

I.A.D.A.
International Association for Dialogue Analysis

STATUTE

Article 1: Foundation, Name and Conditions of Admission

The society with the name “International Association for Dialogue Analysis” was founded in 1990 in Bologna.

Only persons who, in the view of the Board, share the aims and goals of the Association and commit themselves to these aims can join the Association and become members.

Article 2: Aims and Goals of the Association

The Association aims to initiate and promote research, to organize and promote national and international conferences, to supervise publications (periodicals and others) in the fields of linguistics, literary studies, philosophy, psychology, psychiatry, sociology, educational studies and computer science. Particular support is given to interdisciplinary dialogue-centred research within the domains of spoken and written discourse. For this purpose, the Association establishes appropriate contacts with universities, research centres and research organizations whose goals are related to those of the Association, and with other public and private institutions in order to conclude joint agreements and cooperation contracts, organize research projects, workshops and conferences, hold seminars and other scientific meetings.

Article 3: Finances

The property of the Association, which is used to achieve its goals, consists of:

- a) The annual fees of the members, which are laid down by the Board in due course;
- b) Fees from public and private institutions; and
- c) Gifts and donations to the Association.

Article 4: Organs

The Association organs are as follows:

- a) The President of the Association;
- b) The Vice President of the Association;
- c) The General Assembly of the members;
- d) The Board.

All posts are honorary.

Article 5: Members

Members are distinguished into founding members and full members. All of them need to share the goals of the Association and commit themselves to these goals. Founding members are those who have founded the Association by signing the foundation documents. Every person, irrespective of their nationality, can join the Association after having submitted an application form in writing to the Board. The applicant will have joined the Association after having paid the annual fee. In case of not having paid a fee for two consecutive years, the defaulting member will be looked upon as having resigned and can only be readmitted after having submitted another application form and paid any outstanding balances.

Members have the right to participate in all of the Association’s activities, to be informed about all of the approved decisions and initiatives, and to be elected to the Board.

Article 6: The General Assembly of the membership

The General Assembly consists of members who are in good standing. Every member may request a proxy in writing. The member must then designate someone to present the proxy at the meeting of the General Assembly. No single participant may bear more than five proxy votes.

The General Assembly meets at least once a year to:

- Decide upon the general orientation of the activities of the Association;
- Elect the members of the Board (biannually);
- Decide upon the annual fee;
- Review the previous year's budget, close the financial year (from January 1 to December 31), and discuss and decide on the budget for the forthcoming year; and
- Decide on the issues put forward by the Board.

The convocation of the General Assembly is performed through written notice, which is to be sent out by the President to the members' addresses at least 20 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. The notice needs to contain the following information: agenda, place, and proposed date and time of the General Assembly meeting.

A meeting of the General Assembly becomes official if a majority of the members are present or if at least 15 members are present.

The most senior member of the General Assembly is the chairperson. The decisions of the General Assembly need to be recorded and signed by the President and the Secretary.

Article 7: The Board

The Board consists of nine members who are elected directly in a secret ballot by the General Assembly. Board members hold their offices for two years and may be re-elected. From among those elected, the Board chooses the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. A Board meeting is valid if at least four of its members are present. Decisions are made through majority vote of the members present. In the event of a tie, the President casts the deciding vote.

The decisions of the Board, which is charged to meet at least twice a year, are recorded by the Secretary and are signed by the President and Secretary.

The Board has all of the authorities which are required for achieving the goals of the Association, especially the following:

- The organization of an international conference once every two years, the determination of its date, place and conference theme, and the decision about its keynote speakers;
- Finalization of agreements with public and private institutions, with the perspective of establishing an inter-university centre of dialogue analysis;
- Finalization of agreements with publishers to publish the proceedings of the international conferences and of an Association-related journal;
- The organization of research projects, workshops, and seminars;
- The convocation of the General Assembly at least once a year;
- The administration of all of its income;
- The review of the previous fiscal year budget and the preparation of the upcoming fiscal

- year budget;
- The formulation of proposed changes regarding the statutes for presentation at the General Assembly.

Additionally, the Board has the task of supervising the maintenance and adherence of the current statutes, and reviewing applications for membership in order to accept or reject them without further appeal. The Board has the function of mediating and resolving all disputes which may arise between members and the Association.

Article 8: The President and Vice President

The President of the Association

- supervises the performance of the decisions of the General Assembly and of the Board;
- leads and coordinates the activities and initiatives of the Association;
- calls the Board, whenever she or he considers it appropriate (the written invitation is to be sent out to the Board members at least 15 days before a scheduled meeting);

The President has the obligation of representing the Association regarding internal matters and matters of third parties, but she or he may delegate certain tasks to other members of the Board or to other members of the Association.

The Vice President works together with the President to carry out the Association's duties. In particular, she or he sees to the organization of conferences, the publication of the proceedings, and the activities of the Association in the context of international cooperation. The Vice Presidents stands in for the President in the case of her / his absence and takes over her/his functions, whenever she/he cannot perform them.

Article 9: Modifications of the Statutes

At least two-thirds of the members present at the annual General Assembly need to accept modifications of the Statutes. The proposed amendments need to be presented to the Board in writing at least three months before a meeting of the General Assembly and they need to be signed by at least three members.

Article 10: Dissolution of the Association

The dissolution of the Association can be decided in an annual meeting of the General Assembly or in an extraordinary assembly which may be called for that purpose.

Article 11: Transitional regulations

The following persons were designated members of the board by the founding members. They stay in office until the first general assembly, which is to take place before the end of 1990: Sorin Stati, president, Edda Weigand, vice president, Carlo Prevignano, secretary, Franz Hundsnurscher, Danielle Laroche-Bouvy, Heinrich Löffler, Jacques Moeschler, Franca Orletti, Vittorio Volterra, members.

The norms of the present statute are to be accepted by the first general assembly, once article 11 has been declared as void.

All other points which are not accommodated in the present statute are dealt with by the norms of the Civil Code.