

THE SLOVENIAN ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING ACT

I. Basic provisions

Article 1

The Slovenian Academy of Engineering (henceforth referred to as the IAS) shall be a national institution bringing together elected members representing the technical sciences carried out within the public-research sphere, the economy and the technology-development sector.

Article 2

(1) The IAS shall be an autonomous legal entity of public law having its rights, obligations and liabilities regulated by the law, the implementing regulations governing public institutions, this act and the Statute of the IAS.

(2) The founder of the IAS shall be the Republic of Slovenia. The founding rights and obligations shall be implemented by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (henceforth referred to as the government).

Article 3

The tasks of the IAS shall be:

- to stimulate the acquisition of the top-level technical knowledge that provides the basis for technological progress and a balanced, sustainable development;
- to promote the role and influence of technical experts in society in general and when dealing with issues relating to the economy and development;
- to assess and give opinions on the conditions and development of technical sciences and disciplines, research and education;
- to discuss basic issues relating to innovations and the organisation of the economy with regard to technological development;
- to be involved in the formation of policies relating to research, technology and innovations;
- to propose measures for enhancing innovations, increasing the quality of research-and-development activities and fostering the transfer of research achievements and innovations to the economy;
- to be involved in forming the policy and the programmes of training technicians and engineers at all educational levels;
- to enhance international cooperation in its areas of operation;
- to promote the development and use of Slovenian terminology in the areas of technical sciences and disciplines;
- to carry out other tasks in line with the IAS Statute.

Article 4

To realise its tasks the IAS shall set up permanent and temporary bodies including, in addition to its own members, colleagues from the other entities active in the economy and in the public sphere.

Article 5

(1) The Statute of the IAS shall define the tasks of the IAS in line with this act, its organisation, as well as the working methods and its management.

(2) The Statute of the IAS shall be adopted by the Assembly of the IAS with the approval of the government.

(3) The Assembly of the IAS shall also adopt other general acts regulating the issues concerning the work and the operation of the IAS.

(4) The work of the IAS shall be public. The transparency of its work shall be regulated in detail in the Statute of the IAS.

II. Members of the IAS

Article 6

(1) The finest specialists can be elected to the IAS on the basis of their achievements in the areas of technical sciences, technology development and the introduction of new products. Election to the IAS shall represent a national and social recognition of the individual concerned.

(2) The IAS shall have honorary, regular, associate and correspondence members.

(3) The requirements needed for the election of a member, the mandate, the election procedure, the termination of a membership, as well as the rights and obligations of the members shall be determined by the IAS Statute.

III. Management and organisation of the IAS

Article 7

(1) The bodies of the IAS shall be the Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Presidency Board. The IAS can also have other bodies stipulated by the IAS Statute.

(2) The Executive Committee and the Presidency Board shall be responsible for implementing the decisions and guidelines formed at the Assembly meetings.

Article 8

(1) The members of the Presidency Board shall be the President and two Vice-Presidents. The IAS Assembly shall elect the members of the Presidency Board from among its regular members.

(2) The mandate of the members of the Presidency Board shall be three years. After the expiry of their mandates they can be re-elected.

(3) The activities of the Presidency Board shall be determined in detail in the IAS Statute.

Article 9

(1) The IAS President shall represent the IAS and shall be responsible for the regularity of the operation of the IAS.

(2) The President shall be accountable to the IAS Assembly.

Article 10

The IAS Assembly shall be the management body of the IAS, consisting of all the regular and associate members. The honorary and correspondence members of the IAS can also be involved in the activities of the Assembly.

Article 11

(1) The Annual General Assembly of the IAS shall:

- discuss basic issues concerning the realisation of the IAS's tasks;
- adopt the working programme of the IAS;
- elect the IAS members;
- elect and discharge the bodies of the IAS;
- adopt the Statute of the IAS;
- carry out other tasks determined by this act and the Statute of the IAS.

(2) The IAS Assembly shall form a quorum if a majority of the regular and associate members are present.

(3) To adopt the Statute, elect the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the honorary and the associate members, a majority vote of all the regular and associated members shall be required.

(4) To elect the regular and the correspondence members a majority vote of all the regular members shall be required.

Article 12

The IAS Statute shall determine in detail the tasks of individual bodies, their mandates, the election requirements and the nomination procedure relating to electing individual IAS bodies.

Article 13

The individuals having made an employment contract with the IAS shall be public employees. Their salaries shall be determined in line with the provisions of the regulations applying to the public employees of public institutions, while the employment relations shall be regulated by the provisions of the regulations governing these relations. The IAS employees shall carry out administrative, specialist, technical and other tasks for the IAS.

IV. Financial resources of the IAS

Article 14

(1) The Republic of Slovenia shall provide the financial resources for the operation of the IAS from the national budget on the basis of a financially evaluated annual working programme, whose integral part is also the personnel plan, which has been approved by the government.

(2) The financial resources provided by the Republic of Slovenia shall be allocated for the operation of the IAS covering the following:

- the basic working programme;
- the publishing activities and organisation of specialist and scientific consultations;
- specialist, administrative and technical work;
- material expenses and operational expenditure;

- the subscriptions of members and the attendance at periodic meetings of international institutions of which the IAS is a member.

(3) The IAS can also obtain its financial resources from other sources (e.g., the membership fees of the IAS members, funds from sponsors - industrial companies and institutions - funds obtained on the basis of public tenders, donations, bequests and gifts).

(4) The IAS members, except for the honorary members, shall pay an annual membership fee.

Article 15

(1) The financial operations of the IAS shall be supervised by the Court of Audit of the Republic of Slovenia.

(2) The regularity of the use of the budgetary resources shall be supervised by the ministry responsible for finance.

V. Transitional provisions

Article 16

(1) The Founding Assembly of the IAS has to be organised within two months of the date of enforcement of this act, at the latest.

(2) The Founding Assembly of the IAS shall be convened by a group of Slovenian scientists from the area of technical and natural sciences and prominent engineers joined in the Slovenian Academy of Engineering (the IAS) established, on 21 June 1995, within the framework of the Slovenian Association of Technical and Natural Sciences (SATENA).

(3) The members of the Founding Assembly shall be all those individuals who are the members of the Slovenian Academy of Engineering (the IAS) founded within the framework of the Slovenian Association of Technical and Natural Sciences (SATENA).

(4) The Founding Assembly shall elect the temporary Presidency Board that shall prepare the draft Statute of the IAS.

(5) Within three months of the date of enforcement of this act, at the latest, the IAS Assembly shall adopt the IAS Statute and then elect the IAS Presidency Boards and the members of the IAS.

(6) On the date of the Founding Assembly of the IAS that is founded with this act, the IAS established on 21 June 1995 within the framework of the Slovenian Association of Technical and Natural Sciences (SATENA) shall be terminated.

VI. Final provision

Article 17

This act shall begin to apply on the fifteenth day after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

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