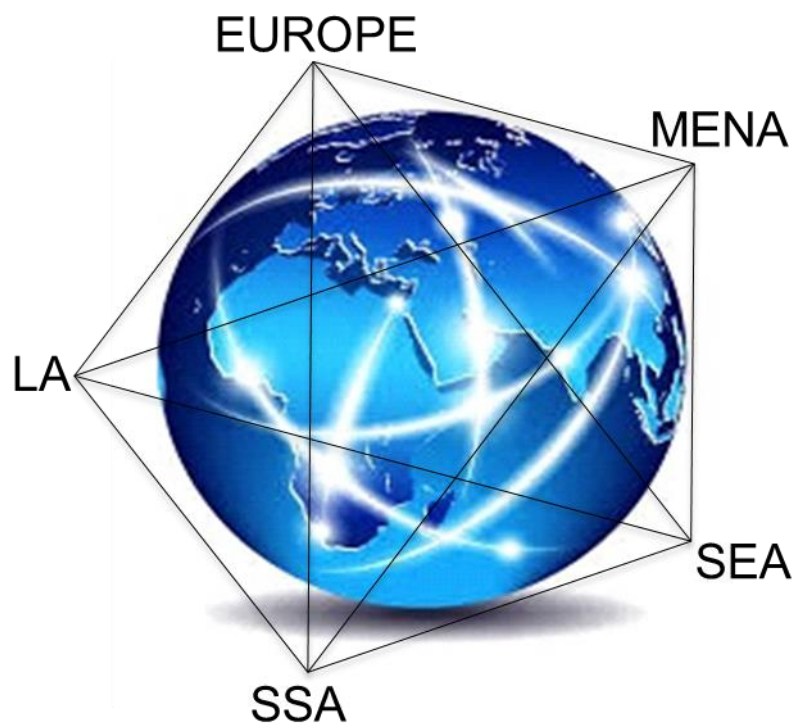


**International Scientific Association for
Sustainable Management of Water Resources e.V.**

SWINDON

Founding
Statutes



Self-Perception and Mission

The SWINDON Scientific Association consists of individual and institutional members worldwide. Each of these members has a direct or indirect relationship to resource protection and sustainable use. This, in particular, concerns water resources, their use and protection. Wastewater treatment and waste as potential resources for reuse are considered, likewise.

The association promotes cooperation, education, and knowledge exchange within the areas of concern while also contributing to solving present and, in particular, future resources-related problems.

The inspiring mission is also to link members becoming an international community of academics, graduated students, practice-oriented professionals, and policy-makers.

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Name, Seat, Business Year

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1.1

The Association bears the name „International Scientific Association for Sustainable Management of Water Resources – SWINDON”; in German: „Internationale Wissenschaftliche Vereinigung zum nachhaltigen Umgang mit Wasserressourcen“.

1.2

The seat of the Association is Braunschweig where it is registered in the District Court (Amtsgericht) Braunschweig.

1.3

The financial year is the calendar year (January – December).

Objective of SWINDON

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2.1

The association pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes.

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The association operates selfless and pursues no own economical purposes.

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SWINDON e.V. is a non-profit organization, in accordance with the German law regulations for non-profit organizations. It has no intention to make profit. All the income and assets of SWINDON e.V. is only used for purposes, which are in accordance with its statute, and to meet necessary expenses incurred in this regard including administrative expenses. No part of the assets of the Association will be turned over to any member at the termination of the membership or at the liquidation of the Association.

2.4

The objectives of the SWINDON e.V. are:

a) to bring together its members and other interested individuals and institutions from all scientific disciplines, and decision-makers in developing and developed countries. In this context resources management specifically involves water and waste management. The members shall discuss and investigate solutions to these problems on regional, national and international basis. SWINDON e.V. shall improve the resulting consequences for livelihoods, human well-being, ecosystems, and socio-economic development.

b) activity to exchange knowledge and experiences, to conduct joint research, and to promote capacity building through integrating young scientists and graduated students;

c) to give suggestions and recommendations with relevance to environmental quality and safety in order to enable the regulatory bodies to make proper decisions regarding water and waste management.

Activities and Duties of SWINDON e.V.

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- Conducting an international symposium in the time frame of two years;
- Conducting conferences, workshops, training courses, and summer schools;
- Anticipated outcome of the Symposium, conferences or Summer School: special issue in a scientific journal and/or conference book
- Awarding best Master or PhD thesis;
- Support of exchange of MSc and PhD students through sponsors via the association
- Offering expert knowledge through expert database
- Train the trainers
- Offering curriculum database and teaching material for university members
- Joint research proposals between institutions of higher education and research
- Acquisition of sponsors and donations.

Membership

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4.1

The Association consists of:

- a) Personal members
- b) Universities
- c) Supporting members
- d) Honorary members
- e) Senior members
- f) Students
- g) research institutes

4.2

Members mentioned under §4.1 have a common interest to address environmental problems. The members shall meet as independent individuals and do not stand for opinions, attitudes, and ideologies of any political, religious or other societal chapters. Individuals, institutions, and organisations can apply for membership or can become a member on the suggestion of a member. In both cases, the Executive Board takes the final decision for accepting the membership.

4.3

Members are natural persons (individual members), legal persons (entities) like companies, private/governmental research institutions, private or public universities, public-law institutions, NGOs who have a thematic link to or meet the association's thematic orientation.

4.4

Honorary members are persons who have rendered meritorious services to water and environmental protection and to DAAD Swindon project. The General Assembly admits them to the Association on the decision of the Executive Board that is subject to approval.

4.5

Senior members are individuals (above 60 years of age) who have retired and do not have any kind of paid occupation.

4.6

Supporting members are personal/natural or legal persons who support the association by paying a higher fee.

4.7

Entitled to vote are all members according to § 4.1. Each member has one vote.

Membership Fees

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5.1

The annual fee for personal members and university/institutional members is EUR 50.00. The annual fee for supporting members is EUR 500.00.

5.2

Students, honorary members, and senior members are exempted from membership fees.

5.3

The Association may accept voluntary contributions and donations by all members and non-members.

Religious and Gender Concern

- 6** The Association shall strive to consider gender equity and to promote membership of women. Religious affiliation and sexual orientation inclination is not a criterion for exclusion. However, the identification with the content and goals of the association is a precondition.

Termination of Membership

- 7** The membership terminates:
- a) in case of death
 - b) by written withdrawal from the association
 - c) in case of expulsion by decision of the General Assembly, upon proposal of the Executive Board
 - d) if a member is in arrears of his/her dues for more than two years
 - e) upon dissolution of the association

Organs of SWINDON e.V.

- 8** The Organs of the Association are:
- a) the General Assembly (Legislative Board), and
 - b) the Executive Board.

General Assembly

- 9** 9.1
The General Assembly consists of members who are part of regional chapters in Latin America, Middle East North Africa, South East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Europe. Each regional chapter nominates a spokesperson. The regional spokespersons shall be elected by the general assembly according to the standard rules.

9.2

The General Assembly takes place at least once a year. The meeting is to be convened by written invitation of all the members by the General Secretary at least 8 weeks before the date of the meeting. The invitation is to be accompanied by the agenda and eventual motions in writing.

9.3

The duties of the General Assembly are:

- a) approval and acceptance of the annual report of the Executive Board on the previous year;

- b) approval and acceptance of the annual financial report of the Treasurer and approval of the annual account for the previous year;
- c) discharge of the Treasurer according to the annual financial report;
- d) discharge of the Executive Board according to the annual report;
- e) to elect the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, and other members of the Executive Board;
- f) to elect two persons for cash auditing;
- g) to discuss future strategy (or strategy adaptations) of the Association, to decide on specific budget issues, and to consult about the schedule of the international symposium:
- h) to take decisions on
 - the expulsion of the members
 - the admission or expulsion of the honorary members
 - the amendment of the statutes of the Association
 - the liquidation of the Association
 - important matters concerning the Association which may be presented to by the members or the Executive Board.

9.4

Extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly are to be convened by the Executive Board if the interests of the Association so require it or if 1/10 of the voting members request it by writing to the General Secretary giving therein the purpose and reasons for the request. The meeting will be convened as under § 9.2.

9.5

The President shall preside over the General Assembly meetings. In case he/she is prevented from doing so, the meeting will be presided over by at least one Vice-President or by any other member of the Executive Board in the order outlined in § 10.1 of the statute.

9.6

The General Assembly constitutes a quorum of voting members present. If the quorum is not met, the second assembly takes place without any quorum.

Each member has one vote. If a voting member cannot attend the assembly, he/she can cast his/her vote by proxy; a written authorisation must be submitted to the Executive Board within two weeks prior to the date of the assembly.

Decisions are possible through simple majority of the members present. In case of equality of votes, voting is repeated maximum two more times, and after that, it will be decided by the president of the Association.

The Minutes of the General Assembly meeting have to be prepared and kept. They have to be signed by both the General Secretary and the President of the Association.

9.7

A two-third majority of the voting members present is necessary for the revision of the statute. The majority required to take § 12.2 is given in the respective paragraphs.

The Executive Board

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10.1

The Executive Board consists of:

- the President;
- two Vice-Presidents;
- the General Secretary;
- the Treasurer;
- one member per regional chapter that is not represented.

10.2

The Executive Board is to be elected by the General Assembly. The term of office of the members of the Executive Board is two years; one re-election is possible.

10.3

The President alone or the General Secretary along with the Treasurer shall represent the Association legally and extra judicially.

10.4

The Executive Board handles the affairs of the Association and adopts rules of procedure. It organises under supervision of the President a biennial international SWINDON Symposium. Directly after the assumption of offices, the Executive Board starts organising the International Symposium. The symposium takes place in the second year.

10.5

The members of the Executive Board handle the business of the Association without any financial recompense. The exceptions to this are the General Secretary and Treasurer, whose expenses incurred at the services of the Association may be reimbursed.

10.6

The President – on behalf of the Executive Board – can appoint committees consisting of members to look after the interests of the Association.

Reports and Publications

- 11** The Association will report at least half yearly on scientific works, lectures, meetings and other activities related to water and environment. The reports (Newsletters) will be in English.

Dissolution of the Association

- 12** 12.1
The decision to dissolve the Association can only be taken during an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly, which has to be announced 8 weeks before the date of the assembly. At least 50% of the voting members (also includes transferred voting rights) must be present. Voting Members not able to attend may vote by proxy, if they have authorized in writing a voting member present.

12.2

The decision to dissolve the Association requires a three fourth majority of the votes cast. In case there is no quorum, a second meeting has to be convened. The second meeting is a quorum regardless of the number of voting members present and transferred voting rights.

12.3

The president of the association calls the second extraordinary meeting 8 weeks after the first extraordinary meeting took place.

12.4

The same General Assembly, which decides on the dissolution of the Association, shall decide on the use of the assets of the Association. The General Assembly works out a list of humanitarian agencies and decides which agency shall receive the assets of the Association.

Place of Performance and Jurisdiction

- 13** The place of performance for any transaction resulting from this statute as well as the place of jurisdiction is Braunschweig, Germany.

Annex 1 – Operational organisation Chart

