

On the basis of Articles 8, 9, and 18 of the Societies Act (Official Gazette of the RS, no. 61/2006 with subsequent amendments), the members of the Initiative Committee for the establishment of a new society have adopted, on a repeated establishing assembly of May 5 2011, the following central act of the society, entitled:

**S T A T U T E**  
**of the**  
**Slovenian Educational Research Association**

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1**

The society “Slovenian Educational Research Association” is a voluntary, independent, non-profit association of domestic and foreign natural persons and domestic legal persons, which deal with scientific and research activities in the field of education in the Republic of Slovenia.

The operation of the society is based on the principles of the equal and voluntary association of members, the same conditions for membership, equal deciding or co-determination of members, and on the principle of openness of the work.

The society operates on the area of the Republic of Slovenia.

**Article 2**

For the achievement of its aims, the society can become member of associations of societies, as well as of similar foreign or international professional societies and associations, under the condition that the activity of these organisations is not in conflict with the constitutional and democratic principles of the Republic of Slovenia.

**II. SOCIETY’S NAME AND SEAT**

**Article 3**

The name of the society is: Slovensko društvo raziskovalcev na področju edukacije  
The seat of the society is in: Ljubljana

For external operations, the English translation of the society’s name is used: Slovenian Educational Research Association.

#### **Article 4**

The society, on the day of its inscription in the Registry of Societies, becomes a legal person of private law.

The society operates in the Republic of Slovenia. The society has its bank account with the bank Nova Ljubljanska banka, Trg Republike 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia.

#### **Article 5**

The society has its seal. The seal of the society is round in shape, with the outer diameter of 25 mm, in its middle are the stylised letters of the sign "SLODRE", on the outer circumference the name of the society is placed: SLOVENSKO DRUŠTVO RAZISKOVALCEV NA PODROČJU EDUKACIJE.

The number of the particular seals, their usage and method of protection is defined by the Managing Board of the society.

### **III. SCOPES AND OBJECTIVES OF OPERATION OF THE SOCIETY**

#### **Article 6**

The basic scope of the society is to create, transfer, spread and use the knowledge in the fields of education and schooling and educational sciences, as well as the achievement of excellence of results of the scientific, research, educational and counselling work.

#### **Article 7**

The objectives of the society are:

- to connect Slovenian researchers in the field of education and schooling or the broader field of educational research, and consequently helping creating the conditions for an even more successful scientific and research work in Slovenia in the aforementioned fields;
- to become member of the international organisation *European Educational Research Association – EERA*, thus facilitating the operation of Slovenian researchers in the field of education and schooling or the broader field of educational research also in the European and international space.

#### **Article 8**

The society achieves its objectives primarily:

- with the promotion of its operation among higher education teachers and collaborators, researchers, graduate students and others, which with their activity or study connect with the research in the broader field of education in such a way that by raising awareness of the larger, academic and other publics informs them on its work, objectives and achievements;
- by raising awareness about the research conclusions regarding the society's field of operation, as well as the problems of researchers in the field and other open questions of members, with the responsible authorities of the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovenian

universities and higher education institutes, local communities and other bodies of State, local and international authorities and other responsible institutions;

- by organising professional, cultural, social, and other events for its members and other concerned parties;
- by cooperating with similar domestic and foreign organisations and societies.

#### **IV. FUNCTIONS OR ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY**

##### **Article 9**

The society, in the framework of its registered functions, will mainly perform the following main non-profit activities:

- research;
- the execution of non-profit interdisciplinary scientific and research, development and professional project in the Republic of Slovenia and abroad.

##### **Article 10**

The society, in the framework of its registered functions, will perform also the following gainful activities:

- the organisation and execution of professional workshops, scientific meetings, seminars, presentations, etc.;
- the active cooperation with public and private institutions and other organisations in the field of research;
- the execution of gainful interdisciplinary scientific and research, development and professional projects in the Republic of Slovenia and abroad;
- publishing and marketing of works, whose authors are the society's members;
- the organisation of society excursions;
- the organisation of society meetings, seminars, workshops and symposia;
- sponsor advertising, if connected with the elementary scopes and objectives and to the extent, needed for their achievement.

To perform gainful activities, defined in the first paragraph of this article, the society meaningfully uses the definitions of Article 25 of the Societies Act in force and other laws, connected with the performance of different gainful activities.

##### **Article 11**

The tasks of the society are:

- the integration and socialising of researchers who work in the field of education and schooling;
- the mutual information, dealing and solving of actual problems and other questions, which have a common and broader meaning for the members of the society;
- the organisation of societal events in accordance with the adopted work programme of the society;
- the organisation of international and national conferences and events, the organisation of professional meetings, training seminars, workshops, and other forms of transmission and exchange of information;

- the following and evaluation of the state in the professional field and providing the competent and interested social actors with opinions, initiatives and proposals regarding the field;
- the contribution to the presentation and affirmation of research work in the field of education and schooling in such way that, in accordance with laws, informs the broader public with the problematic, the area of work, achievements and potentials of research work;
- the publishing of members' works;
- the development of international cooperation and the exchange of ideals, the formal cooperation with similar international organisations;
- the application of other activities in accordance with the adopted work programme of the society, defined by this act and the applicable regulations.

## **V. CONDITIONS AND METHODS OF MEMBERSHIP AND ITS CESSATION**

### **Article 12**

The membership in the society is personal. There is regular and honorary membership.

### **Article 13**

A regular member, provided that he meets one of the conditions of Article 14 of the Statute and that he accepts the statute of the society, can become someone, who is:

- a natural person – citizen of the Republic of Slovenia, who works in the scientific and research field of education in the Republic of Slovenia;
- a citizen of a foreign country, who works in the scientific and research field of education in the Republic of Slovenia, under the proposal of two regular members of the society;
- a legal person with its seat in the Republic of Slovenia, which works in the field of education and schooling. Its authorised person represents the legal person in the society.

### **Article 14**

Criteria or conditions that must be satisfied in order for the society to affirm a membership candidate's status of researcher in the field of education and schooling:

- the candidate has a researcher code in the database of the Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS);
- the candidate has appropriate publications, included in the database of the Co-operative Online Bibliographic System & Services (COBISS).

The candidate has to satisfy at least one of the mentioned conditions to affirm his status of researcher in the field of education.

### **Article 15**

The regular membership in the society is gained with the acceptance on the basis of the expressed wish to become member of the society and with the signed joining statement, on which the General assembly of the society decides, with regard to the principle of the equality of

conditions for the acceptance of all members. The Administrative board decides on the regular membership between two General assemblies.

The membership in the society is voluntary. With the joining statement the member of the society commits to follow the rules of the society, to regularly pay the subscription, and to function actively in the society.

### **Article 16**

The Administrative board of the society can propose to present the title of honorary member to a person member of the society, who with his or her work substantially helped the society to achieve its objectives or has especially proved him or herself with his or her research activity in the field of education. The proposed person must agree with the title of honorary member of the society. Honorary members are confirmed by the General assembly.

The title of honorary member can be bestowed by the society to a person, which is not a member, but he or she has no right to decide in the society's matters.

### **Article 17**

The society keeps a register (record) of members with the following data:

- surname and name,
- birth data,
- permanent address,
- profession.

### **Article 18**

The status of regular member ceases in the following cases:

- with the withdrawal from membership in the society on the basis of a written statement of the member withdrawing;
- with the exclusion on the basis of an order issued after a disciplinary procedure in compliance with the provisions of the Disciplinary Regulations of the society;
- by terminating the membership in the case the member has not paid the subscription for two consequent years;
- by death – only applicable to natural persons;
- with the cessation of the society.

## **VI. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

### **Article 19**

The rights of the regular members are the following:

- proposing candidates for officials and bodies of the society to the assembly of members and the Administrative board;
- voting and being elected in the society's bodies;
- participation in the activities of the society;

- to be informed on the work of the society.

### **Article 20**

The obligations of regular members are the following:

- to actively cooperate in the society and to contribute to the achievement of the society's objectives with their work
- to respect the statute, the resolutions and decisions of the bodies of the society;
- to pay the membership subscription, upon subscription and thereafter, within the period and in the amount, defined by the General assembly of the society's members;
- to protect the society's reputation;
- to provide the society with the information needed for the execution of common and agreed tasks;
- to protect for the society's property with due diligence.

If a member does not pay the subscription for the current year until the regular annual assembly, he or she loses the voting right in the assembly or in the society's bodies for that year and is not counted in the quorum of the assembly.

### **Article 21**

The rights of honorary members, which were regular members prior to the appointment to honorary members, are equal to the rights of regular members.

The rights of honorary members, which were not regular members prior to the appointment to honorary members, are equal to the rights of regular members, with the exception of their participation at the assembly of members of the society with proposals and opinions without voting and election rights.

A honorary member is exempt from membership subscription.

### **Article 22**

The obligations of honorary members are the following:

- to actively cooperate in the society and to contribute to the achievement of the society's objectives with their work;
- to respect the statute, the resolutions and decisions of the bodies of the society;
- to protect the society's reputation;
- to provide the society with the information needed for the execution of common and agreed tasks.

### **Article 23**

The rights and obligations of the members of the society are honourable. The members of the society are not paid for their work and activities.

The managing board can decide to pay royalties for special tasks of the members of the society in the field of gainful activity, which are of constant or special importance for the society.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY**

### **Article 24**

The collective bodies of the society are:

- assembly of the members of the society (General assembly);
- Administrative board;
- Court of honour.

The individual bodies of the society are:

- president;
- vice-president.

The term of office of the members of the society, elected in the bodies of the society, for the president and vice-president, is 2 (two) years. In the case that new members of the bodies of the society are not yet elected until the end of the term of the former members of the bodies, the term of office is extended until the election of new member, but not longer than 6 months from the end of their term.

The members of the society's bodies, the president and vice-president are responsible for their work to the General assembly of the society.

### **Article 25**

For the execution of special tasks of the society the General assembly and the Administrative board establish sections, committees and groups.

### **Assembly of Members – General Assembly of the Society**

### **Article 26**

The assembly of members – General assembly of the society is the highest body of the society. The General assembly consists of all the members of the society. The General assembly can be ordinary or extraordinary.

The Administrative board convenes the ordinary General assembly at least once a year.

An extraordinary General assembly is convened if necessary. The Administrative board convenes it on its behalf, on the demand from the president of the society or on demand by at least one third of the society's members.

The Administrative board is obliged to convene an extraordinary General assembly not later than one month after it received a written and signed demand from the proposers. If the Administrative board does not convene the extraordinary General assembly in the specified period, the proposer can convene it. The extraordinary General assembly decides only on the subject for which it was convened.

A General assembly (ordinary or extraordinary) can be carried out also by correspondence, using means of information technology (e-mail, videoconference, etc.). For the convening and the

execution of the session of a correspondence General assembly, the definitions of this Statute regarding the convening and execution of an extraordinary assembly, are reasonably used.

### **Article 27**

The convening of the General assembly must be announced on the bulletin board at the seat of the society and on the society's webpage together with the agenda. The announcement and invitations must be sent to the members:

- for the ordinary General assembly at least 15 (fifteen) days before the scheduled session of the General assembly,
- for an extraordinary General assembly at least 7 (seven) days before the scheduled session of the General assembly.

### **Article 28**

The General assembly is a quorum if more than half of the members of the society, who have paid the membership subscription, are present.

If the General assembly at the defined time is not a quorum, the start of the General assembly is postponed for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes the quorum is verified again and the General assembly is a quorum and decides validly, if at least 1/5 of the members of the society, who have paid the membership subscription, are present.

### **Article 29**

The General assembly validly decides with a regular majority of votes of members, present at the assembly, in accordance with the definition of the preceding article of this Statute.

Only in the cases of decision upon

- a change in the statute and
- the cessation of the society

are the decisions validly accepted, if they are elected by two thirds of the members present, who have voting rights.

The voting at the General assembly of the members of the society is usually public, unless the General assembly adopts the proposal for voting secrecy.

More detailed working methods of the General assembly are defined by the General assembly's Rules of Procedure.

### **Article 30**

The competences of the General assembly are the following:

- decides about the agenda;
- elects the working presidency;
- treats and approves the reports on the work of the bodies of the society and decides about them;
- elects and dismisses the president of the society and thus the president of the Administrative board;



- elects and dismisses the vice-president of the society and thus the vice-president of the Administrative board;
- elects and dismisses other members of the Administrative board and the members of collective bodies of the society (commissions and committees), established as its working bodies;
- defines the programme directions of the society, adopts the yearly working programme of the society, the financial plan and the final accounts;
- decides on the collaboration with other domestic and foreign societies, about the integration in associations of societies or international organisations;
- adopts, supplements and changes the Statute of the society and other general acts of the society;
- decides as an appeal body in disciplinary affairs, objections and appeals against the decisions of the Administrative board and in other affairs (about the deletion or exclusion of members);
- defines the amount of the membership subscription;
- decides about and elects honorary members;
- decides about the purchase and sale of immovable properties;
- performs other tasks, which are important for the achievement of programme objectives and treats other questions regarding the tasks of the society;
- decides on the cessation of the society.

### **Administrative Board of the Society**

#### **Article 31**

The Administrative board is the executive body of the General assembly.

The Administrative board is constituted of 7 members: the president, vice-president, treasurer and four members.

Only members of the society can be elected into the Administrative board. The term of office of the members of the Administrative board is two years. The members can be re-elected. The General assembly can dismiss the Administrative board or a particular member before the term of office.

#### **Article 32**

The Administrative board performs organisational, administrative, professional and technical affairs, which come from the acts and decisions of the General assembly.

The competences of the Administrative board are mainly:

- realises the decisions of the General assembly;
- coordinates the work of all the members and bodies of the society;
- adopts the regulations on the internal organisation of the society and its other operative acts;
- convenes the ordinary and extraordinary General assembly of the society and prepares materials for the General assembly sessions;
- treats and communicates to the General assembly the proposal of the yearly work programme, work and financial plans and the final accounts;

- takes care for financial material business;
- concludes contracts with naturals and legal persons;
- decides on the change of the address of the seat of the society (the current address of the seat of the society is Kardeljeva ploščad 16, 1000 Ljubljana);
- decides on investments, which are not included in the plan, until an amount authorised by the General assembly or for the invoiced amount;
- appoints the accountant;
- proposes to the General assembly the candidates for officials and gains candidate agreements for the collective bodies of the society;
- accepts new members of the society, deletes members of the society;
- decides about the society's awards and recognitions;
- upon demand of the affected, decides about conflicts between members of the society;
- performs all other tasks, defined by this statute and other acts of the society.

### **Article 33**

The Administrative board meets, if necessary, on meetings, but at least twice per year. The president is obliged to convene a meeting of the Administrative board based on the demand by at least two members of the Administrative board or on special demand by the General assembly.

The meeting of the Administrative board (ordinary or extraordinary) can be carried out also by correspondence, using means of information technology (e-mail, videoconference, etc.). For the convening and the execution of a correspondence meeting of the Administrative board, the definitions of this Statute regarding the convening and execution of the Administrative board, are reasonably used.

The Administrative board is a quorum if more than half of its members are present. Decisions are made with the majority of votes of present members

### **Article 34**

The meetings of the Administrative board are usually public. The Administrative board can decide, in the interest of the work of the society, that the meeting is secret. Minutes are kept about meetings. Minutes of the meetings of the Administrative board are available in the society's premises, and are also posted on the bulletin board at the seat of the society and on its webpage.

### **Article 35**

The Administrative board can name commissions, permanent or occasional, for particular areas of work of the society, their presidents, enables their functioning, approves their work programmes, judges and decides about the results of particular tasks.

The Administrative board can also name permanent or occasional professional collaborators or consultants, if it esteems that they could contribute to the quality of problem-solving in particular areas of work or in the execution of tasks of the society as such. In the decision about the appointment the interpersonal rights and obligations are defined, in accordance with applicable laws.

### **Article 36**

The president of the Administrative board:

- convenes and leads the meetings of the Administrative board;
- signs acts and decisions of the Administrative board;
- assures the lawfulness of the transactions of the society;
- monitors the execution of the decisions of the General assembly and the Administrative board;
- represents the society in legal transaction with thirds;
- performs other tasks, entrusted by the General assembly and the Administrative board of the society.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president of the Administrative board represents the society with the same powers and responsibilities.

The president and vice-president of the Administrative board are responsible for their work to the Administrative board and the General assembly.

## **Court of Honour**

### **Article 37**

The Court of honour is the first level disciplinary body of the society. It is composed of three members, elected by the assembly of members (General assembly) for a term of office of two years with the possibility of re-election. The president of the Court of honour is elected among the members of the Court of honour.

### **Article 38**

The Court of honour leads the disciplinary process and delivers measures in accordance with the disciplinary rules of the society.

The affected person has the right to appeal upon the decision of the Court of honour to the assembly of members (General Assembly) of the society, as an appeal body in disciplinary affairs.

## **VIII. REPRESENTATION OF THE SOCIETY**

### **Article 39**

The president and vice-president of the society are authorised for its representation.

The president, in the frame of the adopted decisions of the bodies of the society and the definitions of this statute, represents the society as individual and unlimited.

In the absence of the president or in the case of resignation, death or working inability of the president of the society, the vice-president, with the same powers and responsibilities, represents the society.

The president of the society can also authorise other persons for the execution of particular legal and other tasks or a series of tasks, as well as for the signing in the frame his powers.

#### **Article 40**

The president of the society particularly:

- takes care for the lawfulness of transactions and represents the society;
- convenes and leads the General assembly;
- leads the work and meetings of the Administrative board as its president;
- prepares the operative working plan for the period of his term of office;
- prepares the materials for the General assembly and Administrative board meetings;
- represents the society in property, legal and other transactions;
- signs the acts and the decisions of the General assembly and the financial material documents of the society (business, financial and other documentation);
- is the officer responsible for the execution of the financial plan;
- leads the administrative transactions of the society, monitors and takes care for the execution of the decisions of the General assembly and the Administrative board;
- leads the records of the society (membership records) and keeps the acts of the society;
- performs other tasks, entrusted by the General assembly and Administrative board of the society.

#### **Article 41**

In the case of the resignation of the president of the society, the Administrative board of the society accepts the resignation.

In the case of the resignation, death or permanent working incapacity of the president of the society, not later than 30 days after it was informed about the occurrence of one of the mentioned facts in this paragraph, the Administrative board convenes an extraordinary assembly (General assembly) of the members of the society, on which the members of the society resolve the old and elect the new president of the society.

#### **Article 42**

The treasurer of the society:

- keeps the treasury of the society,
- performs cash payments,
- settles the financial obligations of the society,
- performs other tasks by order of the president of the society.

The society keeps the financial and material transactions of the society and records data about the financial-material transactions of the society in accordance with accounting standards for societies.

The treasurer reports about the material-financial transaction to the Administrative board and to the assembly of members (General assembly). The work of the treasurer is public. Each member of the society can demand to access the financial and material transactions of the society.

The treasurer is responsible for his work to the president of the society, the Administrative board and the assembly of members (General assembly).

## **IX. FUNDING OF THE SOCIETY AND THE METHOD OF CONTROL OF THE DISPOSAL OVER THE PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY AND THE FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL TRANSACTION OF THE SOCIETY**

### **Article 43**

The society can gain funds for its activity:

- by membership subscription;
- from the substantive rights;
- from its basic and gainful activity (e.g. funds gained with the organisation of events);
- with gifts and bequests;
- with contributions from benefactors, donors, sponsors and patrons;
- from public funds (e.g. by applying to public tenders);
- from other sources.

### **Article 44**

The property of the society is comprised of all the movable and immovable properties, belonging to the society and inscribed as such in the inventory record. The Administrative board manages the property of the society.

The movable properties of the society can be purchased or disposed only upon the decision of the Administrative board, confirmed by the General assembly of the society.

If the society in carrying out its activities generates a surplus of revenues over expenditures, it must use this surplus for the execution of its activity for which it was founded and which this statute defines.

### **Article 45**

The financial transactions of the society are carried out via bank account at Nova ljubljanska banka, Ljubljana.

### **Article 46**

The society performs financial material transaction in accordance with the accounting standards and regulations applicable for societies. The specific professional work can be transferred outside the society (e.g. accounting service).

The Administrative board manages the property of the society in accordance with the power and limitations from the statute and in accordance with the applicable regulations. The authorising officer is the president of the society, in his absence the vice-president.

In order to provide data on financial and material transactions, the society keeps an accounting record.

#### **Article 47**

Control over the financial and material transactions of the society is performed by the assembly of members (General assembly) of the society.

### **X. ACTS OF THE SOCIETY**

#### **Article 48**

The society freely manages the mode of operation of the society in accordance with the applicable regulations and this statute.

The society has a Disciplinary Regulation of the Society, with which it defines the rules of governing the disciplinary procedure, the disciplinary violations, and the disciplinary actions, with which they are sanctioned, as well as the procedure for their pronouncement. The Disciplinary Regulation of the Society is adopted by the assembly of members (General assembly) of the society.

The bodies of the society can also adopt other general acts of the society (regulations, rules of procedure), with which they define in more detail the mode of operation of the body on a specific field (e.g. the field of international exchange, the field of financial material transactions and the method for electing the bodies of the society, the ensuring of the openness of the work of the society).

The regulations are adopted by the assembly of members (General assembly) of the society, and the other acts (rules of procedure and decisions from the field of its operation) by the responsible bodies of the society.

#### **Article 49**

Each body of the society can propose a general act. The draft is prepared by the Administrative board of the society or by an appointed authorised person.

The adopted acts are published in the official gazette of the society, posted on the bulletin board at the seat of the society and on the society's webpage.

### **XI. WAYS OF ASSURING THE OPENNESS OF THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY**

#### **Article 50**

The activity of the society is public. The society informs on its activities the narrower and wider public. The assurance of the openness of the work of the society is the responsibility of the president of the society or a member of the Administrative board, whom the president of the society authorised to give information about the work of the society to the public.

The openness is assured mainly with:

- the open nature of the meetings of the society's bodies;

- the publishing of invitations to meetings of the society's bodies, minutes, written notices, newsletters of the society's bodies on the bulletin board in the premises of the society and on the society's webpage;
- the publishing of other informative materials of the society;
- the ensuring of the possibility of access to the minutes and other acts of the society;
- the written notification of media about the society's activities;
- other forms of publicity.

## **XII. CHANGES OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE STATUTE**

### **Article 51**

A change of or an addition to the statute of the society can be proposed by the Administrative board or at least 1/5 (one fifth) of the members of the society with voting rights on the General assembly of the society.

For the change of or addition to the statute to be accepted, at least two thirds of the present members at the assembly of members (General assembly) of the society with voting right must vote for it.

The change in the statute takes force when the final version of the statute is confirmed by the competent authority of the administrative unit, responsible for the registration of societies.

## **XIII. WAYS OF CESSATION OF THE SOCIETY AND DISPOSAL WITH THE PROPERTY IN THE CASE OF CESSATION**

### **Article 52**

The society can cease:

- by the will of the members on the basis of the decision of the assembly of members of the society about the dissolution of the society,
- by law.

### **Article 53**

In the case that the General assembly of the society has not adopted a different decision during the dissolution of the society, after the settlement of all obligations, all the properties of the society are transferred to Rdeči križ Slovenije, Območno združenje Rdečega križa Ljubljana, Tržaška 132, 1000 Ljubljana. Possible budgetary sources return to the budget.

## **XIV. PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 54**

The matters, not covered by this statute, are directly subject to the definitions of the Societies Act and other regulations, which define the work of societies or relate to the work of societies.

### **Article 55**

The Administrative board of the society is responsible for the interpretation of this statute.

### **Article 56**

The statute was adopted by the assembly of members of the society (General assembly) in May 5 2011 and is used from the day of adoption, and enters into force when the competent authority of the administrative unit Ljubljana confirms its compliance with the Societies Act.

Place and date: 31. 5. 2011

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