



BY-LAWS OF THE IAHR EUROPEAN DIVISION

as adopted by the Executive Committee of IAHR-ERD on 16 June 2004
and approved by IAHR Council meeting in Naples, Italy on 21 June 2004

1. Preamble

The present By-Laws of the IAHR Regional Division of Europe, founded in 2003, shall govern the conduct of this Division formed under the auspices of the International Association of Hydraulic Engineering and Research. These By-Laws are adopted in accordance with the IAHR Constitution and By-Laws.

2. Name and address

The name of the Division is the IAHR European Regional Division, in short IAHR-ERD (hereinafter referred to as "the Division").

The location of the Secretariat of the Division is designated by the Executive Committee of the Division and functions as the postal address of the Division.

3. Aim

Within the International Association, the **mission** of the Division shall be:

- a) To provide a link between
 - ⌚ IAHR European members (individual and institution) and their institutions,
 - ⌚ European national professional engineering and scientific organisations devoted to, interested in, and/or responsible for water resources, hydraulics and water and environment related engineering activities,
 - ⌚ European funding agencies, scientific, educational and engineering institutions and information & research networks interested in, or concerned with hydraulics and relevant water and environmental challenges;
 - ⌚ European policy-making bodies such as the Commission of the EU and the water scientific and engineering community.
- b) To act as a catalyst in the formulation of opinions on matters which are of interest to national engineering and scientific associations as well as to IAHR itself and transferring them to the relevant organisations and professionals;

To build its high level expertise (knowledge) and to serve the needs of the parties interested in the problems of European water resources (management, quality, etc), hydraulic engineering and research, and to be recognised as such by European national water and environmental engineering and scientific associations.

Further objectives of the Division shall be:

- c) To promote the science and practice of hydraulics (and water science and engineering in general) and its application in all relevant fields in its geographic region by building bridges with the other water and environmental organisations and sharing expertise for the benefit of mankind;
- d) To provide a forum of exchange of information among and between researchers and practitioners in the regional community dealing with hydraulics related disciplines;
- e) To keep the regional IAHR members abreast of their field and alerted to future challenges and opportunities by examining on a continuing basis, the present and likely future directions of the IAHR's areas of endeavour;

- f) To establish closer contacts with IAHR members in the Region and to serve as a forum through which the common professional and scientific interests will be formulated and pursued;
- g) To enlarge the IAHR membership in the region primarily by providing attractive incentives to younger researchers. .

The Division seeks to **accomplish its objectives** by:

- a) Providing a regional clearing-house for information related to all aspects of hydraulics (hydrodynamics) and their practical application;
- b) Strategic and relational development of the Division's areas of endeavour, especially concerning European institutions, national authorities, IAHR institution members and professional engineering and water-related organisations;
- c) Bringing to the attention of European institutions and organisations the points of view and opinions formulated in accordance with the above principles so that these can be integrated into the process of policy formulation and elaboration in Europe in the fields of environment, water resources and industry, engineering and research;
- d) Providing information to members on EU and other European bodies' development/research programmes carried out or initiated by its members;
- e) Promoting, advising, helping in international dissemination and in obtaining IAHR sponsorship, conferences and symposia of interest to IAHR organised by national professional and regional organisations;
- f) Contributing to continuing education of practitioners and professional organisations in its domain of competence;
- g) Promoting the preparation and diffusion of IAHR monographs and manuals of specific relevance to the Region;
- h) Contributing to the IAHR newsletter and other forms of communication;
- i) Co-operating with the IAHR Technical Divisions and Sections, and promoting co-operation with other Regional Divisions;
- j) Furthering such other activities as may legitimately be adopted for the furtherance of the objectives of the Division and IAHR;
- k) Encouraging membership driven activities in co-ordination with the IAHR management.

4. Membership

All IAHR members residing within the Region are as a matter of course members of the Division and enjoy the facilities created by the Division.

The European Region is defined as all European countries west of the Ural Mountains.

5. Financial resources

The financial resources of the Division consist of:

- a) Registration fees;
- b) Legacies, donations and grants;
- c) Other sources of income or assets.

6. Executive Committee and its election

The executive direction of the Division shall reside in an Executive Committee for the Division. The Executive Committee shall consist of up to 14 members, including a Chairman and a Vice-chairman. The Committee members will be IAHR members. No more than two members will be nationals of the same country. The Committee may, if it so desires, co-opt additional members, to the Executive Committee. The co-opted members are designated by the unanimous decision of the Executive

Committee and must be approved by the IAHR Council. The Committee members will be elected every two years. No member will serve more than three consecutive terms, except for a Committee member appointed Division Chairman or Vice-chairman after six years on the Committee. The Division Chairman and Vice-chairman will not serve more than three consecutive terms in that office.

The election will be conducted by postal ballot at a defined time, following the same procedure and according to the same rules as the members of the Council of the IAHR. Only European members can vote for the Division Executive Committee. The retiring Executive Committee will establish a nominating committee composed of a Chairman and of four IAHR members, from different countries in the region. One of the Executive Committee members will act as a contact person between the Nominating Committee and the Executive Committee of the Division. The Nominating Committee will prepare the list of candidates for the future Executive Committee. The members of the Division shall contact the nominating committee to nominate candidates. The IAHR Council must approve the membership of the Division Executive Committee.

7. Conduct of business

The Chairman of the Division will define the way of conducting the business. While it is expected that the business will be conducted mainly through electronic means, fax and ordinary mail, the Executive Committee should meet at least every two years and, if possible every year. The presence of at least half of the Committee members at such meeting shall constitute a quorum. All actions determined by postal ballot shall be by majority voting of the full Committee membership. Co-opted members have the same voting rights as elected members.

The Division Chairman shall send the Minutes of all Executive Committee meetings to the IAHR Executive Director.

In order to qualify for applications for international grants and projects the Division may establish its own legal identity, and/or account. For the sake of cost minimisation as many services as possible will be shared with the IAHR Secretariat (such as auditing, mailing etc.).

If the IAHR Council considers the activity of the Division as deficient, or if the Executive Committee members are inactive and jeopardise the functioning of the Division, the IAHR Council may, between two elections of the Executive Committee:

- a) Nominate a new Chairman among elected Executive Committee members,
- b) Nominate new Members to the Committee,
- c) Nominate, if necessary, a temporary Chairman to carry out current tasks until the next election,
- d) Disband the Division.

8. Language

The official language for the business conduct of the European Division (all official internal documents, minutes, etc.) will be English.

9. Adoption and amendments

The By-Laws shall come into effect when approved by IAHR Council.

When revision of these By-Laws is necessary, a proposal for amendment, requiring approval of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee shall be presented to the Co-ordinator of the Divisions, who will present the proposal to IAHR Council for approval.

2004-2005 Chairman Prof Cedo Maksimovic, UK

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