

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DIALECTOLOGY & GEOLINGUISTICS



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## STATUTES [October 2015]

### I Name, Headquarters, Duration, Aims

#### Art. 1 Name

An association has been created named INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DIALECTOLOGY AND GEOLINGUISTICS (SIDG).

#### Art. 2 Headquarters

At present, the SIDG has its headquarters in Bamberg, Germany: Romanische Sprachwissenschaft, An der Universität 5, 96045 Bamberg, Germany. The SIDG headquarters can be transferred to any other place or country, upon decision of the extraordinary Assembly.

#### Art. 3 Duration

The duration of the SIDG is unlimited.

#### Art. 4 Aims

The SIDG is a non-profit organization. The aims of the SIDG are:

- a) The international promotion of dialectology and geolinguistics, open to all theoretical and methodological approaches; the collaboration with all institutions concerned with dialectology and geolinguistics; the exchange of knowledge in the domain of dialectology and geolinguistics, in particular with regard to new theories and methods; the collaboration with all disciplines that contribute to the advancement of dialectology; the forming of groups united by particular scientific interests, under supervision of the central organs;
- b) The support of international enterprises, in the first place of those already in progress, such as the Atlas Linguarum Europae, the Pan-Slavic Atlas, the Linguistic Atlas of the United States and Canada, and the linguistic-group atlases initiated within the ALE (Atlas Linguistique Roman, Germanic Linguistic Atlas, Celtic Linguistic Atlas, etc.);
- c) The organization of an international congress of dialectology and geolinguistics, at least once every three years;
- d) The publication of an international journal of dialectology and geolinguistics;
- e) The preservation, in whatever form, of data, of dialects, of jargons and slangs, of terminologies of traditional trades and of any other linguistic forms associated with disappearing ways of life;
- f) The assistance to groups of researchers interested in the recording and study of dialects;
- g) The scientific study of minority languages and dialects, also with a view to their safeguard, in conformity with the declaration of human rights.

## **II Members**

### **Art. 5 Application for membership**

For admission to the SIDG, an introduction by two members is no longer required. Apart from ordinary members the society has honorary, institutional, and supporting members. Honorary members are proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Assembly.

### **Art. 6 Members' rights**

All members have a right to:

- participate in the meetings organized by the SIDG;
- vote in the Assemblies, or by correspondence;
- present papers at the meetings and submit contributions to the journal, following the rules of the Internal Regulations (papers to be published in DiG will be screened for acceptance by the editors who may ask other SIDG members to assist in the evaluation process);
- obtain a discount on the publications of the SIDG.

### **Art. 7 Members' duties**

Members are obliged to:

- contribute to the achievement of the SIDG aims;
- respect the rules of the present Statutes and of the Internal Regulations;
- pay the yearly fee.

### **Art. 8 Membership fee**

The membership fee is fixed by the Assembly. Students pay a reduced fee.

### **Art. 9 Loss of membership**

Members can withdraw from the SIDG by means of a written communication addressed to the Executive Committee. Membership ends with a letter written at least three months before the end of the year and addressed to the Secretary/Treasurer who has to confirm the withdrawal.

### **Art. 10 Assets**

The SIDG assets are formed by the yearly fees, by individual contributions, donations, legacies from institutions or individuals, income from activities of the SIDG or from goods acquired with it.

### **III Assembly**

#### **Art. 11 Convocation**

The ordinary Assembly is convoked at least once in three years, in concomitance with the Society's Congress, and also in a place other than the SIDG headquarters, by a notice that must be sent to members at least sixty days before the meeting.

The notice must contain the day, hour, and place of the Assembly as well as the agenda. The Assembly must be convoked also when at least one tenth of the members present a written and motivated request to the Executive Committee.

#### **Art. 12 Competence**

The ordinary Assembly:

- approves the budget;
- elects the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Committee of Accountants, as well as the President, the three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Editor;
- fixes the amount of the yearly fee;
- formulates proposals of modification of the Statutes;
- approves the Internal Regulations;
- promotes actions against the administrators;
- decides upon items submitted by the Executive Committee.

The extraordinary Assembly decides upon:

- the transfer of the headquarters;
- the modifications of the Statutes;
- the dissolution of the SIDG;
- the utilization of the SIDG assets, in case the destination formulated in Art. 23 of these Statutes proves impossible.

#### **Art. 13 Modification of the Statutes**

The proposals of modification of the Statutes, decided upon in the ordinary Assembly, will have to be approved in a following extraordinary Assembly. In the interval between the two Assemblies, the President will inform all members about the proposals, and will invite comments, which will be discussed in the following extraordinary Assembly.

#### **Art. 14 Right of vote**

Every member who has paid the yearly fee has the right of vote. The individual vote can be expressed also by correspondence.

Members can be represented in Assemblies on the basis of a written procuration. Every member cannot represent more than five members.

#### **Art. 15 Majorities**

In ordinary Assemblies decisions are taken with the simple majority of the voting members. In extraordinary Assemblies the majority of three fourths of the voting members is required, except for the dissolution of the Society, for which the absolute majority of the members is required.

## IV Nominating Committee

### Art. 16 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is formed by the outgoing President and by four more members. They are elected by the Assembly for a period of three years, and immediately reeligible only for another term of three years. The Nominating Committee proposes candidates for offices to the Assembly.

### Art. 17 Executive Committee

The Society is managed by an Executive Committee formed by the President, three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and by five more members, two of whom to be elected by the Assembly each year for a period of three years. Members of the Executive Committee are immediately reeligible only for another term of three years, except for Secretary and Treasurer, who are always reeligible. The two offices of Secretary and Treasurer can be held by the same person. All SIDG posts are honorary and unpaid. Possible services of third parties must not be paid with SIDG money.

The Executive Committee is entrusted with the ordinary and extraordinary administration. It can delegate its powers to one or more SIDG members, determining the limitations of the delegation.

The Executive Committee is convoked by the President; for the validity of its decisions, the presence, or the delegation, of at least six members is required.

The Executive Committee decides with a majority of votes; in case of even votes the President's vote is decisive.

## V President, Secretary, Treasurer

### Art. 18 President

The President of the Executive Committee represents the SIDG to all effects; in case of his/her absence s/he is replaced by one of the three Vice-Presidents. The President convokes and chairs the Assembly and the Executive Committee.

### Art. 19 Secretary [since 2012: incl. webmaster]

The Secretary compiles and keeps the minutes of the meetings of the Assembly and of the Executive Committee; s/he is responsible for the books of the SIDG except for the bookkeeping.

### Art. 20 Treasurer

The Treasurer acts as a bookkeeper and cashier of the SIDG. S/he cashes the sums due to the SIDG, effects the payments, deposits the funds on behalf and on account of the SIDG at one or more banks chosen by the Executive Committee; prepares the SIDG budgeting; s/he is responsible for the bookkeeping of the SIDG.

## VI Editor

### Art. 21 Editor

The Editor directs the SIDG journal *Dialectologia et Geolinguistica*.

S/he is elected by the Assembly, is in charge for three years, and is immediately reeligible. The Editor is assisted by an Editorial Board.

## **VII Accountants**

### **Art. 22 Committee of Accountants**

The Committee of Accountants is formed by three members. They are elected by the Assembly for a period of three years and are immediately reeligible only for another term of three years. One of the members acts as President.

The Committee of Accountants controls the SIDG administration, the regularity of the book-keeping and the exactness of the budgeting, seeing that the law, the Statutes and the Internal Regulations are observed. The Committee of Accountants decides upon possible controversies among members, or between members and the SIDG.

## **VIII Dissolution**

### **Art. 23 Dissolution**

In case of dissolution, the assets of the SIDG will be transferred to UNESCO, to be used for the advancement of dialectology and geolinguistics.

## **IX Final Dispositions**

### **Art. 24 Final Dispositions**

In all cases not expressly provided for in these Statutes, the SIDG will have recourse to the law.

## **Internal Regulations**

### **I Offices**

- For the composition of the SIDG organs adequate consideration will be given to their geographical representativity:
- The President and the three Vice-Presidents must each be of different nationality.
- In principle, Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America should each have one representative in the Executive Committee.

### **II Elections**

- The Nominating Committee, after verifying the candidates' availability, proposes at least one candidate for each vacancy, at least ninety days before elections.
- Within the same deadline, each member can propose candidates. Sixty days before the elections, the candidates who have been proposed by at least six members, and whose availability has been verified by the Secretary, are added to the slate of candidates. The names of the proponents will not be made public.
- Possible vacancies in the final slate will be filled during the Assembly.
- The vote is secret. The secrecy of the vote by correspondence is ensured by the sending of a double envelope.
- Votes by correspondence are accepted until the closing of the ballot boxes.

### **III Sections**

- The SIDG has areal and thematic sections.
- For the forming of one section the proponent(s) convokes an assembly of interested members. This assembly nominates a representative and formulates a plan, which is submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.
- Section activities will not be covered financially by the ordinary budget of the SIDG.