

Membership would be end up in case of delinquency or conflicting activities with social aims or ethical infringements. The revocation must be assessed, determined and pronounced by the two-thirds majority of Executive Committee's members.

The activity of the Members cannot be remunerated. Members can only be reimbursed for expenses of the conducted activities, upon presentation of documentation in accordance with pre-established criteria. Any form of economic relationship deriving from employment is incompatible with the membership.

## Art. 7 SOCIETY BODIES

The Society bodies are the Members of the Assembly, the Executive Committee, and the President. All charges are free.

On the endeavors of the Executive Committee, working committees can be set up to deepen matters considered significant.

7.1 The ASSEMBLY is the sovereign body and is composed of all the members. The right to vote on issues on the Agenda is reserved for Ordinary Members in good standing with the payment of the membership fee. The Assembly meets ordinarily at least once a year, on convocation of the President, at the registered office or elsewhere. In case of necessity, telematic meetings can be carried out. Convening the Assembly is via mail requesting confirmation. The notice will be sent to each member at least four weeks before the date of the meeting, followed by a program of the main topics that will be discussed. The Assembly may be convened in extraordinary form at any time by the President or by at least one-third of the Ordinary Members with voting rights, who make a written or motivated request. In the case of Assembly, each member may delegate his/her voting power to another voting member. Each voting member cannot receive more than two proxies.

Tasks of the Assembly are:

- study and approve the Society's programs;
- discuss the President's reports and give them approval;
- elect the members of the Executive Committee, according to art. 6 and the following point 7.2;
- amendments to the Statutes by the affirmative vote of two-thirds, and approval of any internal regulation;
- approve the annual financial statements and determine the membership fees.

The meetings of the Assembly are valid when half plus one of the shareholders are represented, net of justified absences, and make decisions with the majority of those attending.

7.2 The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is the executive body and is elected of the votes taken in Assembly. The Executive Committee is composed of 7 members elected from Ordinary Members working at Italian Universities for the entire three-year term, plus one elected within each of the other four categories of members, with a voting right.

The Executive Committee designates, among its members, the President of the Society, the Vice President and the Treasurer. The President assigns the role of the Secretary autonomously to one of the members. When the members of the Executive Committee are split, the decision shall be adopted by the vote of the President.

The Executive Committee prepares the documents for the approval of the Assembly. The Executive Committee is also responsible, jointly with the President assisted by the Secretary, for:

- carry out the deliberations of the Assembly;
- drafting and keeping the minutes of the meetings;
- to promote and direct the general activity of the Society;
- propose the registration fees to the Society;
- approve membership requests;
- approve the statement of account and budget of the Society.

The Executive Committee is validly convened if there are half plus one of the members.

7.3 The PRESIDENT is designated by the Executive Committee.

The President has the corporate signature, represents the Society and is responsible in the external forum. He/ She is assisted by the Executive Committee and the Secretary, and shall carry out the following tasks:

- 1) legally represents the Society in dealings with third parties and legal proceeding, and coordinates activities at the national and international level;
- 2) promotes study and research activities concerning the implementation of social goals;
- 3) arranges and directs the meetings of the Executive Committee, prepare and illustrate the Annual Report of the Society;
- 4) is responsible for the eventual digital or periodical journals that must be scientifically indexed in accordance with the law of press.

7.4 The VICE-PRESIDENT is assigned among the members of the Executive Committee and his/her designation is ratified by the Executive Committee itself. The Deputy Chairman shall replace the Chairman in the event of him being prevented from attending to his duties.

7.5 The TREASURER is assigned among the members of the Executive Committee and his/her designation is ratified by the Council itself. He/She is present at the meetings of the Executive Committee, deals with the administrative accounting records, prepares the financial statements and is responsible for the Society's assets.

7.6 The SECRETARY is designated by the President. He/She is present at the meetings of the Executive Committee. He/She collaborates with the President in drafting and keeping the minutes of meetings and congresses; he/she signs, together with the President, the official documents of the Society; he/ she carries out any duties conferred upon him/her by the President.

#### Art. 8 DURATION OF CHARGES

All the corporate offices hold office for a three-year term and can be reconfirmed for a single additional term.

#### Art.9 RESOURCES AND CAPITAL OF THE SOCIETY

The Society has the following income:

- a) contributions from members;
- b) any donations from the State and the Regions or other public or private bodies;
- c) any revenue deriving from the sale of the press or website spaces and other publishing initiatives;
- d) oblations of private individuals and public or private bodies;
- e) any services agreed with public or private institutions;
- f) donations;
- g) additional forms of financing.

The Society has the obligation to use the profits or the surpluses of management for the realization of the institutional activities and those directly connected to them.

The economic-financial report is prepared by the Executive Committee and approved by the majorities of votes during an ordinary assembly in accordance with the present statute. The report would be deposited at the headquarters of the Society at least 20 days before the meeting and can be consulted by each member. Every year, the final account must be approved by March 30th of the year following the closure of the budget year.

Any assets of the Society will consist of all movable or immovable assets, coming from purchases, or private bequests or institutions. The Society's assets will be described in a special inventory by the Treasurer.

#### Art.10 SOCIETY SERVICES

It is expected that the Italian Academic Society of Landscape Architecture can have its periodical journal and its editorial series.

#### Art.11 CHANGES OF THE STATUTE

The Statute may be amended upon a proposal of the Executive Committee or at least one-third of voting members, acting by a qualified majority.

**Art. 12 DEVOLUTION OF THE ASSETS**

In the event of dissolution of the Society, the assets, after liquidation, will be devolved to social utility. The Society will have the obligation to devolve the assets of the organization, in the event of its dissolution for any reason, to other NPOs or public-benefit corporation, they be given a hearing by the control body referred to in Article 3, paragraph 190, of the law of December 23, 1996, n. 662, unless otherwise different obligation under the laws.

**Art. 13 FINAL DISPOSITIONS**

All things that are not explicitly foreseen by the provisions of this Status will be subject to the provisions of the Civil Code and the applicable national laws.

**Art. 14 TEMPORARY DISPOSITIONS**

The assembly unanimously decides the first composition of the Executive Committee that will have, by derogation of the Statute, the duration of one year, after which new elections will occur. The first composition of the Executive Committee also derogates the art. 8, concerning the re-eligibility of the charges.

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