

By-laws of the International Association for Comparative Semitics

(ex Article 17 of the Constitution)

(approved at the general meeting in Barcelona, 20 Novembre 2004)

Article 1. The Association

1.1 The field of interest of the International Association for Comparative Semitics (IACS) is exactly which its name suggests. Other fields of comparison, as Afro-Asiatic, Indo-European or even more distant comparison fields, will be taken into account as far as they bear on Comparative Semitics.

Article 2. The Office

2.1 The Secretary of the IACS will have an official office address, where the administration is managed (hereinafter called "The Office") and through which contact with members is achieved.

Article 3. The Members

3.1 The Board will formulate the procedure that candidates must follow for membership, either by **creating application forms that need to be completed and signed by the applicants / or by sending a signed application letter to the Board**. On its turn the Board will determine how candidates receive notification about their candidacy.

3.2 The General Meeting of ordinary Members will decide on applications for membership and can also propose any outstanding expert in Comparative Semitics to be invited to join the IACS. The Board will transfer the invitation and formalise the application.

Article 4. The Board of Management

4.1 The President, Secretary and Treasurer, and up to two more appointed board members form the Executive Committee that is responsible for the daily management of the IAA.

4.2 The Board will maintain contact with Associations or Groups working in the field of Semitics, Afro-Asiatic and kindred Studies in order to get and provide information on projects of common interest. They can also be invited to take part in the biennial Meeting of the IACS if the Board/General Meeting of Members finds it suitable.

4.3 In its first (constitutive) meeting, the Board will decide on allocating diverse functions among its members, and will develop a rotation schedule for the terms of office of its members.

4.4 The Board may convene a meeting of its members whenever it considers this useful or necessary. If at least three members of the Board make a written request for a Board meeting the secretary will organize such a meeting within two months after the request has been received. If the Board does not organize the Board meeting within two months then these members may organize a Board meeting. Meetings may be held by telephone, electronic mail, and/or other means of communication. In such cases, proceeding must follow all formalities, including advance submission of proposals, precise counting of vote, comprehensive taking of minutes, and unambiguous recording of decisions. Decisions are taken by simple majority; tie vote means failure of a proposal.

Article 5. Activities

5.1 The General Meeting of Members of the IACS will take place every two years, in coincidence with the discussion Meeting in which a special issue of Comparative Semitics will be dealt with.

5.2 The Meeting will normally take place during the fall months, unless the Board, after consultation of the ordinary members, finds more fitting to propose another date within the second year after the former meeting. The General Meeting will be organized by the committee of the host country, set up for this purpose. The Office of the IACS is prepared to give support as far as possible. The location for the future IACS Meeting will be decided at the General Meeting.

5.3 The Office will communicate the date of its celebration to the members at least three months prior to the General Meeting. All other information will be posted on the website of IACS to be created in this connexion as the presentation window of the Association.

5.4 The Board will take special care of the editing policy of the IACS, guaranteeing the on time publication of the Proceedings of the General Meeting as well as of other editorial projects programmed by the Association.

Article 6. External Relations

6.1 The Board will keep good contacts with academic and scientific organizations, local, regional, and international, including governmental organizations, universities, international institutions (such as Unesco), museums and libraries.

Article 7. The Honorary Council

7.1 Members who have distinguished themselves in the field of Comparative Semitic, may, in recognition, be recommended by one or more members as a member of the Honorary Council. Upon the Board's approval of such a recommendation, the Office will place their candidacy on the agenda for the upcoming General Meeting, where the election will take place. The Board may, from time to time, consult the Honorary Council or its members individually.

Institutional organigram

