

Articles of Association

for LAREU (Lama & Alpaca Registries Europe)

§ 1 Name, Seat of the Association

1. The name of the Association is „LAREU (Lama & Alpaca Registries Europe)”. Its legal form is a registered association operating within Europe, according to article ZGB Art. 60 ff (Schweizerisches Zivilgesetzbuch).
2. The Seat of the Association is Brig-Glis, Switzerland.

§ 2 Objects and Mission

1. The Association organises the registration of alpacas and llamas in European registries.
2. The Association promotes research in animal health and genetics.

§ 3 Membership

1. The subscribers to this Constitution are the founding members of the Association.
2. Two types of membership are foreseen:
 - a) Active members (with right of voting)
 - b) Passive members (without the right of voting).
3. Organisations or persons who are interested in the objectives and goals of the Association can apply for active membership. They shall become active members with the admission through the board of directors.
4. Passive membership is established by registering an animal.
5. Active membership ends
 - a) by written statement of the member
 - b) by failing to pay the membership dues in time.

- c) by exclusion in case of non-compliance with these Articles, or of actions against the interests of the Association, according to a procedure as laid down in the bye-laws.

§ 4 Board of Directors and Council

1. The Board of Directors consists of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.
2. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary (hereinafter referred to as the Directors) shall be elected by the members of the Association in the Annual General Meeting by such procedure as is laid down in its Bye-Laws.
3. The Directors shall be elected for a period of two years. Re-election is permissible.
4. In case of a vacancy among the Directors, the Board of Directors may fill that vacancy by co-option. The co-option ends with the election of the new director for the vacancy in the next General Meeting. Co-opted members are eligible for election.
5. The Board of Directors operates according to the rules laid down in its bye-laws.
6. The President or the Vice-President represent the Association.
7. The Board of Directors is assisted in advisory function by the Council, consisting of the Directors and members from the participating European countries. Members of the Council may also be co-opted by the Board of Directors according to special scientific or other skills beneficial for the promotion of the objects of the Association. All members of the Council should be members of the Association.

§ 5 General Meeting

1. The Board of Directors shall call an Annual General Meeting of the Association, at which it shall present a report of its work since the previous Annual General Meeting, and also an audited statement of the financial position of the

Association, and at which it shall arrange for the election or approval of Directors as laid down in the Bye-Laws.

2. Members may seek to place topics onto the agenda according to rules laid down in the Bye-Laws.
3. The Board of Directors has to call an Ordinary General Meeting of the members each year.
4. The Board of Directors shall have power to call Ordinary General Meetings of the Association at such other times as it shall think fit, to transact scientific or other business necessary to promote the objects of the Association.
5. The Quorum for a General Meeting shall be seven active members.
6. At the request of at least one quarter of the active members the Board of Directors has to call an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss and to vote upon such matters as may be demanded by the requesting active members. The date of the meeting shall be not less than six weeks and not more than twelve weeks from receiving the request. Additional topics may be added to the agenda of such an Extraordinary General Meeting according to rules laid down in the Bye-Laws.

§ 6 Finances

1. Every active member of the Association shall pay membership fees as may be laid down in the General Meeting's Bye-Laws.
2. Membership subscriptions shall be due on November 30 of each year, in payment for the following year.
3. Any member paying in advance a certain sum laid down in the Bye-Laws shall become a life-member of the Association and shall be liable for no further subscriptions nor for an entrance fee at the time current. But such sum shall not be recoverable, wholly, or in part, by the member, nor by his representatives, heirs or assignees.
4. Active membership shall automatically expire if payment is not made by December 31 for the succeeding year.

§ 7 Termination

Termination of the Association can only be decided in an Extraordinary General Meeting, called specifically for this purpose, with a three quarters majority of votes present. The quorum for such a meeting is at least 50 percent of all active members. The remaining assets shall be distributed to other non-profit organisations.

§ 8 Alteration of Articles and Bye-Laws

The Articles of the Association may be altered only by a vote of the active members at a properly constituted Ordinary, Extraordinary or Annual General Meeting, provided that:

- A copy of any new or altered rule be sent to every active member at least 21 days before the meeting.
- At least three quarters of the active members present at the meeting vote for the alteration or introduction of a rule.

The Bye-Laws of the Board of Directors may be altered by vote of the Board of Directors. The Bye-Laws of the General Meeting may be altered by vote of the active members. Details of the alteration procedures are laid down in the respective Bye-Laws.

Names (Countries) of the Founding Members:

Gianni Berna (I)

Paul Gerber-Santesson (S)

Dr. Bernard Giudicelli (F)

Dr. Ilona Gunsser (D)

Cornelie Jochems (NL)

Prof. Dr. Christian Kiesling (D)

Ute Knauer-Hoffmann (D)

Dr. Josef Kuonen (CH)

Dr. Uli Lippl-Luginbühl (CH)

Dr. Heikki Sirkkola (FIN)

Klaus Winter (D)

Maria Wohlfarth (D)

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