



Statutes with Specific Regulations for the European Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE-Europe)

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The Statutes of the IALE-Europe have been approved when the Association was launched, in July 2009 during the European Congress of IALE. Following, IALE-Europe has been registered legally in Portugal in May 2012, in order to acquire legal status and a legal registration number. To make the registration possible, the status needed to be adapted to the Portuguese legislation.

Therefore, a few changes in relation to the approved Statutes were included in the registered version. The present Statutes with the following Specific Regulation secures that the functioning of IALE-Europe in practice will be according to the Statutes approved.

ARTICLE 1

DENOMINATION, SCOPE AND SEAT OF IALE-EUROPE

Completes Article 1 of the Status approved in July 2009.

It is hereby established, with a scientific, cultural and educational purpose, the European Association for Landscape Ecology – IALE-Europe, also designated as IALE-Europe, for an unlimited period of time and being and with seat at the Department of Landscape, Environment and Planning in the University of Évora, Colégio Luis Verney, Évora.

Specific Regulation: A seat at a Portuguese address was requested for the legal registration in Portugal. This address seat is the same as the seat of APEP, the Portuguese Society for Landscape Ecology. This seat acts as functioning seat from May 2012 (date of legal registration) until September 2013 (date of next General Assembly and elections). After this, and for each period of four years, a new Functioning Seat will be decided by the Executive Committee, following the address of the President or the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 2

LEGAL STATUS

Follow and completes Article 1 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - IALE-Europe is a private law association with legal status and it is a non-profit-making organization.
- 2 - IALE-Europe is governed by these Statutes, the Specific Regulation approved by the General Assembly and other relevant legislation.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 3

GOALS

Follows Article 2 of the Status approved in July 2009.

In order to develop an understanding of the structure and function of natural, altered, and managed landscapes and to support a balanced interaction between humans and their environment in Europe, the European Association of Landscape Ecology (IALE-Europe) exists to foster and develop research within landscape ecology throughout Europe by strengthening contacts and enriching the dialogue between

members of Europe's landscape academic community, by representing the interests of this community within the wider European social and institutional context and by making the collective expertise of IALE-Europe available, where appropriate, in furthering the discussion of landscape ecological issues at the European level. **No Specific Regulation required.**

ARTICLE 4

DESCRIPTION OF GOALS

Follows Article 3 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - In pursuit of this goal the European Association of Landscape Ecology seeks to build upon Europe's rich landscape heritage and intellectual traditions to:
 - a) Support and enhance the exchange of information, experience and ideas within landscape ecology at the European level, by stimulating discussion and encouraging co-operation between Europe's landscape ecologists, high education and research institutions within landscape ecology, and other institutions within the field, by amongst other means, the promotion of regular international meetings, and other European seminars and workshops for effective exchange of knowledge and use of landscape ecology in Europe or from European perspectives;
 - b) Every four years promote the organization of a European Congress of Landscape Ecology in cooperation with or by delegation to European national and sub- or transnational chapters of IALE or institutional members of IALE-Europe, to be held mid between the World Congresses of the International Association of Landscape Ecology (IALE), also occurring every four years;
 - c) Support the activities of National, Sub-national and Cross-National European Regional Chapters and promote the formation of crossbordering landscape ecological cooperation and activities within Europe;
 - d) Foster and develop the highest standards of landscape ecological education in Europe by, amongst other things, providing advice and acting as a forum for sharing experience on course and curriculum development, supporting collaborative developments in teaching and learning and furthering bilateral agreements among the institutional members from different European nations on educational cooperation;
 - e) Promote interaction between academics and researchers within the discipline of landscape ecology and within the field of landscape, thereby furthering the development of a Europe-wide landscape academic community, through, amongst other things, the development of common research agendas and the establishment of collaborative research projects;
 - f) Represent the interests of research in landscape ecology within Europe's high education system, encourage transdisciplinary awareness and enhance the overall public understanding of landscape ecology;
 - g) Further interactions between scientists and practitioners within landscape ecology and its application;
 - h) Stimulate dialogue with European bodies, institutions and organisations with interests in landscape ecology and with other international organisations supporting landscape research;
 - i) Publish or by other means produce or distribute knowledge about European landscapes from a landscape ecological point of view and undertake any appropriate actions, including training and research activities, to enhance the development and application of landscape ecology in the development of European landscapes;
 - j) Form transdisciplinary Working Groups to address specific issues or problems in European landscape ecology;
 - k) Promote and support journals for landscape ecology and its application in Europe;
 - l) Promote the realization of the European Landscape Convention and other European-wide agreements relevant for landscape ecology (such as Nature 2000, the Habitat directive, etc.), its planning and its management;

- m) Establish cooperation with other organizations in Europe that have similar objectives and related fields of interest at the European level.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 5

DEFINITIONS

Follows Article 4 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - In relation to these statutes the following definitions will apply:
 - a) "Europe" and "European" refers to member states of the Council of Europe together with such associated and adjacent states which lie within or are situated close to the geographic boundaries of Europe;
 - b) The discipline of 'landscape ecology' encompasses the study of structure, dynamics and functions of landscapes as well as the fields of landscape assessment, landscape planning, landscape management and landscape design in all kinds of landscapes and at the local and regional level. It is concerned with the use and development as well as conservation and enhancement of the landscape and its associated values for the benefit of current and future generations.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 6

MEMBERSHIPS

Follows Article 5 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - Applications for admission as members may be addressed to the competent bodies, by individuals or groups whose objectives are similar or complementary to the goals of IALE-Europe.
 - 2 - There are four categories of membership, as follows:
 - a) Regular members
 - b) Corresponding members
 - c) Student members
 - d) Institutional members
 - 3 - Each regular, corresponding or student member as well as each representative of an institutional member shall be a member of The International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE).
 - 4 - A corresponding membership of IALE-Europe shall be in line with the guidelines for corresponding membership defined for IALE.
 - 5 - The institutional members shall be organizational units dealing with research, education, awareness raising, planning or management relevant for landscape ecology.
 - 6 - A European regional organization within IALE, established according to the statutes of IALE, can enter IALE-Europe collectively, thereby ensuring each individual member of the regional organization an additional membership of IALE-Europe.
 - 7 - Membership of IALE-Europe does not imply any recognition or accreditation of any education, research or other programmes or activities in which either institutional or individual members are involved.
 - 8 - Collective persons applying for membership can only become institutional members and governed by the conditions applicable to this category of membership.
 - 9 - The regular, correspondent and student members have the same rights and duties except where the Statutes or Internal Regulation otherwise determine.
- Specific Regulation, or a more straightforward functioning:**
- 10 - Any member who has paid all relevant membership fees, individually or through a national chapter, is considered a member of the organization.

- 11 - It is the intention of IALE-Europe to redirect membership applications to the national chapters when applicable, to ensure that all individual members have the option to enter the IALE organization through the national chapters.

ARTICLE 7

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Follows Article 6 of the Status approved in July 2009.

The Executive Committee of IALE-Europe defines the requirements for acceptance of institutional members. In the case of non-acceptance, there may be a complain sent by letter addressed to the General Assembly of IALE-Europe, who will decide as an appeal body on this matter.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 8

RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP

Follows Article 7 of the Status approved in July 2009.

1 - The resignation from membership may result from:

- a) Discretionary and exclusive decision of the member, communicated to the Board;
- b) The application of a sanction, imposed by the competent bodies, due to actions that hamper the proper functioning of IALE-Europe.

Specific Regulation, for a more straightforward functioning:

- c) The sanctioning of members or institutional member of IALE-Europe can only occur as a result of lack of payment of relevant membership fees or failure to comply with article 10 of these rules;
- d) The General Assembly alone decides on the sanctioning of members.

ARTICLE 9

RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS

Follows Article 8 of the Status approved in July 2009.

1 - Regular, corresponding and student members have the following rights:

- a) To attend and participate in the General Assemblies of IALE-Europe;
- b) To participate in the activities of IALE-Europe.

2 - Institutional members have the right to send a certified representative, which has the right to attend and participate in the General Assemblies and in the elections of IALE-Europe.

3 - The staff of an institutional member has the right to participate in the activities of IALE-Europe and receive its publications.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 10

DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS

Follows Article 9 of the Status approved in July 2009.

1 - Members shall notify the Executive Committee of any changes of circumstances that might affect their membership category.

2 - Institutional members shall notify the Executive Committee of the name of their representative who acts as the contact person for the institution as well as their representative to attend and participate in the General Assemblies of IALE-Europe.

3 - To pay all fees that the General Assembly, according to the proposal of the Board, may determine.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 11**BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATIONS**

Follows Article 10 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - The bodies of the IALE-Europe are:
 - a) The General Assembly, comprising all members in Good Standing.
 - b) The Executive Committee;
 - c) The Audit Committee.

Specific Regulation, in order to respect IALE Requirements and the Status approved in July 2009:

- 2 - Besides the Bodies, there is a Representative of IALE-Europe at the IALE Council. This Representative is elected at the same time as the Executive Committee. Specific Internal regulations for elections are stated under Article 19.

ARTICLE 12**EXERCISES OF ROLES IN THE BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

New in relation to the Status approved in July 2009, required by the legislation.

The exercise of any position in the bodies of IALE-Europe is done for free but can justify the payment of expenses derived from it.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 13**LENGTH OF THE MANDATES**

New in relation to the Status approved in July 2009, for higher clarity.

- 1 - The length of the mandate of the bodies is four years and the election should take place until December of the last year of a four-year period.
- 2 - The mandate begins with the elected members taking office, in the presence of the President of the General Assembly or its deputy, in the first fifteen days of the year immediately following the elections.
- 3 - When the election has been made extraordinarily, the taking of office will take place within thirty days after the election, but in this case, the mandate is considered to be initiated in the first half of the calendar year in which the election was held.
- 4 - When elections are not held in time the current mandate shall be extended until the establishment of new positions.

Specific Regulation, for a more straightforward functioning:

- 5 - When the election process is finished at the General Assembly in the European Congress of IALE, the end of the mandate of the finishing Executive Committee and the start of the next Executive Committee take place at the date of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 14**OFFICE VACANCY**

New in relation to the Status approved in July 2009, for higher clarity.

- 1 - In case of vacancy of the majority of the members of each body of the association, having exhausted their deputies, partial elections shall be held to fill the recorded positions within one month and mandate should take place within thirty days after the election.
- 2 - The term of mandate of members elected under the conditions presented in the preceding paragraph coincide with term of mandate of the originally elected members.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 15**NUMBER OF MANDATES**

New in relation to the Status approved in July 2009, for higher clarity.

- 1 - Members of the bodies of IALE-Europe can be elected for two consecutive periods of four years each, unless if the General Assembly expressly recognizes that it is impossible or inconvenient to replace the members in charge.
- 2 - Members of the bodies are not allowed to occupy more than one position in the bodies of IALE-Europe.
- 3 - The preceding paragraphs apply to members of the Board of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, and the Audit Committee.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLES 16**MEETINGS OF THE BODIES**

Follows part of Article 13 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - Meetings of bodies are convened by the respective presidents and may deliberate only with the presence of the majority of its members.
- 2 - Decisions are taken by simple majority of votes of the attending members, having the President, in addition to their vote, the right of casting vote.
- 3 - The votes concerning the elections of management bodies or affairs of personal incidence of its members must be made by secret scrutiny.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 17**IMPEDIMENT OF VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BODIES**

New in relation to the Status approved in July 2009, required by legislation.

- 1 - Members of the bodies cannot vote in matters that directly concern them or their relatives, spouses, ascendants, descendants and assimilated.
- 2 - Members of the bodies cannot establish contracts directly or indirectly with IALE-Europe, unless the contract results in clear benefits to IALE-Europe.
- 3 - The reasons in the deliberations on the contracts referred in the previously paragraph shall be included in minutes of meetings.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 18**MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Follows Article 13 of the Status approved in July 2009.

Meetings of the bodies shall be recorded in formal minutes which must be signed by the attending members or, in case of meetings of the General Assembly, by the members of its Board.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 19**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Follows Article 11, 16 and 17 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - The General Assembly is the highest deliberative body of the Association.

- 2 - All members of the Association in Good Standing, regardless of the category they belong, have a seat in the Assembly.
- 3 - The General Assembly discusses matters within landscape ecology concerning research, education and awareness raising as well as science and its application in planning and management in relation to the goals and objectives of IALE-Europe, and decides future activities and actions.
- 4 - The management and administration of IALE-Europe is delegated to the Executive Committee but always under the ultimate control of the General Assembly. The Executive Committee must present a yearly report to the General Assembly.
- 5 - The functions exclusive to the General Assembly are as follows:
 - a) Definition of policies, programs and activities of IALE-Europe within the frame of IALE;
 - b) Election and conclusion of mandate of the members of the bodies;
 - c) Establishment and abolition of working groups with specific purposes to further the goals and objectives of IALE-Europe; and
 - d) Election of a representative of IALE-Europe in the council of IALE.

Specific Regulation:

- 6 - Election for the Representative in the IALE Council:
 - a) A call for Representative for IALE-Europe in the IALE Council shall be distributed to all members by the Secretary General by publication in the IALE Bulletin or by other means at least three months before the scheduled General Assembly;
 - b) Nominations of candidates shall be made by two members of IALE-Europe in Good Standing and shall be consented to in writing by a signature of the nominee. If elected as IALE-Europe representative, the candidate should accept to step down from eventually other positions in the IALE Council or positions in the Executive Committee of IALE-Europe. Nominations shall be delivered by mail or personally to the Secretary General at least two hours before the scheduled General Assembly. The received nominations are listed as a notice at the Conference Secretariat immediately after the reception.
 - c) All valid candidates shall be eligible. The Representative in the IALE Council is elected together with the Executive Committee, following the same procedures as described in the next section (2).
 - d) The elected Representative in the IALE Council takes over the position at the same time as the new elected Executive Committee, according to the next section (2) and the Article 13 in this Internal Regulation.
- 7 - Election for the Executive Committee:
 - a) The general assembly has the sole authority to elect members of the bodies of IALE-Europe;
 - b) Elections can be organized by the nominating committee or by a General assembly;
 - c) Nominations for elections to the executive committee are received by a Nomination Committee, consisting of the elected representative in the council of IALE and two other members of the IALE Council, elected of and among the Council Representatives as regional representatives within Europe. The elected Representative for IALE-Europe shall serve as chair of the Nomination Committee. Members of the IALE-Europe Nominating Committee cannot nominate for election lists to the IALE-Europe Executive Committee;
 - d) A request for nomination list shall be distributed to all members by the Secretary General by publication in the IALE Bulletin or by other means at least three months before the scheduled General Assembly. A nomination list consist of a list of five members giving a broad disciplinary and regional representation of European landscape ecologists, of whom one should be nominated as Chair, one as Secretary General and one as Treasurer. There should also be two supplementary members. A name of the list, a policy statement of the list and a position statement describing the function of each nominated person of the list, as well as a list of two supplementary list nominations, shall be delivered too;

- e) The Nomination Committee shall stimulate the delivery of (if possible) at least two eligible lists of nominations for the election, and take care of the composition of the list, with reference to: consideration of the Status and Internal Regulation of IALE-Europe, needs of each particular office, the international and regional nature of IALE-Europe, the interdisciplinary of IALE-Europe and similar criteria likely to affect the vitality of IALE-Europe;
- f) A nomination list shall consist of members of IALE-Europe in Good Standing and shall be consented to in writing by the signature of the nominees in the list;
- g) Nominations lists can be delivered by mail or personally to the chair of the Nomination Committee until at least two hours before the scheduled General Assembly, where the received nomination lists are present;
- h) In the event that there is only one list received and accepted by the Nomination Committee, elections of the candidates of the list by acclamation will be indicated by a simple majority of the votes by the members present at the General Assembly;
- i) Elections can be held electronically, if the General assembly or the nominating committee so decides;
- j) If the General assembly or the nominating committee decides that the election is to be held electronically, the electronic election should be finalized no later than three months after the meeting of the general assembly;
- k) The ballot of an electronic election shall be a secret electronic ballot. To be valid, the ballots shall be returned to the Chair of the Nomination Committee by the end of the last day of the scheduled election, not less than one month after the distribution of the election material;
- l) If the election is held at the General Assembly in the European Congress of IALE, not using an electronic election method, the end of the mandate of the finishing Executive Committee and the start of the next Executive Committee take place at the date of the General Assembly;
- m) If the elections are made electronically, the new Executive committee will take office no later than three months after the General assembly, at the conclusion of the electronic election process. In the period between the General Assembly and the conclusion of the electronic election process, the existing executive committee will be in office;
- n) Elections occurring at a general assembly shall be open to the public, although only members in good standing may vote.

ARTICLE 20

BOARD OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New in relation to the Status approved in July 2009, required by legislation.

- 1 - The Board of the General Assembly is composed of one President, one Vice-President and one Secretary.
- 2 - The Board of the General assembly in the person of its President is responsible for, under the proposal of the Board, convene the General Assemblies, chairing the sessions and conduct the work.

Specific Regulation, to follow the Status approved in July 2009:

- 3 - The sole function of the board of the General Assembly is to chair the General assembly meeting.
- 4 - The board of the general assembly directs the meeting, takes minutes of the meeting and distributes the minutes to the members of IALE-Europe within due time.
- 5 - The board of the General Assembly is elected by the General Assembly among the members present.

ARTICLE 21

CALL AND FUNCTIONING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Follows Article 12 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - The General Assembly shall meet:
 - a) At the end of the four years mandate, for the election of the bodies;

- b) At the end of the first three months of the year to discuss and vote the report and accounts of the previous year as well as the statement of the Audit Committee;
 - c) At the end of the fourth quarter of each year to discuss and vote the budget and plan of activities for the following year.
- 2 - The general Assembly meets in extraordinary session when convened by the President of the General Assembly, requested by the Board or the Audit Committee or upon petition of at least ten percent of the members in Good Standing.
 - 3 - The General Assembly should be convened with, at least, fifteen days in advance by the President or its deputy.
 - 4 - The call for the General Assembly is made through mail addressed to each member or by e-mail with reception receipt and must be exhibited in the seat of IALE-Europe, and states the day, time, place and agenda of the General Assembly.
 - 5 - The call for the Extraordinary General Assembly, in accordance with the preceding paragraph, must be made within fifteen days after the request for the same, and the Assembly must be held within thirty days from the date of receipt of the request.

Specific Regulation, for a more straightforward functioning:

- 6 - Due to the dispersion of IALE-Europe members by many countries of Europe, the formally foreseen yearly General Assemblies are not possible to organize. There shall be one General Assembly every four years, to be held at the European Congress of IALE.
- 7 - The general assembly can delegate authority to the president of the executive committee to handle yearly reports and budget approvals within a period of maximum four years, ending at the date where the president of the executive committee leaves office.
- 8 - If the general assembly has delegated authority to handle yearly reports, financial reports and budgets to the president of the executive committee, yearly general assemblies shall not be held.
- 9 - If the general assembly has delegated authority to handle yearly reports, financial reports and budgets to the president of the executive committee, the president of the executive committee shall make such reports available to the members within the first three months of each year.
- 10 - These documents are to be revised according to suggestions received within a deadline of 30 days after reception, and considered approved when there will be no e-mail reactions within 15 days after the final version was sent, against this approval and sent by more than half of the members.

ARTICLE 22

MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Follows Article 13 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - The General Assembly meets at the appointed time with the presence of more than half of the members entitled to vote or one hour after with any number of present members.
- 2 - The Extraordinary General Assembly convened by request of members can only be held with the presence of at least three quarters of the requesting members.

Specific Regulation, for a more straightforward functioning:

- 3 - Meetings of the General Assembly shall be recorded in formal minutes by the board of the general assembly. The minutes of the General Assembly will be circulated to all members present, revised according to suggestions received within a deadline of 30 days, and considered approved when there will be no e-mail reactions against this approval by more than half of the members present when the General Assembly was held.

ARTICLE 23

DELIBERATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Follows Article 13 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - Except as provided in the following paragraph, the deliberations of the General Assembly are taken by majority of votes of the present members.
- 2 - Decisions on amendment of statutes shall be valid only if they receive a favorable vote of at least three quarters of the present members.
- 3 - In case of dissolution of the association it is only valid if voted favorably by three quarters of all members of IALE-Europe.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 24

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Follows and completes Article 14 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - The management and administrative competencies of IALE-Europe will be in the hands of an Executive Committee consisting of three or five members depending on the Internal Regulation being, in the first case, a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and in the second case, a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and two other members.
- 2 - The Executive Committee manages the activities and responsibilities of IALE-Europe, according to the Statutes and the decisions of the General Assembly, so as to maintain the vitality of IALE-Europe and effectively represent the interests of IALE-Europe and its membership.
- 3 - The Executive Committee must annually recommend the membership fees to the General Assembly.
- 4 - A member of the Executive Committee of IALE-Europe cannot at the same time be a member of the Executive Committee of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE).

Specific Regulation, for a more straightforward functioning:

- 5 - The Executive Committee consisting of five members, being a President, a General Secretary and a Treasurer, and two other members. There are also two supplementary members of the Executive Committee, elected together with the remaining. These two members may take part in any meeting of the Executive Committee but have no voting right. They will replace any other member of the Executive Committee if there is a vacancy.
- 6 - The members of the Executive Committee should be as far as possible from different countries in Europe and covering different disciplinary fields involved in landscape ecology in Europe.
- 7 - The candidates for the elections for the Executive Committee should organize themselves in lists, presenting their profile as well as a program for the four years mandate.
- 8 - When it deems in relevant, the executive committee shall make its deliberations, minutes and decisions known to the council of IALE, in order to be able to receive advice by the council.

ARTICLE 25

COMPETENCIES AND FUNCTIONING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Follows and completes Article 5 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - The Executive Committee is empowered to set up working groups or sub-committees as it deems necessary or as requested by the General Assembly.
- 2 - The Executive Committee meets once every three months.
- 3 - IALE-Europe commits itself, in any acts or contracts, with the signature of at least two members of the Executive Committee being one of them the President.

Specific Regulation, for a more straightforward functioning:

- 4 - Due to the international character of IALE-Europe and the distribution of the members of the Executive Committee by different countries in Europe, physical meetings are difficult to organize. Therefore skype meetings may replace the physical meetings. Other procedures for decisions may be adopted by each Executive Committee, as discussion and approval of decisions by e-mail. One physical meeting should

take place at least once a year, with the participation of as many members of the Executive Committee as possible.

- 5 - Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be recorded in formal minutes, registered by the General Secretary or any other member to whom this task is delegated. Nevertheless, the minutes do not need to be signed, but an approval by e-mail is required and should be registered by the Secretary General.

ARTICLE 26

AUDIT COMMITTEE

New in relation to the Status approved in July 2009, required by the legislation.

- 1 - The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the legality and regularity of the Financial and Economic Administration of IALE-Europe.

- 2 - The Audit Committee is composed of one President, one Vice-President and one other member.

Specific Regulation, to follow the Status approved in July 2009:

- 3 - The audit committee is appointed by the general assembly for a period of four years.

- 4 - The audit committee shall consist of at least one person – referred to as the auditor - who is not a member of the executive committee.

- 5 - The auditor shall be responsible for auditing the financial reports presented to the general assembly.

- 6 - The president of the executive committee shall send a copy of all financial reports to the auditor at least four working days before any general assembly where such reports are on the agenda.

ARTICLE 27

COMPETENCIES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

New in relation to the Status approved in July 2009, required by the legislation.

- 1 - The Audit Committee is empowered to:

- a) Monitor and supervise the financial and economic management of IALE-Europe;
- b) Advise on the Budget and Account Report submitted by the Executive Committee;
- c) Collaborate on the organization of applications for funding that IALE-Europe decides to apply for;
- d) Perform any other competencies as assigned by law or the present Status.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 28

ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

New in relation to the Status approved in July 2009, required by the legislation.

- 1 - The Audit Committee normally meets twice a year for the exercise of its competencies and extraordinarily when it is called for.

- 2 - The Audit Committee can be called by its President or jointly by other members.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 29

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Follows Article 18 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - The resources of the European Association for Landscape Ecology are made up as follows:

- a) Contributions from the members through the membership fees and other donations;
- b) Financial aid from organizations and individuals, notably through grants, sponsorships or patronage;
- c) Donations and legacies.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 30

ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET

Follows Article 19 of the Status approved in July 2009.

- 1 - The budget year of IALE-Europe follows the calendar year.
- 2 - The Executive Committee, in the person of the Treasurer, is responsible for closing the yearly account on the 31st December each year and shall make an annual budget report to be presented and discussed at the General Assembly.
- 3 - The budget report includes the account of the year gone, the current financial situation, and a budget for the forthcoming year.

No Specific Regulation required.

ARTICLE 31

FINAL PROVISIONS

Follows Article 21 of the Status approved in July 2009.

All matters not covered in these statutes shall be regulated in conformity with the provisions of the Law and with the statutes of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE).

No Specific Regulation required.