

STATUTE

A.C.S.E. Associazione Cultura e Sport per l'Europa (Association of Culture and Sport for Europe)

- **Art.1 Denominations and Definitions**

The Associazione Cultura e Sport per l'Europa (Association of Culture and Sport for Europe) known in abbreviated form as "ACSE" and from now on referred in this document as the 'Association' is an association constituted to favour the cultural development and improve the wellbeing and the physical and psychological conditions of its members and of the citizens in general through activities of social promotion and social value to favour the associates or thirds, with no-profit and in full respect of the freedom and dignity of the participants and of all citizens, without any discrimination and following the principles of equality and equal opportunity.

The denominations "Associazione Cultura e Sport per L'Europa" or "Association of Culture and Sport for Europe" and the logo "ACSE" are of exclusive ownership of the Association and will be used exclusively by its own official venues or by the Associated organisations, only if regularly authorized.

ACSE operates in Italy, in the EU territory and worldwide and is inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Charted of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, Treaty on European Union, the Italian Constitution and to the ideals of free association.

ACSE acts in conformity to the national directives that regulate no-profit associations and operates for the continuation and maintenance of recognition as a social promotion association as specified in the Italian act *Legge 383/2000*, as national institution with finalities of assistance, as organisation of sport promotion acknowledged by the National Olympic Committee, as non-governative organisation for the international cooperation and development as specified in the Italian act *Legge 49/1987*, as organisation dedicated to the protection of environment, as organisation of civil protection and voluntary work.

This Statute regulates the relationships internal to the Association, between management and the members and between members.

- **Art.2 Head Office and Duration**

The Association's head office is in Rome.

The Association's duration is indefinite.

- **Art.3 Memberships and Awards**

Still maintaining its own statutory, managerial and patrimonial autonomy, ACSE has the right to subscribe, stipulate contracts and agreements with other institutions, organisations and associations, national and international, which aim to the same, similar or/and synergistic institutional purposes and to collaborate with the public and private entities, directly or through its own operative structures.

- **Art.4 Statutory Aims**

The Association aims to pursue the general finalities expressed in Art.1 of this Statute, through the organization of:

- Activities of social, cultural, recreational, educational, touristic, environmental and hobby related promotion;
- Amateur sport activities and events;
- Charity, voluntary work and social service;
- International cooperation activities;

In particular ACSE promotes, organises and coordinates:

- Policies and initiatives that promote the education to civil responsibility and active citizenship;
- Policies and initiatives that promote associations and voluntary work in all its forms;
- Policies and initiatives that promote the development of the economic and representative roles of no-profit organisations.
- Activities of cultural promotion and expression, in all their forms such as, including but not exclusively, literature, art, photography, entertainment, animation, music, cinema, theatre, both autonomously and in schools and other educational structures and in collaboration with thirds, both private and public;
- Games, hobbies, recreational and playful activities in general;
- Initiatives aimed to the individualisation and management of social spaces and place that may favour the achievement of the institutional finalities of the Association and the increase of cultural, recreational, hobby and social events of personal and civil growth;
- Social events and youth activities;

- Policies and activities that defend the rights of minors;
- Policies and activities for the elderly and promote the relationship between generations;
- Policies and activities for the protection and support of disabled people;
- Activities and initiatives of assistance and charity;
- Services for the community and people, which can represent new opportunities of social integration, achievement of rights, in response to the needs that emerge in the territory;
- Activities related to education, instruction, communication, publishing, television and radio, application of new technologies related to IT and communication, promoting the learning and the use of all the new multimedia technologies related to innovative system of research, communication and spread of knowledge;
- Events such as public performances, meetings, conferences, exhibitions, shows, courses, internships, seminars, celebrations, etc. also in collaboration with thirds, both public and private;
- Training activities and refresh courses also related to the professional sphere of education related to schools, lecturers and any students of all ages;
- Professional training;
- Civil protection activities;
- Activities related to tourism, including social tourism, informed tourism and ethic tourism, rural tourism, agritourism as a form of deepening and enrichment of the knowledge between the people and the territory they live in;
- Trips and touristic sojourns, as well as the direct management of services and/or welcome centres, reserved to the members according to the current laws and directives on the matter;
- Programs regarding mobility, twinning and international exchange;
- Initiatives of ethic finance, activities directed to the education to the critical consumption and defence of the rights of consumers and, more in general, of citizens;
- Policies and activities of international cooperation and decentralised cooperation;
- Intercultural and interethnic activities as possibilities for education to the cohabitation and mutual respect between people of different cultures;
- Policies, initiatives and activities in support to the fight against discrimination, racism, xenophobia, intolerance, disadvantage, marginalisation, solitude, promoting the principle of civil cohabitation, of equal opportunities, to the respect of different culture, ethnic groups, religions, gender, to the defence of linguistic diversities and cultural peculiarity;
- Policies, initiatives and activities that pursue the defence, safeguard, appreciation and recovery of the artistic, architectural, cultural patrimony and cultural heritage;
- Policies, initiatives and activities that pursue the defence, safeguard, appreciation and recovery of the environmental and territorial patrimony;
- Policies and activities in favour of the defence and safeguard of the environment, favouring a responsible and renewable use of the natural and energetic resources;
- Policies and initiatives for the defence of the dignity of animals, against all forms of violence perpetrated against them, for the prevention of abandonment and activities of recovery and initiatives for foster care and adoption.

The sport activity of the Association is amateur in nature and is based on the national regulations that govern it. ACSE pursues its own amateur sport finalities through the promotion, the organization and the coordination of:

- Sport activities of amateur and unprofessional nature, in a competitive and uncompetitive way, with recreational, growth, health, personal and social development aims;
- Educational and promotional activities related to sport for all people, of all ages and social status;
- Educational activities, such as courses and other initiatives aimed to the training of managers, experts, referees, judges and other figures of sporting events in line with the National Sport Federations, the Associated Sport Disciplines and the Sport Promotion Institutes;
- Professional training activity and the field of sports, also in collaboration with accredited educational authorities;
- Activities of research and spread of the means and modes of communication in the sport sector, including new technologies, which favour an ethic approach and an approach based on the principles of the fundamental human rights, of personal dignity and on the proper physical, psychological and moral development of minors and of the people in general, in the nonviolent practice of sport and fair play, with particular attention to the Declaration on Ethics in Youth Sports;
- Activity of management support, though coaching by specialized experts, for all activities regarding the organization and the carrying out of the amateur sport, educational and recreational events;
- Subsidiary activities of published communication, involving both research and surveying, of cultural, informative and technical-didactic nature, all finalised to the promotion and spread of sports.

The sport related activities, both competitive and uncompetitive in nature, are organized in line with ACSE's national regulations, inspired and integrated (even though not deliberately) by the regulations of the National Sport Federations and the Associated Sport Disciplines.

The Association moreover collaborates with other sport organizations, social forces and institutions to improve the laws, regulation and public interventions in sport related matters and pursues the collaboration to international organisations with similar finalities of amateur sport promotion.

- **Art.5 Management Activities**

In pursuing of its own statutory finalities and with no aim to profit, the territorial facilities of the Association, the central and peripheral bodies and the affiliated facilities, also in collaboration with each other or with both private and public entities, can:

- Organise and manage directly or through related facilities, the activities of this Statute;
- Built, equip, acquire, rent and manage facilities owned or given to manage, areas and facilities for the organisation and the sport practice and the general motoric activities; areas and facilities for culture, art, entertainment and musical activities; accommodating facilities such as hostels, camping, holiday houses; restaurants, shops serving food and beverages; social centres and of recreation, dancing and entertainment halls; libraries, game rooms, informative, educational, study and research facilities;
- Carry out special projects that promote the creation and safeguard of job opportunities or through groups of voluntary work that offer their services following the modalities specified by the current laws and regulations;
- Promote and create associations, societies, institutes, foundation, cooperatives and other entities beneficial to the achievement of social purposes, for the management on the territory of projects related to social associations at all levels, for the achievement of specific objectives and for direct management of specific services;
- Build service centres and patronages;
- Hold shares in companies and bodies that are involved with activities closely related to its own finalities;
- Perform any other activity connected and useful to the achievement of the associative aims allowed to non-commercial bodies by the current legislative dispositions.

For the organisation of its own activities, the Association endorses spontaneous and voluntary contributions. However in order to complete of particular services and operations that favour the Association, reimbursements can be provided, paid tasks may be given and the establishment of collaborations and professional relationships, following the modalities established by the current related laws and compatibly with the nature of no-profit association.

- **Art.6 Associates**

ACSE is comprised of collective partners and individual partners.

The partners is an individual that willingly participates to the finalities of the Association sharing the activities and the projects and contributing to the achievement of the aims that the Association pursues.

The partner status, once obtained, is permanent and can be revoked only in the cases specified in the following articles below.

Temporary participations and limitations to the rights granted by the partnership are, therefore, not allowed. Sharing profits, income or leftovers with the partners is not allowed, both directly and indirectly.

- **Art.7 Affiliates**

ACSE's collective partners (Affiliates) participation to the Association through its territorial facilities, with a definitive contract of 'affiliation' that commits them to respecting the national Statute, the statute of territorial facility to which they subscribe, the Association's regulations and the decisions made by its bodies.

Therefore, the following are ACSE's Members, including but not exclusively, the associations of social promotion, the amateur sports associations and societies, the committees, the recreational and cultural societies, the no-profit organisations, voluntary associations, the organisation of social utility (onlus) and all no-profit cooperatives with finalities which do not go against those of ACSE, that have their legal and operative residence inside the EU or, if related to amateur sport, in the Italian national territory.

The enrolment of the Affiliates is completed with the approval of the affiliation request and prior to the payment of the annual membership fee.

The affiliation request will have to be presented following the modalities specified annually by the National Council's newsletter. The affiliation request can be made exclusively when the candidate's statute will contain those binding regulations and principles that form the both the ethic and legal foundations of ACSE, such as: no aims to profit; principles of democracy, participation and collegiality; administrative transparency; the ownership of substantial rights for all the Partners.

The Affiliates benefit of legal and patrimonial independence and answer to the subscribed obligations exclusively with their own patrimony as specified starting from article 36 onward of the Italian civil code, excluding specifically any of ACSE and of the territorial facilities' responsibilities.

- **Art.8 Members**

ACSE's individual partners are defined as (from now on referred to as Members) all the people, with Italian citizenship or foreign, even is under aged, with no distinction made in gender, age, nationality or race, that participate to the Association sharing its principles and the general set of rules.

Moreover, are considered individual partners the managers, experts, referees, judges, social and cultural operators and all those who participate to the activities of the Association making a continuous contribution or participation to the specific events.

The Members participate to ACSE through the Affiliates organisations seen above, with a relationship defined as 'membership' that commits them to respecting this national Statute, the statute of territorial facility to which they subscribe, the Association's regulations and the decisions made by its bodies.

The enrolment of the Members is complete with the approval of their request by a collective partner to which they applied and the issue of the membership card.

- **Art.9 Rights and Duties of the Associates**

The Associates have the right to:

- Participate to the drafting of the agenda and participate to the activities promoted by ACSE;
- Approve the preventive balance sheet and the economic and financial report, or the financial statement, of the different territorial branches of ACSE;
- Elect the managerial, bodies of internal auditing and arbitration (bodies of guaranty) and control bodies and to be elected as one of them.

The Associates are required to:

- Follow the statute, the regulation, the resolutions of the managerial bodies;
- Pay the social fees decided by the managerial bodies before the due date;
- Entrust the resolution of possible internal disputes to the bodies of guaranty of the Association and to those who are competent in the specific field;

The social fee represents the periodic payment in support to the Association, it does in no way constitute therefore a shareholding nor a stockholding, and it is in no way reimbursable or communicable.

- **Art.10 Withdrawal and Relinquishment of the Associates**

With the exception of the right of withdrawal, the relinquishment of Partners or Associates occurs in the following instances:

- In case of death of the partner or disbandment of the association;
- In case the membership or the associative fees are not paid;
- In case of unjustified refusal to renovate the social card or the membership by the managerial bodies instructed to such task;
- In case of definitive expulsion.

- **Art.11 Partnership Modalities**

The general principles to which ACSE's partnership modalities are inspired and aligned to are:

- Equality of right between all the Members;
- Their right to democratic participation;
- The use of democratic modalities in the management of the Association;
- Transparency in decision-making and in their verifiability.

The convocation of the bodies must happen following the modalities and the intervals that permit the participation of the most number of members. Usually the decisions made by the managerial bodies are valid when they are voted by the majority of the voters present; a majority comprised of half the members plus one is required to validate the decision in case of:

- Approval of the balance sheet or its modifications;
- Election of managerial bodies;
- Approval of the agenda and of the enrolment regulations of the Association;
- Use of compulsory administration provisions;
- Approval of the regulations regarding the summoning of ordinary and extraordinary congresses.

The vote is personal and proxies are not allowed, except in merely advisory bodies.

During the election of the managerial and executive bodies, at all levels, the votes are usually secret, however this can be changed depending on the decision taken by the majority of the voters.

The deliberation of the bodies, and in of all the provisions of particular importance, must be made public to all the members of the body and all the Members; moreover they must be stored and made accessible for consultation to all those who have the right to.

- **Art.12 Association Structure**

The association structure of ACSE, which has its foundation in the ensemble of Associated organizations, primary place of the performance of activity, is articulated on the following levels:

- Territorial;
- Regional;
- National.

- **Art.13 Territorial Committees**

The Territorial Committee, generally Provincial, is the main level of the coordination and of the synthesis of the policies and organisational approach of the Association on the territory; it appraises associative establishment, equipping with the necessary operative facilities, and promotes the creation of new associative bases. Represent the Association in relation to the local entities, institutions, social and political organisations present on its own territorial boundaries.

In virtue of the operations of national nature, he/she accepts the responsibility of supervision of the policies in regards to the Members and Affiliates.

In case of grave violations of the statutory principles or of the current regulations, or of harmful behaviour to the integrity of the Association by one of the Affiliated organisations, the Territorial Committee can, after attempting unsuccessfully to restore the legitimacy, intervene with disciplinary measures, informing the Board of Guarantors and the organizational levels above.

The activities promoted by one Committee, usually, take place in the territory of its competence. The possibility of operating in different territories depends on whether the Committee of the territory concerned agrees on allowing the activity to take place. Each Committee also has the task of verifying that the participating association and, when possible, the entities participating to the activity also conform to this behaviour.

The possible Members who intend to enrol directly at a Committee by participating to activities, initiatives, campaigns, etc., must be guaranteed, with adequate modalities and procedures, access to the participation and to the democratic rights that are patrimony to all the associates, in line with the institutional principles of the Association and in harmony with the current legislation. The regulation of these modalities and procedures is transferred to the single Committees on the basis of their peculiar characteristics and specifics. In the territories in which no Territorial Committee has been formally created, the National President has the right to nominate a Delegate instructed with organisational and local representation tasks. Each Delegate pursues mainly the purpose of constituting formally the Committee of competence, actuating all the actions necessary and beneficial to this aim.

- **Art.14 Territorial Committees Statutes**

The Territorial Committees, still being levels of coordination of the national Association, must have a constitutive act (or some act of equal value) and of an autonomous statute.

These statutes must adopt the statutory provisions of the National Statute and must be sent to the General Secretary, for possible valuation regarding the statutory legitimacy and adequacy.

The Territorial Committees benefit of legal and patrimonial independence and answer to the subscribed obligations exclusively with their own patrimony as specified starting from article 36 onward of the Italian civil code, excluding specifically any of ACSE and of the territorial facilities' responsibilities.

- **Art.15 Compulsory Administration of the Committees**

In case of grave violation of the statutory regulations by one of the territorial managerial bodies, the National Council, following the proposal of the National President and after consultation with the National Board of Guarantors, can order the immediate relinquishment of this body and send a commissioner instructed with adopting the necessary measures to restore in the shortest possible time period the regular democratic operability.

In case of particular urgency, the National President can make this decision, after consulting the National President of the Board of Guarantors. In this case, however, the decision will still need to be rectified, with a dedicated deliberation, in the following National Council summoned.

- **Art.16 Regional ACSE**

In the Regions in which at least two Territorial Committees have been regularly constituted, they have the right to, after the preventive authorisation and successive ratification by the National Council, promote the formation of a regional association facility, which takes the name of 'ACSE *name of the region*'.

In each Region, only one Regional ACSE can be constituted to which have the right of participation and representation all the Territorial Committees, with no discrimination nor exception.

The Regional ACSE:

- Benefits of juridical and patrimonial autonomy;
- Answers to the subscribed obligations exclusively with their own patrimony as specified starting from article 36 onward of the Italian civil code, excluding specifically any of national ACSE's responsibilities.
- Is subject with regards to the activities of the promoting Territorial Committees and is regulated by a dedicated social statute freely drafted on the basis of the associates' needs, in respect of the regional norms on associations and of the general principles of ACSE.

It being understood that the prerogatives of representation and initiative at all territorial levels of the National Bodies, the Regional ACSE:

- Develops the relationships with the Regional Authority;
- Represents the Association when dealing with social and political organisations in the regional area, within the limits specified by its statute;
- Can manage the administration of services of general interest and the realisation of specific activities for the Territorial Committees.
- Can pursue the membership to regional registers of association and the acknowledgment as a organisation of sport promotion at a regional level by National Olympic Committee.

With the exception of instances when further initiative is required for its own defence, the national ACSE has the right to revoke the authorisation to use its denomination and association logos from the regional facilities that adopt statutory norms or actions in contrast and/or dissimilarity with the principles of this statute and with the general interests of the Association.

- **Art.17 National Bodies**

The following are part of the national managerial bodies:

- The National Congress;
- The National Council;
- The National President;
- The National Vice President;
- The General Secretary;
- The Past President.

The Coordination of the Regional Presidents is a national advisory body.

The national bodies, in their different specific assignments, are instructed with the task of putting into effect the strategic decisions and of governing the Association, except when delegated to the territorial facilities.

Through the realisation of specific initiative and by equipping themselves with the appropriate operative tools, they promote the development and the consolidation of the Association on the territory, following the principle of subsidiarity.

The national managerial bodies represent ACSE in front of the institutions and of national political, social and, when necessary, local organisations.

In order to maintain a correct operation, it is the right of any national managerial body to adopt regulations that determine the modalities of its operation, in line with the regulations listed in this Statute and possible general regulations.

Teleconference and distance consulting are allowed during the meetings of the board bodies and for maintaining the relationships between the different bodies. However their use must not jeopardise the regular execution of the job, the participation of the members to the decision-making process and the correct application of the principles expressed in Art.11 of this Statute.

- **Art.18 National Congress**

The National Congress usually takes place at a time interval of 4 years as established by the National Council and on the base of the proportionality and territorial representation criterions; it is assigned with:

- Discussing and approving the general agenda of the Association;
- Discussing and approving the modification prepositions of the national Statute;
- Electing the National Board of Guarantors;
- Electing the Board of Auditors and General Auditor;
- Establishing the composition criterions and elect the National Council;
- Electing the National President.

The National Congress can be summoned extraordinarily; in this case it takes place during the following three months from the time of the request voted by the majority of the constituents of the National Council. The National Council will establish the modalities in which it will take place. The extraordinary National Congress deliberates on the issues that have motivated the summoning.

- **Art.19 National Council**

The National Council is the top body of address and representation of the Association between one National Congress and the next. The Congress elects it following composition criteria established in that instance. It is instructed with the following tasks:

- Apply the congress decisions;
- Ensure the administration of the Association, assisting the President in the management of the policies and organisation through the consultation of agencies and departments, as well as through the appointment of mandates and specific assignments;
- Discuss and approve the annual agenda of activity;
- Discuss and approve the economic document of prevision and the possible variations, as well as the economic and financial reports;
- Promote the development of the Association;
- Discuss and approve the plan regarding the annual social membership;
- Summon the ordinary and extraordinary Congress, establishing the regulations and releasing the preparatory material;
- Deciding the participation to businesses or the participation to organisations or unions;
- Authorise and validate the construction of Regional ACSEs;
- Determine the geographic limits of competence of the Territorial Committees and promote its creation and correct operation;
- Deliberate, following the National President's proposal and after consulting the Board of Guarantors, the provisions of compulsory administration of the regional and territorial facilities.

The National Council can co-opt new constituents in a number not above to one quarter, to substitute cases of resignation or forfeiture.

In case the Board of Auditors and the Board of Guarantors, before the natural congress deadline, complete all their possibilities of subrogation of the declined constituents, the National Council is granted the right to provide, in extraordinary measure, to an additional subrogation.

The National Council is furthermore mandated by the Congress to make necessary statutory modifications or integrations for the compliance to the State laws or to new regulations of the National Olympic Committee, or rather, to adjust the Statute to the regulations and specifications in order to obtain the acknowledgement by the institutions, and also aiming to the formal coordination or correction of physical errors. ...

The National Council gathers, on initiative of the National President or on motivated request by at least a third of the constituents.

In case of resignation or suspension of the appointment of the National President or of half plus one constituents of the National Council for whatever reason or the lack of approval of the balance sheet by the National Council, the immediate decadence of the National President and of the entire National Council will take place.

In this case an extraordinary Congress will have to be summoned, which would have to take place within three months of the decadence of the body, with the agenda to renovate all the managerial national bodies.

The ordinary administration, the summoning of the Congress and the related formalities and regulation will be attributed to the body or bodies as follows:

- In case of decadence of the National President: to the National Council, in extension of their mandate, with attribution of the legal representation to the Vice President;
- In case of resignation of half plus one of the constituents of the National Council or lack or approval of the balance: to the National President and to the councillors who have not resigned, with vote of majority of the voters present and legal representation to the National President, in extension of their mandate.

- **Art.20 National President**

The Congress elects the National President following the dedicated congress Regulations.

The National President represents and expresses the unity of the Association; he/she coordinates its policies and organisation and supervises its management.

Summons and presides the National Council and, when necessary, the Coordination of the Regional Presidents.

The President has the social signature, the legal representation of the Association and he/she represents the Association in legal and juridical matters as well as when dealing with thirds. Therefore, in name and in the

Association's account, he/she signs, pawns, gives real or personal guarantees (or their cancellation, postponement and subrogation), opens bank and postal accounts, takes care of all the banking activities at the lending institutions, requests and utilises credit limits, financing, leasing and all the other financial and credit operation regarded as necessary or beneficial to ACSE, compromises and settles disputes, authorises and is responsible for all the tasks related to the operations at public and private agencies, promotes judgments above all jurisdictions, abstains from conflicts, compromises, nominate advocates.

In case of necessity or urgency, he/she can operate all the actions of ordinary and extraordinary administration in ACSE's interests, with correction by the National Council in the following meeting.

The preventive authorisation by the National Council will be necessary for:

- Buy, sell or trade of real properties;
- Stipulate mortgages or medium and short-term loans.

It is the National President's duty to present the economic document of prevision and the economic financial statement, with illustrative report, to the National Council. He/she can delegate the General Secretary his/her own powers for single activities or series of activities, establishing limits and duration.

When lacking this delegation, in case of his/her absence or hindrance, for a maximum period of 60 days, the powers of ordinary administration and legal representation are given to the Vice President. In case of absence or hindrance of the President exceeding the 60 days limit, with no justified or temporary reason, the National Council has the right to deliberate his/her decadence, proceeding to the summon of an extraordinary Congress.

- **Art. 21 National Vice President**

The National Vice President of ACSE is nominated by the National Council and chosen among its constituents.

In case of absence or temporary hindrances or forfeiture, the Vice President substitutes the National President.

Modality and limits of the parsonage tasks are determined, depending on the instance, by this Statute.

- **Art.22 General Secretary**

The General Secretary is nominated, proposed by the National President, among the constituents of the National Council who own the adequate administrative and juridical competences, attested by qualification certificates, memberships to professional registers and personal and professional curriculum.

He/she assists the National President in his/her functions and executes his/her deliberations together with those of the National Council in matter regarding the peripheral territorial organisation, membership, administrative and fiscal management and related operative relationships with agencies and competent entities.

When delegated by the National President, he/she can represent the Association and take care of the external relationships of the Association.

In the execution of his/her tasks, the General Secretary answers directly to the National President and to the National Council.

- **Art.23 Coordination of Regional Presidents**

The coordination of the Regional Presidents is a body with non-compulsory advisory assignment, gathered on the initiative of the National President, who summons it and presides over it.

It has been constituted with the purpose of promoting, jointly with the National Congress, the agenda shared by the national policies and operational connection with the territory.

The regional presidents form it and it is summoned and presided by the National President of the Association. All regional presidents can delegate another regional president or another manager of his/her own regional facility from time to time to represent him/her.

- **Art.24 Past President**

Following the end of his/her mandate and following the ratification by the National Congress, the National President of the Association acquires the right to take the position of Past President during the duration of the following mandate.

The Past President supports the National President that has been newly appointed, in order to actualize the transfer of the tasks and the positive sharing of experiences and relationships matured during his/her mandate.

The Past President participates to the Congresses and to the meetings of the National Congress, with the right to intervene and, he case he/she is a constituent, to vote.

- **Art.25 Sectorial Responsibility**

In fulfilment of the general program of activities decided by the Congress and by the National Council, the National President, in order to endorse the specific competences of its managers, experts and professionals, can nominate Sector Supervisors, defining their tasks, roles, means and responsibilities.

The Supervisors will remain in charge until they are lifted from their assignment or until their resignation.

- **Art.26 Supervising and Guaranty Bodies**

The following are bodies of supervision and guaranty:

- The Board of Guarantors;
- The National Commission of Appeal;
- Board of Auditors and General Auditor.

Teleconference and distance consulting are allowed during the meetings of the board bodies and for maintaining the relationships between the different bodies. However their use must not jeopardise the regular execution of the job, the participation of the members to the decision-making process and the correct application of the principles expressed in Art.11 of this Statute.

- **Art.27 Board of Guarantors**

The Board of Guarantors is a body of statutory guaranty, regulatory and of internal jurisdiction; it is present at all organisational level of the Association and it is elected in the respective Congresses; it is instructed with the following tasks:

- Interpret the statutory regulations and norms and give advice to the managerial bodies regarding their correct application;
- Express opinion on the legitimacy of the acts, documents and deliberation of the managerial bodies;
- Settle controversies among Member, between Members and the managerial bodies imposing, when necessary, the required sanctions;
- Settle controversies and possible conflicts regarding the competences and powers among the managerial bodies.

The initiative of the Board of Guarantors is initiated after a request or appeal made autonomously. The Board of Guarantors must inform all the parties involved in a period of 30 days from the request, and in any case simultaneously with the start of the inquiry. The decisions taken are immediately considered executive except in case appeal.

The jurisdiction of the Board of Guarantors is relative to the issues or controversies that arise at the organisational level of to which they belong.

The National Board of Guarantors is formed of three effective components and, optionally, by two additional supplements.

The components are elected among the Member who have acquired an effective and proven specific experience in the association field or who have the adequate competences in the juridical field, who are not already part of the managerial bodies of equal level: they elect among themselves a President who has the right to participate to the operations of the National Council.

The National Board of Guarantors, as well as acting in its own field of competence, also takes on the tasks as body of appeal in the decisions made by the boards of guarantors of the territorial levels below.

The National Board of Guarantors has the right to create its own regulations that will then be approved by the National Council.

- **Art.28 National Commission of Appeal**

The National Commission of Appeal is the body of appeal that opposes the decisions of the National Board of Guarantors. It is composed by the President of the National Board of Guarantors, the President of the National Board of Auditors and General Auditor and a attorney, whom has a membership to the Register of Layers, chosen by the President of the National Board of Guarantors and the President of the National Board of Auditors and General Auditor and whom presides over the body. The possible costs deriving from the procedure of appeal will have to be paid by the losing party.

- **Art.29 Board of Auditors and General Auditor**

The Board of Auditors is a body of administrative supervision and verification. It is present at all levels in the Association and it is elected in the respective.

It is instructed with:

- Express opinions regarding the legitimacy of the act of administrative and patrimonial nature;
- Check the administrative execution of the Association;

The National Board of Auditors is formed of three effective component, and, optionally, of two additional components chosen among the Members who are not already part of managerial bodies of same level and

have the necessary experience in the administrative and accounting fields: the Board elect a President among its constituents who has the right to participate in the tasks of the National Council.

In place of the National Board of Auditors, it is the Congress's right to nominate a General Auditor, provided that he/she has a membership to the Register of Auditors or/and the Register of Accountants and Accounting Experts.

- **Art.30 Patrimony**

The patrimony of the Association is indivisible and solely destined, permanently and wholly, to the support of the pursuit of social finalities.

It is constituted by:

- All real property and chattels owned by the Association;
- Leftovers from yearly activities;
- Charitable donations, contributions, entails;
- Shareholdings and investments in other financial tools.

- **Art.31 Financing**

The sources of finance in the Association are:

- The annual membership fees and the enrolment fees of Members and supported associations;
- Profits resulting from investments of the Association's capital;
- Profits resulting directly from the management of the activities, services, initiatives and projects;
- Public and private donations;
- Any other type of income not specified above.

- **Art.32 Balances and Financial Statements**

ACSE's social activities and the activity of its territorial facilities take place between the 1st of January and the 31st of December of every year.

The National President predisposes, directly or through a delegate:

- The economic document of prevision, which must be discussed and approved by the end of the activity to which it refers. Exceptions are possible in case of actual proven extenuating circumstances or hindrances, following the criterion of temporary activities;
- The economic and financial statement with an illustrative report, which must be approved by the National Council in the 4 months following the end of the activity to which they refer. Exceptions are possible in case of actual proven extenuating circumstances or hindrances;
- The financial statement of the activity will have to highlight in an analytical manner the costs and profits, as well as the financial consistency and all other antries that allow to determine the competence of the activity.
- The National Council approves, when necessary, the pluriannual plans of investment.

- **Art.33 Patrimonial Responsibility**

Each management level of the Association is solely responsible of the obligations by it directly agreed upon.

- **Art.34 Disbandment**

Only a National Congress specifically summoned can vote the disbandment of ACSE, with a majority of 3/5 of rightful voters. In case of disbandment the capital of the national Association, once the liabilities have been detracted, will be donated to no-profit Institutions and Associations with general aims similar to the ones of ACSE, and nevertheless of social service, following the modalities specified by a board of liquidators specifically constituted, and in line with what specified on the matter by the Italian act *D.Lgs.460/97* and other acts applicable.

- **Art.35 Regulations**

In order to regulate particular operations and to pay full attention to the statutory rules, the Association has the right to have one or more regulations (Rules of Procedure), usually approved by the National Council, except particular instances specified in this Statute.

- **Art.36 Postponement**

For all that is not expressly contemplated in this Statute, the current legal standards in the matter and, when regarding sport, the statutory standards and regulation of National Olympic Committee apply.

Note: This English version of the Statute is a mere translation. In any dispute, the only legitimate regulation is the original Italian version of the Statute.