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Asian-Pacific Association for Biomechanics: Statutes

Resolved on the 22nd November, 2005 at Taipei.

Article I: Name

The Association shall be known as the “Asian-Pacific Association for Biomechanics”. For the purpose of the activities of the Association, Biomechanics is defined as “The study of mechanical phenomena, in the broadest sense, within as well as neighboring a living body not only for enhancement of scientific understandings but also for the application to clinical medicine and engineering”.

Article II: Registered Office

The address of the Association is the Department of Bioengineering and Robotics, Tohoku University, School of Engineering, 6-6-01 Aoba, Sendai, Japan.

Article III: Duration

The Association is established for an unlimited period of time.

Article IV: Objectives

The objectives of the Association are:

- to encourage, foster, promote and develop research, progress and information concerning the science of biomechanics, as well as to promote, initiate, sustain and bring to a satisfactory conclusion research with others, programmes of development and information in this particular field,
- to collaborate with other societies and bodies whose efforts are directed at the same objectives and whose interests are allied with or are similar to those of the Association itself,
- to promote the propagation of scientific organizations, governmental and private bodies, both national and international, in order to establish specifications and standards for biomechanics in general,
- to encourage progress in the field of the clinical applications of the science of biomechanics in all its aspects, including research and teaching as well as to foster any other activity pertinent thereto,
- to encourage and foster the involvement the students and young researchers in the activity of the association.

The Association is non profit making and undertakes to abstain from all political activity.

Article V: Membership

The Association consists of societies for biomechanical studies of the Asian-Pacific nations, regions, and districts, that have activities in biomechanics related researches and are accepted for membership by the Council.

Article VI: Council

The affairs of the Association shall be managed in accordance with these Statutes and with By-laws by a Council recommended by the comprising societies. The council shall comprise at least one member from each member Association of Asian-Pacific countries. From amongst themselves they shall appoint a President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as may be deemed necessary. The Council members shall hold office for a term of four years and are eligible for re-election.

Article VII: Administration

The President (or Council member designated by the President) represents the Association in the Courts and in every act of civic life. Disbursement of money on behalf of the Association is authorized by the President or his delegated representative.

Article VIII: Assets

The assets of the Association constitute:

- the membership dues decided by the Council
- public or private grants of money and revenue from property owned by the Association

Article IX: Changes to the Statutes

Changes to the Statutes can only be made at a properly constituted Council Meeting of the Association at which at least 50% of the total constituting societies send their representatives. A resolution to change the Statutes is passed if it gains the vote of at least 50% of member societies present at the Council Meeting.

Article X: Official Language

English shall be the official language of the Asian-Pacific Association of Biomechanics.

Article XI: By-laws

By-laws governing the administration of the Association shall be drawn up by the Council.