



A.I.D.A. International

International Association for the Development of Freediving

STATUTES

February 23rd, 2002

Art. 1. NAME, HEAD OFFICE, LEGAL FORM

1.1. FOUNDATION

Under the name **A.I.D.A. International - Association Internationale pour le Développement de l'Apnée** an association was founded in Paris on the 11th of December, 1999, as defined in Article 60ff of the Swiss Civil Code.

1.2.

The head office of **A.I.D.A. International** is in Lausanne, Switzerland.

1.3

The annual period starts January 1st and ends December 31st.

1.4.

A.I.D.A. International is obliged towards third parties to sign collectively by the President and/or Vice-President and by a member of the Executive Board (according to Art. 11.1).

Art. 2. GOALS

2.1

A.I.D.A. International has the following goals:

- The development of freediving in all countries.
- The organization of international meetings and competitions.
- The standardization of regulations in regard to education, competitions and records.
- The assurance of cross-border communication between practising members.
- The development of a system of reciprocity for various existing forms of education.
- The recognition and registration of records and achievements for the various disciplines of freediving.

A.I.D.A. International will undertake all necessary steps to achieve these goals.

2.3

A.I.D.A. International may associate itself with other international organizations.

2.4

A.I.D.A. International is a non-profit organization.



Art. 3. MEMBERS

3.1. **A.I.D.A. International** consists of the following member categories:

- EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
- ACTIVE MEMBER
- HONORARY MEMBER

Art. 4. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

4.1

Members of the Executive Board are those mentioned in article 11.1.

4.2

Members of the Executive Board have the right to vote.

Art. 5. ACTIVE MEMBERS

5.1 DEFINITION

An active member of **A.I.D.A. International** is a national institution comprised of several people.

5.2 ADMISSION

A national organization wanting to become a member of **A.I.D.A. International** must send written application to the Executive Board.

A copy of the statutes and a list of members must be enclosed in the appendix of the application.

The Executive Board will decide on admission of a new member after consultation with other members.

5.3 A.I.D.A. NATIONAL

Countries having several national affiliated institutions (active members), the Executive Board/Assembly of Delegates will appoint the institution considered as the A.I.D.A. National each year, by taking into account the number of verified members and the activities organized by these institutions.

To that effect, the institutions will circulate history file to the Executive Board/Assembly of Delegates, no later than the 1st of December of each year.

Only the A.I.D.A. National expressed by its national representative or, if he is unable, by its national consultant has the right to vote (1 country = 1 vote).

5.4 WITHDRAWAL

All withdrawals must be addressed in writing to the Executive Board no later than the 1st of December, to take effect December 31st. Members fees for the year in progress are remain due.

5.5 EXCLUSION

Exclusion may be pronounced by the Assembly of Delegates by the majority of 2/3 of the members having the right to vote, against a member who, by his conduct, or any other manner, has harmed **A.I.D.A. International**, violated the present statutes or breached the internal **A.I.D.A. International** regulations.



Membership fees that have already been paid will remain with **A.I.D.A. International**.

5.6 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees are established by the Assembly of Delegates.

There are due by March 31st of each year.

Art. 6. HONORARY MEMBER

6.1 DEFINITION

A natural person may be nominated as Honorary Member by the Assembly of Delegates of **A.I.D.A. International** by proposal of the Executive Board.

An Honorary Member is exempt of all fees and may participate in the Assembly of Delegates, however, he does not have a voice.

Art. 7. RESOURCES

7.1 **A.I.D.A. International** has the following resources:

- Annual member fees
- Donations, legacies etc.
- In general, the total income generated by **A.I.D.A. International** activities.

Art. 8. RESPONSABILITIES

8.1

All members are freed of all personal financial responsibilities.

A.I.D.A. International obligations are only guaranteed by the assets of the association.

Each member takes part in **A.I.D.A. international** activities on his own responsibility.

Art. 9. GOVERNING BODIES

9.1

The Governing Bodies of **A.I.D.A. International** are:

- a) The Assembly of Delegates
- b) The Executive Board
- d) The Auditors

Art. 10. ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

10.1

The Assembly of Delegates is the paramount authority of the association.

It is composed of representatives of each active member (1 national representative having the right to vote per country).

It has jurisdictions conceded by law and the present statutes, notable:

- Election of the Executive Board
- Election of Auditors
- Approval of various activity reports



- Approval and release of annual and auditors reports
- Approval and release of the management of the directing bodies
- Establishment of membership fees for the following year
- Votation of the budget
- Nomination of Honorary Members
- Pronouncement of exclusion of members
- Modification of the statutes
- Decisions of all submitted questions
- Decision of the dissolution of **A.I.D.A. International**

10.2

With the exception of dispositions contrary to the law or to the present statutes, the Assembly of Delegates, meaningfully appointed and convened on a regular basis, may make decisions by simple majority of the members present.

No decisions can be made on subjects not listed on the agenda.

10.3

The regular Assembly of Delegates is convened by the Executive Board.

Appointment to the Assembly of Delegates is addressed to each national representative at least 10 days in advance. The appointment must include the meeting agenda.

10.3.1

All decisions, with the exception of dissolution of the association, may be decided by mail no matter the media used.

10.3.2

Corresponding information must be sent simultaneously to all voting members (national representatives)..

10.3.3

For validation purposes, a decision must be announced in writing within 10 days following the decision, by simple majority of the members present.

10.4

A special Assembly of Delegates may be convened by the Executive Board or by the President at any time or by request of at least 1/5 of the voting members.

10.5

In the case of emergency an Assembly of Delegates may be convened by mail within 48 hours (no matter the media used).

10.6

Only the delegates of active members (national representatives), and voting members of the Executive Board have the right to vote at the Assembly of Delegates, whether it be regular or special assembly.

In case of impediment, a member may appoint a delegate of another country to represent him, provided that a signed power of authority has been sent to the President declaring right of representation.



10.7

Elections, nominations and votes are made by handsign. A secret vote is made on request by the president or if requested by at least 1/10 of the members present.

Art. 11. EXECUTIVE BOARD

11.1

The Executive Board is responsible for the management and administration of **A.I.D.A. International** activities, which consists of the following members:

- President
- Vice-President
- Technical Director
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Officer in charge of international relationships
- Officer in charge of education and training
- Officer in charge of records

Art. 12. COMMISSIONS

12.1

To ensure the smooth functioning of **A.I.D.A. International** or if the Executive Board sees the need, they may nominate commissions deemed useful throughout the course of the year.

A detailed list of duties and a budget will be created.

Art. 13. AUDITORS

13.1

Each year the Assembly of Delegates elects two auditors and a substitute.

13.2

Each auditor remains in office two years and will be replaced by his substitute.

13.3

Auditors verify the books and compile a report for the Assembly of Delegates of **A.I.D.A. International**.

Art. 14. MODIFICATIONS OF STATUTES

14.1

The statutes may only be modified by an Assembly of Delegates consisting of at least 2/3 of the members having the right to vote, and by majority of 2/3 of the voters.

Art. 15. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

15.1



The dissolution of **A.I.D.A. International** may only be decided by special assembly consisting of at least 2/3 of the members having the right to vote, and by majority of 2/3 of the members present.

15.2

The dissolution of the association can not be made by written correspondence.

15.3

In the event of a dissolution, the assets of **A.I.D.A. International** assets will be transferred to a legal public entity or to a natural person having similar goals.

Art. 16. QUORUM

16.1.

If the quorum of Art. 14.1 or 15.1 are not attained, a second assembly will be convened. It will deliberate no matter the number of members present or represented having the right to vote and will make decisions on the majority of 2/3 of the members present.

Art. 17. FINAL DISPOSITIONS

17.1.

The present statutes were accepted by the founding assembly in Paris, the 11th of December, 1999, and modified by special Assembly of Delegates the 23rd of February 2002. They take effective immediately.

President	Sébastien Nagel
Vice-President	Frédéric Buyle
Technical Director	Claude Chapuis
Secretary	Annick Chapuis
Treasurer	Marcello De Matteis
Officer in charge of international relations	Karoline M. M. Dal Toé
Officer in charge of education and training	Kirk Krack
Officer in charge of records	Dieter Baumann