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STATUTE

of the ASSOCIATION „EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF SERBIA“

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Association "Educational Research Association of Serbia" (hereinafter referred to as: the Association) is a voluntary, non-governmental and non-profit association established for an unlimited period of time for the purpose of reaching scientific and research goals in the area of education.

Article 2

For the purpose of fulfilling its goals, the Association may join membership of an association, federation and/or similar international organisation provided the activities thereof are in accordance with these Articles of Association.

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 3

Goals of the Association shall be:

- 1) liaise researchers in the area of education in Serbia and promote successful scientific and research cooperation within this area;
- 2) liaise the Association members with international organisations in education and promote work and cooperation between Serbian researchers and their colleagues in the area of education from European and international circles;
- 3) liaise researchers in education in Serbia with education policy makers and promote cooperation for the purpose of effective decision making;
- 4) promote research work of Association members.

The basic scope of work of the Association shall be to design, transfer, disseminate and apply knowledge in the area of education and educational sciences, and also to achieve results in scientific-research and educational work.

Article 4

The Association shall carry out the following programme tasks and activities aimed at meeting its goals:

1. conduct research activity in education
2. participate in inter-disciplinary research projects in the country and abroad;
3. liaise and initiate cooperation between researchers in education;
4. enable links to be made between researchers in education and education policy makers and contribute to promotion of their cooperation;
5. monitor and evaluate the state in the education field;
6. give opinion, start initiatives and provide proposals to relevant stakeholders regarding education;

7. organise national and international professional conferences, round tables, symposia, workshops, trainings and other forms of transfer and exchange of information and knowledge, autonomously or in cooperation with other organisations in the research field;
8. give contribution to development of international cooperation and exchange of ideas, including formal cooperation with international organisation of similar nature;
9. cooperate actively with the public, governmental and private institutions and bodies and other organisations in the fields of research and education;
10. give contribution to presentation and promotion of educational research work, in accordance with the law, and inform broader public on the scope of work, achievements, difficulties and potentials of research in education;
11. assist in publication of works of the Association members and promote them;
12. assist in promotion of young researchers in education;
13. organise events in accordance with the Association's work programme;
14. provide support in form of sponsorship to other events being in accordance with the goals and activities of the Association;
15. perform commercial activity: 58.1-publication of books, magazines and other publishing activities
16. enable exchange of information of a broader importance in relation to on-going activities, problems and obstacles relevant for the Association members;
17. conduct other activities pursuant to the Association's adopted programme, the Articles of Association and other regulations in effect.

III. NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 5

The Association shall be named: **Друштво истраживача у образовању у Србији** (abbr. **ДИОС**).

Association's name in English shall be: **Educational Research Association of Serbia** (abbr. **ERAS**).

The Association's seat shall be in Belgrade, Čika Ljubina Street, number 18-20.

The Association shall perform its activity in the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

Article 6

Any natural person of age accepting Association's goals and the Articles of Association and meeting membership requirements may become a member of the Association. One of the following conditions has to be met for a natural person to gain the right to become Association's member:

- 1) be employed in a research institution conducting research in education within its scope of activities;
- 2) be employed in a scientific-teaching institution;
- 3) attend master or doctoral study programme in a scientific-teaching institution in the field of education;
- 4) be able to provide proof of conducting research work in education by way of relevant publications, participation in research projects in the education field, etc. and other persons conducting teaching or performing tasks of a professional associate in education institutions.

Membership application shall be submitted to the Association secretary.

A natural person shall submit his/her application for membership accompanied with proof of fulfilment of conditions under the paragraph 1, points 1) - 4) of this article.

Article 7

There are two forms of membership: regular and honorary.

The Association shall keep records of its members containing the following information about the

members:

- member's name and surname;
- date of birth;
- address of residence;
- name of the institution where a member works (with information about his/her academic/professional title);
- phone number and e-mail.

Article 8

A person meeting the conditions as stipulated in the Article 7, paragraph 1, points 1) - 4) shall become a member of the Association and informed thereof by the Association secretary by issuing a certificate of membership.

A member may withdraw from membership by providing a written statement of withdrawal.

Membership in the Association shall terminate due to failure to pay membership fee for a calendar year, failure to abide by provisions hereof, causing harm to Association's reputation and in case of death of a member.

Membership of all Association members shall be suspended with termination of Association's operation.

A decision on membership suspension shall be made by the Managing Board.

A member shall be provided with an opportunity to declare him/her-self against the reasons for which a proposal was made to decide on suspension of his/her membership in the Association.

VI. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Article 9

An Association member shall have the right to:

- 1) participate in fulfilment of Association's goals equally with other members;
- 2) take a direct part in decision making at the General Meeting as well as through Association bodies;
- 3) appoint and be appointed for membership in the Association bodies;
- 4) be informed fully and in due time about work and activities of the Association.

Article 10

An Association member shall be obliged to:

- 1) give an active contribution to attainment of the Association goals;
- 2) participate in activities of the Association in accordance with his/her interests and competences;
- 3) abide by the provisions of the Articles of Association, decisions of bodies and working groups of the Association and protect Association's reputation;
- 4) pay membership fee on a regular basis in the annual amount as set forth by the Association General Meeting;
- 5) perform other activities within the scope of the Association entrusted to him/her by the Managing Board.

Should a member fail to pay membership fee for the current year before the regular session of the Association General Meeting, he/she shall lose his/her membership capacity and the right to vote at the General Meeting or in bodies of the Association for that year, but may become Association member again pursuant to these Articles of Association.

Article 11

Rights of honorary members, who have been regular members before being given honorary membership, shall be equal to the rights of regular members.

Honorary members shall not pay membership fee.

An honorary member of the Association shall:

- 1) give an active contribution to attainment of the Association goals;

- 2) participate in activities of the Association in accordance with his/her interests and competences;
- 3) abide by the provisions of the Articles of Association, decisions of bodies and working groups of the Association and protect Association's reputation;
- 4) perform other activities entrusted to him/her by the Managing Board.

VII. ASSOCIATION BODIES

Article 12

Association bodies shall be General Meeting, Managing Board and Supervisory Board.

Article 13

Association General Meeting shall be composed of regular and honorary members.

An extraordinary session of the General Meeting may be convoked upon a justified proposal of the Managing Board and upon initiative made by a minimum of 1/5 of General Meeting members. An initiative shall be submitted to the Managing Board in writing and shall contain issues proposed to be discussed.

General Meeting session shall be convened and presided by the president of the Managing Board, by means of a written notification about the venue and time of session taking place and proposed agenda.

The General Meeting shall have a quorum i.e. be able to make fully effective decisions provided that more than a half of Association members attend its session.

If no conditions for the quorum are met when the General Meeting convenes, the beginning of the session shall be postponed for 30 minutes. Quorum shall be determined again upon expiration of 30-minute period, and the General Meeting may start its work and make fully effective decisions if 1/5 of the Association members are present.

The General Meeting shall make decisions by the majority of votes of members present.

Two-thirds majority of members present shall be required to make a decision on changes and amendments to the Articles of Association, changes in status and termination of operation of the Association.

Article 14

The General Meeting shall:

- 1) appoint and revoke a person authorised to represent the Association, who is at the same time the president of the Association and president of the Managing Board;
- 2) adopt the Articles of Association and other general acts of the Association, as well as changes and amendments to the Articles of Association and other general acts of the Association;
- 3) appoint and revoke members of the Managing Board;
- 4) consider and adopt work plans and programmes of the Association;
- 5) consider and adopt financial plans and reports on their implementation;
- 6) consider and adopt reports on work of the Managing Board at least once a year;
- 7) adopt Minutes from the previous General Meeting session;
- 8) decide on the amount of membership fee for a calendar year;
- 9) decide on association into federations in the country and abroad;
- 10) decide on and appoint honorary members of the Association;
- 11) decide on sale and purchase of Association's immovable assets;
- 12) decide on status changes and termination of operation of the Association;
- 13) decide on submitted appeals to decisions made in disciplinary procedures and at Managing Board meetings;
- 14) make decisions on other issues in accordance herewith.

Minutes shall be kept during General Meeting session, which shall be made available in Association's premises. Extract of the minutes may be posted on Association website.

Article 15

The Managing Board is an executive body of the Association in charge of designing and implementing Association's policy and/or ensuring fulfilment of goals of the Association set forth herein.

The Managing Board shall have five members, including the president of the Association, who shall also be the president of the Managing Board. Other members of the Managing Board shall be vice-president of the Managing Board, secretary and two members coming from the ranks of the Association.

Managing Board members shall be appointed and revoked by the General Meeting. Managing Board members may be relieved of their duty before expiration of their mandate.

Mandate of the Managing Board members shall last for two years. Upon expiration of the first mandate the members may be re-elected for just one more election period.

Article 16

The Managing Board shall:

- 1) design and implement Association's policy;
- 2) consider applications and make decisions on granting Association membership;
- 3) manage the work of the Association between two sessions of the General Meeting and make decisions aimed at reaching Association goals;
- 4) decide on changes of Association seat and address;
- 5) organise performance of activities of the Association on a regular basis;
- 6) prepare materials for regular and extraordinary sessions of the General Meeting, while the president of the Managing Board shall preside the General Meeting;
- 7) conclude contracts with third parties or legal entities;
- 8) entrust its members with special tasks within the scope of activities of the Association;
- 9) decide on rewards and recognitions awarded by the Association;
- 10) make financial decisions;
- 11) appoint Association accountant;
- 12) decide on instigating a procedure for making changes and amendments to the Articles of Association and other general acts, upon its own initiative or at a proposal made by minimum five Association members, and prepare proposed changes and amendments that shall be submitted for adoption to the General Meeting;
- 13) decide on instigating a procedure for indemnification in cases set forth by the law regulating operation of associations and, if needed, appoint a special representative of the Association for such procedure; it shall also decide on other issues other bodies of the Association are not authorised for by the law or by this Articles of Association.

Members of the Managing Board shall not receive any remuneration for their work in the Board.

Article 17

The Managing Board shall convene at least twice during a calendar year or more often if necessary. The president of the Managing Board shall be bound to schedule the Board meeting if so requested by two Board members or at request of the General Meeting.

Managing Board meeting (regular or extraordinary) may also be held through correspondence by using information and communication technologies (e-mail, video conference, etc.) provided that more than a half of its members take part in such correspondence.

The Managing Board shall have a quorum if more than a half of its members attend the meeting. Decisions shall be made by majority of votes of members present at the meeting.

Managing Board meetings shall be open to the public.

Minutes shall be kept of all Managing Board meetings, which shall be made available in Association's premises. Extract of the minutes may be posted on Association website.

Article 18

The president of the Managing Board shall represent the Association in legal matters and shall have rights and duties of a financial order issuing authority.

The president of the Managing Board shall have a deputy appointed by the General Meeting.

Deputy president shall be authorised to represent the Association and sign all financial and monetary documents on behalf of the Association in case of absence of the president of the Managing Board, in case of his/her resignation, death or incapacity for work.

The president of the Managing Board may appoint other persons to perform certain activities or a range of activities, as well as to sign documents within authorisation of the president.

Article 19

The president of the Managing Board shall:

- 1) schedule and preside sessions of the Association General Meeting and Managing Board;
- 2) sign acts and decisions made by the General Meeting and the Managing Board, including Association's financial documentation;
- 3) ensure lawfulness of Association's transactions;
- 4) supervise implementation of decisions made by the General Meeting and the Managing Board;
- 5) represent the Association before third parties;
- 6) prepare an operational work plan for a period of duration of his/her mandate;
- 7) prepare materials for regular or extraordinary General Meeting sessions;
- 8) be responsible for implementation of the financial plan;
- 9) be responsible for documentation about membership and acts of the Association;
- 10) perform other tasks assigned by the General Meeting and the Managing Board.

The president and vice-president of the Managing Board shall respond to the General Meeting and the Managing Board of the Association for their work.

Article 20

In case the president resigns prior to expiration of his/her mandate, the Managing Board shall accept resignation.

In case of president's resignation, death or permanent incapacity for work, Managing Board deputy president shall convene the General Meeting not later than 30 days upon receipt of information that the conditions for relief of the president have been fulfilled. A decision on president's relief of duty and appointment of a new president shall be made by the General Meeting.

Article 21

The Association General Meeting shall have a treasurer, coming from the ranks of the Association membership.

Association treasurer shall:

- 1) be in charge of treasury of the Association;
- 2) effect cash payments;
- 3) settle financial liabilities of the Association;
- 5) perform other tasks assigned by the president of the Association;
- 6) submit a report on material and financial transactions to the Managing Board and the General Meeting;
- 7) respond for his/her work to the president of the Association, Managing Board and General Meeting.

The treasurer shall receive remuneration for tasks performed for the Association, in accordance with a temporary service contract, which shall be concluded between the treasurer and the Association for a period of one year.

Article 22

The Association shall have a secretary appointed by the General Meeting.

The secretary shall keep minutes at General Meeting and Managing Board sessions and perform other administrative and technical tasks in relation to the work of the Association and its members.

Article 23

The Association shall keep records of its financial and material transactions in accordance with the accounting standards foreseen for associations.

Supervisory Board shall control the work related to financial and material transactions.

Every member of the Association shall be entitled to an insight into the financial and material transactions of the Association.

Article 24

Supervisory Board shall perform control of the financial operations of the Association, implementation of decisions made and respect of these Articles of Association, and shall inform the Managing Board forthwith about any irregularities observed.

The Supervisory Board shall have three members nominated by the General Meeting. The Supervisory Board members shall have a mandate of two years and they can be re-elected.

The Supervisory Board shall report on its work to the General Meeting.

VIII. OTHER PROVISIONS

Article 25

The General Meeting or the Managing Board may establish permanent or occasional committees or other working bodies for work in individual areas within the Association's scope of work.

A decision on establishment of a committee or a working body shall also determine its composition, task, period for which it is established and responsibilities for performance of tasks.

Article 26

Work of the Association shall be open to the public.

The Managing Board shall ensure that members and the public are regularly informed about work and activities of the Association, either directly or via internal publications and/or press releases or other appropriate means.

Annual accounts and reports on activities of the Association shall be provided to the members at a session of the Association General Meeting.

Article 27

The Association shall acquire funds from membership fees, voluntary contributions, donations and gifts, financial subsidies, by applying for projects to governmental bodies or other national and foreign funds and in other ways as permitted by the law.

Article 28

The Association shall also acquire funds through sale of its publications, books, magazines and other publishing activities.

The Association may also acquire funds from participation fees for seminars and other forms of education events in the area of education, as well as sale of products generated within education workshops, as well as other forms of similar commercial activity performed by the Association.

The Association may initiate a direct performance of this activity after being entered in the Companies Register i.e. once it obtains the capacity of a legal entity.

Article 29

Property of the Association shall consist of movable and immovable assets, which are entered into record. The Managing Board shall manage Association's assets.

Movable assets of the Association may be procured, written off or disposed upon decision made by the Managing Board and confirmed by the General Meeting.

If the Association generates surplus of revenues in relation to its expenditures in performance of its activity, such surplus shall be used to perform activity for which the Association has been established, and which is defined herein.

Article 30

Financial transactions of the Association shall be made through an account with

All financial transactions of the Association shall be made in accordance with the accounting standards foreseen for associations. The Association may engage a person outside the Association to perform accounting services.

The Managing board shall manage the Association's assets in accordance with the provisions hereof and other regulations in effect. A person responsible for Association's assets shall be the president of the Managing Board or vice-president in absence of the president.

Article 31

Any changes in status of the Association – acquisition, merger or division of the Association

– shall be performed in accordance with the law regulating associations.

The Association shall dissolve by a decision made by the General Meeting, when conditions for fulfilment of Association goals terminate, as well as in other cases as set forth by the law regulating associations.

Article 32

In case of dissolution, Association's assets shall be transferred to the Institute for Psychology of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Ćika Ljubina no. 18-20, Belgrade.

Article 33

The Association shall have a stamp of round shape with the following inscription in the upper part of the stamp: **Друштво истраживача у образовању у Србији**; in the lower part: **Educational Research Association of Serbia**, and in the centre: Belgrade and Association logo.

The stamp shall be kept by the president of the Association who is authorised to use it, and/or other members of the Association as authorised by the president of the Association.

Article 34

Any changes and amendments to these Articles of Association shall be made following the procedure for its adoption.

Article 35

Any other issues not regulated herein shall be directly governed by the provisions of the law regulating associations.

**Chairperson of the statutory
meeting of the Association
Dijana Plut**

(name and signature)