

BALKAN ASSOCIATION OF POWER TRANSMISSIONS

Statute

Name and domicile of the Association

Article 1

Under the name “Balkan Association of Power Transmissions”, abbreviated BAPT, there is an Organization of experts in the field of power transmissions of the Balkan countries. The domicile of the Association is rotated regularly every third year, according to the acting president.

Objective of the Association

Article 2

The Association has the purpose to maintain and promote, functioning as an umbrella, the scientific and technological knowledge, experience, information and know-how exchange, between experts of the praxis, scientists and Institutions, which belong to the national societies of engineers, and industrial enterprises. In final consequence, the Association aims at promoting the production of the Balkan countries in the field of drive technology and to improve the quality of the products by providing services to the Industry.

Activity

Article 3

The Association makes every effort to fulfil its purpose by following means:

- (a) Arrangement of contacts between the relevant national Societies of Engineers, Universities, industrial enterprises and experts.
- (b) Management of technical and professional exchange.
- (c) Organisation regularly - every third year - of scientific conferences and symposia.
- (d) Support of the Industry by offering services.
- (e) Participation in EU projects.

Over time, in case of positive evolution, the objectives of the Association can be extended (formation of expert committees, joint research projects, organization of training and education courses, information centre, etc.).

Finance

Article 4

Each member organization pays a contribution of 200.00 € (two hundred Euros) to the Association Secretariat to support the preparation of the respective conference. The amount of the contribution can be changed by a unanimous decision of the present members of the Assembly of Delegates and is binding for all. Payment of the contribution must be made until the end of the year of the last conference. Non-payment of the contribution causes an abandonment of the membership.

Article 5

The organizer of each conference is responsible for the finances of the Secretariat and the Conference. Each member organization has to fund itself its participation fee to the Association and to each conference.

Membership

Article 6

Ordinary members of the BAPT can only be legal persons - Societies of Engineers of the member countries, Universities and industrial enterprises. Members of the Association may also be non-Balkan countries.

The founding members of BAPT are:

- Scientific and Technical Society of Mechanical Engineering of Bulgaria;
- Yugoslavian Society of Machine Elements and Design;
- Macedonian Society of Machine Elements and Design;
- Technical Chamber of Greece;
- Association of Mechanical and Electrical Engineers of Northern Greece.

Organisation

Article 7

The Organs of the Association are:

The Delegates Board;

The Executive Committee

The Secretariat of the Association consists of the respective President and Secretary.

Delegates Board

Article 8

Each member organization nominates up to 3 (three) delegates, which are recognised experts, scientists or technicians, which form the respective Delegation. The entirety of all Delegations builds-up the Delegates Board.

Article 9

The Delegates Board is the highest organ of the BAPT, and exercises its authority by the Delegates Assembly. Delegates Assembly meetings take place during the Conferences of the Association. Resolutions may also be taken by correspondence. Both paths are equivalent.

Article 10

The Delegates Board is authorised to

- (a)** accept the activity report of the President and the Financial Statements;
- (b)** elect of the Executive Committee for the next 3 years;
- (c)** decide to extend or restrict the activities of Association;
- (d)** approve modifications and updates to the Statute of the Association and
- (e)** dissolve the Association.

Article 11

The Delegates Assembly meetings take place every 3 years concurrently with the scientific and technical Conferences. Extraordinary Delegate Assembly meetings are organised on decision of an ordinary Delegate Assembly meeting, of the Executive Committee, or at request at least one quarter of the Delegates Board, if such a request (mentioning the aim of the requested meeting) is submitted in written form to the Executive Committee.

Article 12

Votes by correspondence are permissible and organized by the Executive Committee. The vote results are announced to the members by a newsletter.

Article 13

Up to 3 (three) delegates of each member organization are entitled to vote but they have one vote only and this is the vote of the organization that they represent. During a Delegate Assembly meeting, a delegate may represent concurrently one or two other delegates of his member organization, if the Executive Committee and/or the Secretariat have been accordingly notified in advance in written form. If a Delegation is unable to participate to a Delegate Assembly meeting, it can be represented by another Delegation if the Executive Committee and/or the Secretariat have been accordingly notified in advance in written form. However, a Delegation cannot represent more than two member organizations in total.

Article 14

The Delegates Assembly meeting is assumed in quorum, when at least the half of the voting delegates is present. Decisions are taken by simple majority of voters. If voting is done by correspondence,

decisions are taken by simple majority of the written votes, which receives the Executive Committee and/or the Secretariat within 30 days counting from the date of dispatch of the voting papers. In this case, correspondence is obliged to be carried out by registered post.

Executive Committee

Article 15

The Executive Committee comprises the President, the post President, the coming President, both as Vice Presidents, and the Secretary. President and Secretary are from the same country and they form the Secretariat. The members of the Executive Committee are elected from the Delegates Board and exercise their functions voluntarily.

Article 16

The Executive Committee manages the Organization based on the decisions of the Delegates Board and takes the necessary measures to carry-out its activities according to the Statute of the Association. The Executive Committee calls the Delegates Assembly meeting and determines the meeting agenda.

Article 17

The duty period of the President, the Vice Presidents and Secretary is 3 (three) years. Three years before and after his presidency the President serves as a Vice President. Thus the total service period of a person as President and Vice President amounts to 9 (nine) years with changing functions every three years.

Article 18

The President chairs the Delegates Assembly meetings and the meetings of the Executive Committee. He represents the Association to other Organizations and is communicating with the national engineering societies.

Article 19

The President is supported in his work by the other members of the Executive Committee.

Statute Amendments and Resolving of the Association

Article 20

Statute amendments may be adopted by simple majority. However, an amendment of Article 2 requires a majority of two thirds. For this purpose the Executive Committee works out the appropriate proposals for the Delegates Board.

Article 21

The Association may be resolved by decision adopted by majority of two thirds of the Delegates Board. After the fulfilment of all financial obligations, the remaining funds, if any, should be offered to Research and Educating Institutions operating on the field of Power Transmissions.

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