



UIOE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OENOLOGISTS AND WINE TECHNICIANS

Art. 1 - It is hereby established the International Association of Oenologists and Wine Technicians (Fédération des Unions Nationales des Œnologues) for an indefinite term.

Its acronym shall be UIOE.

The association shall be governed by the French law on associations of 1st July 1901. The association complies with the regulations in force in the member countries.

Art. 2 - The National Associations are composed of persons holding the title of oenologist recognised by a national law and/or meeting the definitions provided for such title and the role of the oenologist by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine. (Resolution OIV ECO 492-2013) and of wine technicians holding UNESCO ISCED level 2 or above.

Art. 3 - The purposes of the International Association of Oenologists and wine technicians are to:

- a) Represent the national trade unions at international level;
- b) Ensure the professional defence of its members both at an international and national level, where required by a member association;
- c) Oppose the improper use of the title of “oenologist”, as defined by the OIV;
- d) Maintain the cohesion, solidarity and close relations among the national member trade unions;
- e) Act and take part in any action aimed at achieving from the governments the unification of the legal oenological practices, the official physical, chemical, microbiological and sensory analysis methods as well as the interpretation of the results;
- f) Act and take part in any action aimed at harmonising in all the countries the level of knowledge required to be eligible to exercise the different professions in the field of oenology;
- g) Act and take part in any action aimed at reserving to oenologists and wine technicians of all the countries the responsibility to arrange and monitor certain oenological practices; represent and defend at international level the legitimate interests of its members, by establishing and maintaining the relevant relations with the competent bodies at any time.

- h) Submit to its members or any other organisation or body with a potential impact all the relevant opinions, needs and proposals about viticulture or vegetation, oenology, oenotourism, culture and heritage in relation to oenologists or wine-technicians.
- i) Promote the cooperation among the members through: administrative cooperation, the exchange of specific information, the exchange and provision of support or advisory by experts, with particular regard to the creation of common projects and other joint studies.
- j) Promote and foster the knowledge and recognition of the international oenological heritage and of the historical, cultural, human, social and environmental aspects connected therewith;
- k) Sponsor public or private events or contests with a purpose covered by its competences.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 4.1 - The registration to the International Association of Oenologists and Wine-Technicians is open to the National Associations or to the Associations legally established in any country. One Association per country may get the member status: this association shall be the one with the largest number of oenologists and/or wine technicians and the most representative of that country.

Art. 4.2 - The national associations fulfilling the requirements set out in art. 2 may apply for the International Association of Oenologists membership. The acceptance or refusal of the membership application shall be established by the General Meeting. The national associations shall be admitted for a period of three years as observing members. At the end of this period, the General Meeting shall resolve on the permanent admission.

REGISTERED OFFICE

Art. 5 - The registered office of the International Association of Oenologists and wine technicians shall be at the OIV headquarters. The choice of the registered office as well as its transfer to another address shall be under the responsibility of the General Meeting.

MANAGEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OENOLOGISTS AND WINE-TECHNICIANS

Art. 6.1 - The UIOE shall be managed, in terms of deliberation, decision-making and execution, by the General Meeting, composed of representatives of each member trade union, for a variable number according to the numerical relevance of the national trade unions and to the internal regulation. The representatives shall fulfil the following requirements:

- a) Each association appoints its representatives at the UIOE;
- b) The representative shall practice his/her profession and be resident in the represented country for at least three years;

Art 6.2

- a) The General Meeting of the International Association of Oenologists and Wine-Technicians elects, among the representatives, 3 Co-chairmen of different nationalities, 2 Deputy Chairmen, a Secretary General, a Treasurer and 2 auditors .
- b) The General Meeting may decide to establish specific committees for the fulfilment of specific tasks. The Co-chairmen, who are ex officio members of these committees, shall appoint the managers among the representatives.
- c) The Co-chairmen, the Deputy Chairmen, the Secretary General and the Treasurer constitute the Executive Committee (COMEX), which shall deal with all the general issues and prepare the documents and resolutions to be submitted to the General Meeting.
- d) The Executive committee shall only be composed of oenologists.

Art 7 - The Co-chairmen, the Deputy Chairmen, the Secretary General and the Treasurer and the 2 Auditors shall remain in office for 3 years. They may be re-elected only once in a row. Their mandate is linked to their membership of a National association, but not to the mandate they may hold therein.

Art. 8 - The Co-chairmen is responsible for the proper implementation of the Articles of Association and of the Internal regulation. The Co-chairmen represents the International Association of Oenologists and Wine Technicians in all circumstances. They approve the agenda of the meetings and chair meetings and conferences. Together with the Treasurer, they monitor the movement of funds. Together with the Secretary General, they sign the minutes of the meetings. They ensure the implementation of the resolutions .



Art. 9 - The Secretary General prepares the agenda of the meetings, manages the correspondence, drafts the minutes of the resolutions, supervises and monitors the archives. He/she drafts the minutes. If required, manages personnel.

Art. 10 - The Treasurer keeps all the accounting records. He/she starts and collects subscriptions, subsidies and bequests and deposits them at a bank selected by the Executive committee. He/she arranges the payment of expenses according to the instructions of the Co-chairmen and keeps the Executive committee and the General Meeting up-to-date with the financial situation of the Association. At least once a year, he/she presents the annual accounts and the financial statements, audited by the auditors, and proposes the financial statements for each financial year.

Art. 11 - The General Meeting shall meet at least once a year upon calling of the Co-chairmen. The specific committees referred to in art. 6 shall be convened whenever it is required, upon request of their chairmen or of the Co-chairmen.

Art 12 - All the elective functions within the UIOE are performed on a voluntary basis. The expenses incurred in the performance of such functions shall be reimbursed according to the terms of the internal regulation.

Art. 13 - The powers and authorities of the General Meeting of the UIOE shall include:

- 1) Discussing and adopting or amending, by majority, the Articles of Association and the Internal regulation as well as any other document relating to the operation and governance of the UIOE.
- 2) Receiving, discussing, adopting, amending or rejecting any request or recommendation submitted or given by the national UIOE member trade unions.
- 3) Accepting or refusing the membership of the national associations.
- 4) Bringing before the competent courts all actions and appeals for facts relating to the collective interests of oenologists and wine technicians or their national trade unions.
- 5) Setting contribution rates and their frequency, adopting and amending budgets, checking, approving or rejecting accounts and financial statements.
- 6) Issuing opinions and recommendations on the oenology study programmes and expressing resolutions on issues and regulations relating to the wine industry.
- 7) Promoting all the studies and scientific and technical exchange at international level.
- 8) Resolving on all matters it deems within its remit.
- 9) Appointing its representatives at the international bodies and boards.

LOSS OF UIOE MEMBERSHIP BY A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Art. 14 - A national association may lose its membership of the UIOE:

- 1) Upon its own request, due to resignation.
- 2) As a result of the failure to pay the membership fees (one year in arrears).
- 3) As a result of the failure to comply with the Articles of Association and the Internal regulation.
- 4) As a result of the failure to comply with the Articles of Association and the Internal regulation.
- 5) Due to exclusion approved by the General meeting.

If a national association resigns or is excluded, it may not request an indemnification or the reimbursement of the membership fees.

UIOE'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Art. 15 - The financial resources of the UIOE include the fees of its members, paid by the national associations, as well as any subsidies or bequests, financial instruments and investment income or other income from the authorised civil activities. The national associations pay, within the terms set out by the Internal regulation, the amount of the fees set by the General meeting proportionally to the number of members in the relevant country.

The financial year starts on the 1st January and ends on the 31st December of each year. At the end of each financial year, the Treasurer prepares the financial statements that, after the approval of the auditors, shall be approved by the UIOE General meeting.

DISSOLUTION

Art. 16 - The dissolution may be ordered by resolution of the General Meeting, adopted with the unanimous vote of the head representatives attending the meeting and with a voting right, or as a result of the execution of a court order. A receiver shall be appointed to terminate the assets belonging to the UIOE, settle the debts and bequeath the remainder to a non-profit organisation selected by the authority that declared the dissolution.

INTERNAL REGULATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OENOLOGISTS AND WINE TECHNICIANS

Art. 1.1 - This Internal Regulation was drafted in accordance with the Articles of Association of the International Association of Oenologists and Wine Technicians in order to set out and specify the operating rules of the International Association of Oenologists and Wine Technicians.

Art. 1.2 - The Regulation is approved and, where required, amended by the UIOE General Meeting.

Art. 1.3 - Its provisions shall be consistent with those set out in the Articles of Association. In the case of errors or discrepancies, the Articles of Association shall prevail.

Art. 2 - The Co-chairmen of the UIOE shall be entitled to inform the national associations of any fact that may damage the reputation of the oenologists and the wine Technicians, as well as to invite such associations to take steps to remedy the situation.

Art. 3 - As long as the UIOE does not have a permanent staff, the address of the registered office, which has hitherto been kindly authorised by the OIV, is given only to meet a legal requirement. Correspondence should therefore be addressed to the Secretary General or to a Co-chairman appointed for this purpose, as appropriate.

Art. 4 - The International Association of Oenologists and Wine Technicians is composed of all the legally established national associations.

Art. 4.1 - The UIOE divides the number of member of each national association as follows:

Group 1: Oenologists at UNESCO ISCED level 6 & 7

Group 2.a: wine technicians at UNESCO ISCED level ≥ 4

Group 2.b: Wine technicians at UNESCO ISCED level lower than 4 and higher than 2

Art. 4.2. The UIOE considers the members of a national associations according to the following criteria:

Group 1: Multiplying factor X 1

Group 2.a: Multiplying factor X 0.9

Group 2.b: Multiplying factor X 0.8

Art 4.3. -. The number of representatives is established according to the following criteria:

- From 0 to 400 members in the national association: 1 representative and one alternate representative
- From 401 to 1200 members in the national association: 2 representatives and one alternate representative
- More than 1200 members in the national association 3 representatives and one alternate representative

Upon appointment of the representatives, the member shall specify the oenological training level of each representative, in accordance with the CITE, in order to ensure that the representatives are suitable to hold the relevant offices within the Executive committee.

If the member has at least two representatives, it shall appoint a head of representatives.

Art. 4.4 - The representatives shall take part in the General meeting of the UIOE; at least 50 % of the representatives shall attend, either personally or by proxy, the meeting. Only the members whose final membership was decided by the General meeting shall be entitled to vote.

A representative may be represented by proxy at the General meeting of the UIOE. The proxy shall only be valid for one General meeting. A representative may represent by proxy a maximum of 2 representatives. A co-chairman may represent by proxy a maximum of 4 representatives.

Under penalty of nullity, the representation mandate (or proxy) shall be sent by the Chairman of the member association to whom the representative belongs to the UIOE Secretary.

The vote is given, regardless of the number of representatives, by the head of representation of each member, who are the only persons entitled to the voting right, according to the following criteria, according to the number of members of the national association or union

- From 0 to 1000 members: 1 vote every 100 members
- More than 1000 members: 1 vote every 300 members.

As regards member associations composed of groups corresponding to the different UNESCO ISCED groups, the number of votes at the General Meeting of each member association shall be multiplied according to the following criteria:

Group 1:	Multiplying factor	X 1
Group 2.a:	Multiplying factor	X 0.9
Group 2.b:	Multiplying factor	X 0.8

Art. 4.5 - In accordance with art. 4.3 of this Internal regulation, each national association shall appoint its representatives and 1 alternate representative for 3 years. Each national association may replace one or more of its representatives during the three-year term, provided that the replacement occurs at least one month before the General Meeting. Such replacement shall be notified as soon as possible at the Secretary General of the UIOE.

Art. 4.6 - If the agenda includes the discussion of specific or particular items, the representative or his/her substitute may be assisted by an expert, whose name shall be notified to the Secretary General at least one week before the Meeting.

Pursuant to art. 6.2a of the Articles of Association, the General Meeting may establish suitable committees, both in terms of number and issue, without limitations, and may invite renowned professionals or experts, engaged in the institution and recognised as diligent and reliable in their field. These committees shall issue advisory opinions.

Art. 4.7 - At the end of the financial year, within 31st January of year n+1 the national associations shall notify the number of their members, specifying the number for each group and sub-group.

Upon specific request by the Comex, the national association shall provide the UIOE Secretary General with an updated list of its members. Such list shall specify, beside the name of each member, his/her professional specialisation in the field of oenology, his/her UNESCO ISCED level and whether he/she holds a managerial or representative office within the association.

Art. 4.8 - The invitation to the UIOE General Meeting shall be sent by the Secretary General, via e-mail, to all the appointed representatives at least thirty days before the meeting date.

Art. 4.9 - The UIOE General meeting may resolve if the meeting is attended, either personally or by proxy, by at least 50 % + 1 of the representatives.

Art. 4.10 - The Co-chairmen, the Deputy Chairmen, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the Auditors are elected by the General Meeting, by the majority of the $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes of the attendees, at the first round, and then by simple majority at the second round.

Art. 4.11 - The other decisions are taken by simple majority of votes.

Art. 4.12 - Pursuant to article 13 of the Articles of Association, the membership fees due by the members is established by the General Meeting. The membership fees shall be paid within 31st march of the relevant year.

Any national association who is in arrears with the payment of the membership fee at the date of the General Meeting shall not be entitled to vote.

In the case of failure to pay membership fees expired from more than 12 months, despite a reminder within two weeks, the defaulting national association shall be automatically expelled, without prejudice to the UIOE right to collect the amount by every legal means.

Art. 4.13 - Voting at the General meeting shall be by show of hands. However, upon request of the Co-chairmen or of at least a half of the representatives, either personally present or represented by proxy, voting may be held by secret ballot.

Art. 4.14 - Meetings are held in person at the address specified in the notice of call. Except for the elective general meeting, the other general meetings may also be held by videoconference, provided that the technical requirements set out in the notice of call are fulfilled.

Article 5. - Should one of the representatives lose his/her status of member of the national association he/she represents, he/she shall automatically lose the status of member of the General meeting.

Art. 6.1 - The travel and accommodation expenses for the performance of the relevant tasks by the members of the Executive committee shall be borne by the UIOE, in accordance with article 12 of the Articles of Association, against submission of the relevant supporting documentation.

Art. 6.2 - The same shall apply for the expenses incurred by each representative, in the case of a specific written assignment given to them by the Co-chairmen.

Art. 6.3 - The travel and accommodation expenses of the other representatives, attending the meetings, the General meetings, etc., shall be borne by the relevant

national association, except if the organising national association accepts to pay such expenses, in full or in part.

Art. 6.4 - The General meeting may appoint honorary Chairmen for the services provided.

They may be involved by the UIOE for specific tasks and shall be invited to the general meeting without voting right.

Art. 7.1 - The UIOE membership entails the commitment to comply with the provisions of the articles of association and of the regulation and, in particular, to pay on time the applicable fees and charges. Co-chairmen may, upon simple recommendation of the Treasurer and the Auditors, collect such fees and charges by any legal means.

Art. 7.2 - Gifts and bequests are only accepted by decision of the General meeting, after consulting the Executive committee.

Art. 7.3 - The available funds are used and invested according to the proposal of the Executive committee, subject to the General meeting approval.

Art. 7.4 - To ensure management transparency, at least every three years, and upon renewal of the term of office of the members of the Executive committee, an auditor shall prepare a report on the financial situation of the UIOE.

Art. 8.1 - In the case of amicable dissolution of the UIOE, the liquidation shall remain under the control of the Co-chairmen until completion of the assignment by the receiver, who shall report to the General Meeting.

Art. 8.2. - The non-profit organisation receiving the remaining assets following liquidation shall be a body engaged in the training of oenologists and wine technicians or committed to the development of the international wine industry. This body is unanimously selected by the General meeting of the UIOE. If unanimity may not be reached, the balance shall be transferred as a bequest to the OIV.