



**STATUTE of the ASPA  
Animal Science and Production Association  
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**Article 1 - Foundation, aim and location**

The Animal Science and Production Association “ASPA” is a non-profit scientific Association aimed to promote the advancement of science and technologies regarding farm animals, ichthyic fauna, pets and sports, working animals and wildlife, and furthermore, environmental, landscape, ethological, economic factors, animal welfare, quality safety and the use of animal products.

This aim is achieved through:

- 1 - the promotion of research in all sectors of animal science;
- 2 - the organization of congresses, conferences, seminars and meetings among who is interested on scientific research in animal husbandry, and the promotion of contacts between national, foreign and international companies operating in related areas in order to coordinate the work towards common goals;
- 3 – the publication and dissemination of scientific papers related to animal husbandry;
- 4 - the debate on issues regarding the training and the teaching of animal breeding and related disciplines in Italian schools and, in particular, in the Italian universities;
- 5 – the collaboration with public and private bodies which operate to the enhancement of animal science;
- 6 - the carrying out of any other scientific and cultural activity useful to achieve benefits for the human society social ends;

The administrative headquarters of the Association shall be the working place of the treasurer of the Association.

The logo of the Association and related graphics are owned by ASPA and are established by the Board of governors.

**Article 2 – Duration**

The life of the Association is open-ended.

**Art.3 – Members**

Ordinary members may be individuals or legal entities who have as main activity the study and / or research in the various branches of animal science and whose activity is demonstrated by adequate scientific production.

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The proposal for admission as a full member of a natural person should be submitted by three ordinary members and forwarded to the President.

This proposal, on the base of the specific admission requirements listed in paragraph 1, must be approved by the Board of governors, by a majority, and communicated to the plenary meeting.

The proposal for admission as a supporting member of the legal person is on submission of three ordinary members; the proposal must be approved by a majority of the Board of governors and communicated to the plenary meeting. An individual delegated with the quality of ordinary members represents the supporting members in the Association.

The nomination as full member is appointed by the President and is valid after the payment of dues that should be done within the year of the admission.

Members belonging to universities or institutions, centers, research councils or agencies who are retired become honorary members. They retain all rights and obligations of ordinary members and are not required to pay the dues.

Young people in the making for animal science research (PhD students, postdocs, fellows, etc.) may request to be admitted as aggregate ASPA members.

The aggregate members have the right to participate to all initiatives of the Association, and have the right to vote at the meetings where the statute is approved or emended and in the Association officers appointment.

At the end of the training process with the achievement of a position in a research institution, as well as the acquisition of scientific maturity, aggregate members become ordinary members after deliberation of the Board of governors.

Researchers living abroad can be admitted as corresponding members. The admission procedures for the corresponding members are the same as for the ordinary members. The corresponding members have right to vote in the meetings, but they contribute to fix the quorum only if present. If researches living abroad move to Italy, corresponding members become ordinary members and vice versa.

Proposals for admission as a full, supporter, aggregate and corresponding member made in a certain year will be considered in the following year. Members are required to comply with statutory regulations, with the codes of conduct that govern the scientific community, as well as with the active participation in the Association.

### **Art. 4 - Organs of the Association**

The organs of the Association are the Plenary meeting, the President, the Board of governors and the Board of auditors.

### **Art. 5 – The Plenary meeting**

It consists of all members. It is due to:

- (a) the election of the President,
- (b) the election of members of the Board of governors and of the Board of auditors;
- (c) the approval of the closed and estimated budget;
- (d) the approval of activities program of the Association;
- (e) the amendments to the statute.

The Plenary meeting convenes in ordinary session at least once a year within June 30 and in special session whenever the Board of governors thinks it right or is requested by at least one third of ordinary members. The governing council shall determine the place of the meeting from time to time. (The place of the meeting shall be determined from time to time by the Board of governors. The date of the meeting notice, stating the subjects to be discussed, must be notified at least fifteen days before the meeting.

The ordinary meetings are sound in the first convocation if half ordinary members plus one are

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present or in second meeting with any number of members present.

In the ordinary meetings only two proxies for each member participant are allowed.

The extraordinary meetings are valid with the participation of at least one third of ordinary members. In these meetings voting by proxy is not allowed. The deliberations of the Plenary meetings are valid when deriving from the majority of the votes of the members, in the manner provided by this constitution.

### **Art. 6 - President**

The President is elected inside the ordinary members by the absolute majority of members. He/she remains in office for three years and may be consecutively re-elected only once. If no candidate obtains an absolute majority of votes, the second vote consists of a runoff between the two candidates who received most votes.

Applications, accompanied by the curriculum and the planning intentions, must be submitted to the President in office at least thirty days before voting, and provided within 15 days to all members. The President represents the Association, convenes and presides over the Plenary meeting and the Board of governors. Members who were ASPA Presidents are given the title of emeritus Presidents and are exempted by the payment of dues.

### **Art. 7 - Board of Governors**

It comprises the President and four members elected by ordinary members in the same session when the president is elected. Each member present and voting may indicate one name. The most supported four members are elected. A possible vacancy is replaced by the first non-elected member.

Applications, accompanied by the curriculum, must be presented at least thirty days before voting, to the President in office who will inform all members within 15 (fifteen) days.

In the first meeting, the Board of governors elects, in its bosom, the vice president, the treasurer and the secretary. The office of secretary and treasurer may be assigned to the same person. The Board of governors remains in office three social years.

The vice president replaces the president when he is temporarily prevented or when delegated by the president. In case of vacancy of the office of President, the Vice President assumes the function and calls the ordinary Plenary meeting for the election of the President. A member may not be elected more than twice consecutively. The Past President is part of the Board of governors as supernumerary advisor and does not have decisional vote.

The Board of governors is responsible for:

- (a) the management and administrative direction of the Association,
- (b) the preparing of the annual report which includes the program activities,
- (c) the preparation of the budget and final accounts,
- (d) the actions to be subjected to the Plenary meeting for approval,
- (e) the execution of conferences and scientific meetings,
- (f) the appointing of study commissions or other commissions with specific assignments,
- (g) the appointment of the Editorial board and the Advisory board of the ASPA journal and the governing bodies of any other periodical publication that it is decided,
- (h) the suggestion of the social share.

The Board of governors is called by the President or whenever requested by at least three components. The President chooses the place of the meeting.

The notice must be also submitted electronically at least seven days before the meeting, indicating the main topics to be covered. The meeting is not valid if more than two members are absent. The deliberations of the Board of governors shall be valid if approved by at least three components. If a

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member of the Board of governors does not intervene at three consecutive meetings without a valid reason, he shall be automatically lapse from office and succeeded by the member who in the election for the Board of governors was the first non-elected. He/she shall remain in office until the lapse of the Board

### **Art.8 - Board of the auditors**

It is elected in a single vote where each member can give only one name chosen among the ordinary members. The first three members are appointed effective auditors, the next two alternate auditors. If two members receive an equal number of votes, appointed is the member with more years of ASPA entry and, in case of further parity, the most senior member. He/she is in charge of the Council Governors the same time and has the duty to express a binding opinion on the budget and final balance sheet. That opinion must necessarily be made to the Ordinary Plenary Meeting convened to approve the budget and the planning documents of the Association. A member may not be elected more than twice consecutively. The Board of Auditors chooses among its members the President. It shall remain in office for three social years.

### **Art. 9 – Italian Journal of Animal Science**

Italian Journal of Animal Science is the official ASPA journal, which pursues the statutory objectives. The journal is headed by an Editor in chief supported by an Editorial board and an Advisory board.

Functions and roles are set by the Board of governors and communicated to the Plenary meeting. The Editor in chief appointment, the composition and changes in the Editorial board and the Advisory board of the journal are proposed by the Board of governors and approved by the Plenary meeting as well.

### **Art. 10 - Social year and budgets**

The social year begins on the day after the ordinary annual plenary meeting and ends the day of the year following the annual ordinary meeting.

The fiscal year coincides with the calendar year. The Plenary meeting must approve the budget and final accounts before June 30.

The Plenary meeting admits the provisional budget for the portion of the year preceding the approval of the budget. It is enabled by a resolution of the Board of governors to be taken within December 31 of each year.

### **Art.11 – Income and patrimony**

The income of the Association comprises the subscription dues, the proceeds of any property and any other contribution, donation or bequest to it granted. The patrimony of the Association is made up of all movable and immovable property of its ownership. The patrimony may only be used to achieve the statutory objectives of the Association.

### **Art. 12 – Subscription dues**

The subscription dues for ordinary and correspondent members is fixed by the Plenary meeting on the proposal of the Board of governors and must be paid within three months after the beginning of each calendar year to the Treasurer of the Association.

The subscription due paid by supporting members is at least ten higher as respect to the subscription paid by ordinary members.

The subscription due of aggregate members is 50% of the subscription for ordinary members. The fee is not transferable or re-valued, nor refundable. In the event of default, after a year of non-payment, the member is revoked.

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Dethroned members may request to be re-enrolled in the Association within three years consecutive to that of their cancellation, upon payment of allowances arrears. After this limit, they lose that right.

### **Art. 13 – Secretary**

Collaborates with the President in the implementation of the resolutions of the two social organs and in relations with partners, other scientific Associations, agencies and individuals. His/her specific task is to draw up the minutes of the Plenary meetings and of the Board of governors' meetings and to keep all social acts.

### **Art. 14 – Treasurer**

Is responsible of the finance and property of the Association; he/she has also the task of setting up and providing all data and records needed for the budget and final account.

### **Art. 15 - Changes to the statute**

This statute may be amended only with the resolution of the extraordinary meeting with the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of present and voting members. The amendments proposal may be submitted by the President, the Board of governors or by at least one third of ordinary members who subscribe the explained proposal. Appropriately described proposals have to be brought to the attention of members at least thirty days before the convocation of the Plenary meeting.

### **Art.16 - Dissolution of the Association**

The dissolution is proposed by the extraordinary meeting and subsequently ratified by referendum vote of at least three fourths of the members.

In this case, the Plenary meeting will appoint a board of three trustees and determine the destination of the net patrimony after the liquidation to other Associations with similar objectives or to public utility, according with the monitoring authority on the base of the Article 3, paragraph 190 of the Law of 23 December 1966, n. 662, except other destination required by law.

For matters not covered by this Statute shall refer to law in force.

### **Art. 17**

It is forbidden to distribute, even indirectly, profits or operating surpluses, funds, reserves or capital during the life of the Association.