

CONSTITUTION
of the
INTERNATIONAL ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE

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1. *Defined terms and interpretation*

1.1 In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

Associate Member means an associate member of the Institute as defined by clause 5.1

Chair means the chair of the Institute as instituted under clause 4.2

Constitution means the constitution of the Institute as amended from time to time

Council means the Council of the Institute as defined in clause 4.1

Member means a member of the Institute as defined in clause 5.1

Institute means the International Antarctic Institute continued under this Constitution

2. *Continuation of Institute*

2.1 The International Antarctic Institute established by the resolutions of a meeting on 8 July 2006 in Hobart is continued.

3. *Objects of Institute*

3.1 The Institute is established to:

(a) facilitate cooperation and collaboration between members in Antarctic multi-disciplinary education;

(b) develop multi-disciplinary and multi institute degrees conferred by Members in Antarctic education.

4. *Governance*

4.1 The Institute is governed by a Council comprising one representative of each of the Members.

4.2 The Council may appoint a Chair for such term as it determines.

4.3 The Institute is administered by a secretariat and a Director selected, located and resourced as determined from time to time by the Council.

5. Membership

Members

- 5.1 The Members of the Institute are the institutions in Schedule A together with additional institutions admitted pursuant to clause 5.2.
- 5.2 The Council may admit as additional members of the Institute degree conferring institutions who have significant Antarctic education and research programs.

Associate Members

- 5.3 The Institutions set out at Schedule B are Associate Members of the Institute.
- 5.4 The Council may admit as additional Associate Members organisations that have a substantial interest in or are able to make a substantial contribution to the Institute.

Ceasing to be a member

- 5.5 Members or Associate Members may give notice of their intention to withdraw their membership of the Institute in writing to the Secretariat. The resignation will take effect from the date the withdrawal is accepted by the Council.

6. Committees

Academic Coordinating Committee

- 7.1 There shall be an Academic Coordinating Committee (ACC) of the Council, comprising members appointed by the Council for a term of two years.
- 7.2 The functions of the ACC include receiving and processing applications from Members for the delivery and approval of Institute courses and units and making recommendations to the Council for approval of courses and units.

7. Meetings

Council Meetings

- 7.1 The secretariat may call a meeting of the Council at any time.
- 7.2 Upon the request of one-third of the members of the Council the secretariat must call a meeting of the Council.

8. Ordinance making power

8.1 The Council may make ordinances to facilitate and regulate the work of the Institute including, but not limited to:

- (a) rules governing the conduct of meetings;
- (b) procedures for amendment of the Constitution;
- (c) procedures for the admission of new members;
- (d) procedures for approval of courses;
- (e) rules for levying contributions from members for the funding of the Institute.

9. Trustees

9.1 The Council may appoint trustees to hold and deal with the funds of the Institute.

9.2 The instrument of appointment of trustees shall be executed by the Chair and the Director on behalf of the Institute.

9.3 The trustees are governed by the law of the place in which the secretariat is located.

9.4 A trustee shall be resident or registered as a body corporate in the place in which the secretariat is located.

10. Amendment of Constitution

10.1 This Constitution may be amended by the Council in accordance with the procedure set out in an ordinance made under clause 8.

Schedule A

Members of the Institute

IAI Members include the following institutions:

Hamilton College, USA

Hokkaido University, Institute of Low Temperature Science, Japan

National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR), Department of Polar Science, Japan

Ohio State University, Byrd Polar Research Center, USA

Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Department of Ocean Sciences, Japan

Universidad de Magallanes, Chile

Universidade Federal do Paraná, Brazil

Università di Siena, Italy

Universität Bremen, Germany

Universitat de Barcelona, Spain

Universite de Bretagne Occidentale and European Institute for Marine Studies (IUEM), France

Université Pierre et Marie Curie- Paris VI and Observatoire Océanologique, Villefranche sur
mer, France

Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia

University of Cambridge, Scott Polar Research Institute, UK

University of Canterbury, Gateway Antarctica, New Zealand

University of Malaya, Malaysia

University of Tasmania, Australia

University of Tromso, Norway

Schedule B

Associate Members of the Institute

Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research (SCAR)

Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)

French Polar Institute (IPEV)

Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Marine Research (AWI)

The Cousteau Society

International Polar Foundation