



Letter of Intent on the setting up of LEFIS Association

Hereby the undersigned signatories agree upon the setting up and registering at law of a LEFIS Association along the lines of the draft statute of September 18, 2007 found hereunder. We will in due course submit draft statute to the signature of our respective institutional authorities.

Wroclaw, 18th September 2007

LEgal Framework for the Information Society (LEFIS)

Articles of the Association

1. Name

The Association shall be known as the Legal Framework for the Information Society.

2. Objectives

The Association shall promote the research and teaching of the Information and Communications Technologies and Law and shall have the following objectives:

- a. to elaborate normative proposals concerning the teaching of Information and Communication Technologies and law at tertiary level throughout the European Union;
- b. to promote the study of regulations and practice codes in the vocational institutions;
- c. to harmonise the teaching of Information and Communications Technologies and law within the European Union in line with Tuning methodology and taking into consideration the specific traditions, necessities and requirements of the different groups around Europe;
- d. to elaborate didactic solutions using 'on-line' resources;
- e. to promote research and publications in any aspect of information technology law and the application of technology to law;
- f. to support the use of technology in legal education;
- g. to disseminate information by way of paper and electronic publications;
- h. to develop a certification and implementation system which assures the quality, consolidation, exploitation and dissemination of ICT and law programmes;
- i. to organise an Annual Conference, seminars and workshops;
- j. to make representations on any matters of interest to the Association;

- k. to liaise and foster links with national and international organisations of academics, legal practitioners and technologists.

3. Powers

The powers of representation of LEFIS shall be vested in the President of the Association.

In furtherance of these objectives, the Association may:

- a. Receive or solicit funds from any source.
- b. Make contracts and incur expenditure.
- c. Open a bank account.
- d. Organise meetings.
- e. Publish literature.
- f. Affiliate with any similar Association.
- g. Do any lawful thing calculated to secure the promotion of any of the objectives.

4. Membership

Institutional membership of the Association shall be open to any Further or Higher Education Institution or other bona fide educational institution. Individual membership of the Association shall be open to any member of such institutions. The Executive Committee may permit institutions or individuals not otherwise eligible to become non-voting Associate Members.

5. Annual General Meetings

There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Association, to be held each calendar year, to which each institutional member may send 1 voting representative and to which each individual member may come to vote. Associate members may attend the meeting but may not vote. The Executive Committee may invite other interested persons or bodies to send observers. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include:

- a. Election of Chairperson and Executive Committee.
- b. Approval of audited Accounts and rates of subscription.
- c. Decisions on any resolutions of which one week's notice has been given to the secretary.

6. Extraordinary General Meeting

The Executive Committee may, or shall upon request of 12 members, call an Extraordinary General Meeting by giving a minimum of six weeks' notice in writing. The business of such an Extraordinary General meeting may include any matter which is within the ambit of the Annual General Meeting.

7. Executive Committee

The Association shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and not more than 8 other representatives.

The Executive Committee may co-opt not more than 6 persons. These co-options should ensure that sufficient expertise is available to the Executive, and should also ensure that

regional representation is properly enabled. Co-opted members of the Executive will serve in this capacity for no longer than 2 years from date of co-option.

The Executive Committee may fill casual vacancies in the Committee by appointment. The first President of LEFIS shall be Prof. Fernando Galindo of Spain and the first Vice-President shall be _____ of _____. On their retirement from such office the Executive Committee shall thereafter appoint the President and Vice President(s) of the Association. The Executive Committee may appoint no more than two persons as Vice President(s) of the Association. Nothing in this article shall be interpreted to mean that the position of President of the Association and Chair of the Association cannot be vested in the same person.

8. Election of Members

All office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee other than the President and/or Vice President(s) shall be elected annually by the Annual General Meeting, and shall remain eligible for re-election in the capacity for which they are elected for a continuous period of no more than three years. A member who is not eligible for re-election under this article may be co-opted by the Executive Committee.

9. Powers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall have the entire power to manage the affairs of the Association between Annual General Meetings, except that the subscription may not be increased by decision of the Committee.

10. Notice of Meetings

The Secretary shall give six weeks' notice in writing to all members of the date and place of the Annual General Meeting and two weeks' notice of the agenda, including any resolutions, nominations for office or membership of the Executive Committee or proposals for the amendment of the Constitution.

11. Quorum

The quorum for the Annual or other General Meeting shall be 12 voting members, and for the Executive Committee shall be 3 members of the Committee.

12. Amendment of the Articles of the Association

The articles of the Association may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting, on a resolution of which one weeks' notice has been given to the Secretary and of which two weeks' notice in writing has been given by the Secretary to the members.

13. Coming into Force

Those Articles of the Association shall come into force immediately on approval by a General Meeting and the election of office bearers, sub-group convenors and other members shall be carried out at the same General Meeting, as provided by those Articles of the Association.

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