

SERBIAN SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY

S T A T U T E

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In accordance with the provisions of Articles 12 and 78 of the Law on Associations (Official Gazette RS no. 1/09 of 14 July 2009) and Article 20 of the Statute of the Yugoslav Soil Science Society of 2 February 1996, on 28 January 2011 the Assembly of the Yugoslav Soil Science Society issued the following

STATUTE
OF THE SERBIAN SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Article 1

This Statute establishes relations within the Serbian Soil Science Society (hereinafter: Society), and in particular: name and official address, objectives of the association, bodies and their rights, representation, and other issues foreseen by the law and by the needs of the Society.

The Society is a social organization and has the status of a legal entity, with rights, obligations and responsibilities stipulated by law and this Statute.

Article 2

The Society is the legal successor of the Yugoslav Soil Science Society, which was founded in Belgrade on 8 November 1953.

NAME AND OFFICIAL ADDRESS

Article 3

Full name of the Society: SERBIAN SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY, shortened to: SSSS.

Official address of the Society in Belgrade: Nemanjina St. nbr. 6, Zemun

Territory of activity: Republic of Serbia

SEAL, STAMP AND LETTERHEAD

Article 4

The Society has its own round seal, with the name SERBIAN SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY written around its circumference and BELGRADE in the middle. The Society has its own stamp, which is rectangular in shape, and contains the name and official address of the Society.

The number of stamps and seals, their use, manner of safeguarding and destruction is prescribed by a decision taken by the Secretary General of the Society.

Article 5

In legal transactions, official relations or correspondence, an official letterhead is used, which contains the full name and address of the Society and other elements determined by the Secretary General of the Society.

The letterhead can be printed in other languages, adapted for use in foreign relations, and may, if necessary, include specific elements.

Article 6

The work of the Society is public.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

Article 7

To achieve its goals and tasks, the Society can perform the following:

Activities of other organizations on the basis of membership

1. Publishing
2. Publication of the journal "SOIL AND PLANTS", collections, monographs and books in the field of soil science.
3. Other educational activities
4. Organization of scientific congresses, seminars, symposia, study trips in the country and abroad, courses, lectures in the field of soil science.

The Society may perform the activity referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, as well as other activities determined by regulations, under the conditions and in a manner defined by law.

II GOALS AND TASKS OF THE SOCIETY AND THEIR FULFILMENT

Article 8

The Society is founded to develop and realize all aspects of soil science, aimed at the general scientific, cultural and educational development of the Republic of Serbia.

The mission of the Society is to assist in the application of findings and contemporary achievements in all fields of soil science in agricultural and forestry production, the economy as a whole, as well

teaching/scientific processes in schools and university faculties, including cooperation with other scientific societies in the country and abroad.

Article 9

In achieving the goals and tasks referred to in Article 8 of this Statute, the Society shall in particular work on:

a) Goals

- 1 To develop and improve all areas of soil science, and in particular: soil physics, soil chemistry, soil biology, soil fertility and plant nutrition, genesis, classification and mapping of soil, soil technology, soil mineralogy, soil and environmental protection, irrigation and drainage of soil, etc.

b) Tasks

- 1 to encourage the application of results from all fields of soil science in agricultural and forestry production and the economy,
- 2 to foster the advancement of young scientists,
- 3 to consolidate all aspects of scientific and professional cooperation of members of the Society,
- 4 to contribute, with its scientific and professional activity, to the economic development of Serbia, and in particular,
- 5 through cooperation with other relevant scientific organizations in the country and abroad, and
- 6 by organizing the exchange of scientific information and scientific workers with other domestic and foreign organizations and societies.

III MEMBERSHIP

Article 10

Members of the Society can be:

1. Regular members
2. Honorary members

In accordance with the Statute, regular members are accepted by the Executive Board, and honorary members by the Assembly.

Article 11

Regular members of the Society may be scientific and professional persons of all profiles from the country or abroad who work in a field of soil science and who express a desire to collaborate with the Society.

A proposal for admission to regular membership is given in the form of nominations by two regular members of the Society, which is submitted to the President.

The rights of a regular member include:

To receive expert and scientific information of general interest by way of reports, newsletters or other suitable means, to request the assistance of the Society in establishing international connections to promote soil science and to develop research, as well as other rights determined by the Assembly.

The obligations of a regular member consist of attending meetings of the Society's bodies, of actively assisting the Executive Board and commission presidents in carrying out their tasks, being ready to cooperate in organizing congresses and other kinds of Society activity by taking on appropriate tasks, as well as paying the annual membership fee, as determined by the Society's Assembly.

Article 12

For honorary members, the Executive Board may propose prominent scientists in the field of soil science or leading scientists in the field of developing the Society, irrespective of whether the nominee is already a member of the Society or not.

Appointments are made on the basis of an Executive Board proposal, and the decision is taken by the Assembly.

An honorary member, in addition to passive voting rights, has all the rights of a regular member. The number of honorary members is limited to twelve

Article 13

All members of the Society can participate in achieving the goals and tasks of the Society and can elect and be elected to the various bodies of the Society.

It is the duty of a member of the Society to respond to all material and other obligations of the Society, as stipulated in this Statute.

Article 17

The obligations, rights and responsibilities of members of the Society are:

- to cooperate with each other in the execution of the Society's program,
- to participate directly or through a representative in the annual assemblies, conferences, etc.
- to provide and receive professional and scientific information of general interest by way of reports, letters or any other appropriate means,
- to seek the assistance of the Society in establishing international links for the promotion of soil science and the development of research
- to properly perform their material obligations towards the Society, in accordance with this Statute
- other rights and obligations as determined by the Assembly.

Article 15

Membership in the Society ceases in the following cases

1. If a member tenders his/her resignation to the president in writing before the end of the current year,
2. If a member contravenes the duties and obligations of the Society, or when his/her words or actions are assessed by his/her colleagues to be unworthy.

An argued exclusion proposal is referred to the President. The member is afforded the opportunity, before the decision is made, to present a defense to the Executive Board.

The decision on exclusion is issued by the Executive Board in writing.

Article 16

Members of the International Society for Soil Science (ISSS) who are also members of the Society, will be represented at the ISSS as members of the Serbian Soil Science Society. Membership in the ISSS may be translated into membership of the Society with the appropriate admission request.

IV BODIES OF THE SOCIETY

Article 17

The bodies of the Society are:

1. the Assembly
2. Executive Board
3. President
4. Secretary General
5. Supervisory Board

V THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SOCIETY

Article 18

The Assembly is the highest body of the Society and is made up of all the regular and honorary members.

Article 19

The Assembly

1. constitutes the Statute;
2. draws up amendments and supplements to the Statute;
3. considers and adopts the financial plan and report;

4. adopts other general rules of the Society;
5. decides on status changes and cessation of the Society's operations;
6. decides on joining other alliances and associations in the country and abroad;
7. elects and dismisses members of the Executive Board of the Society, the presidents of commissions, sub-commissions and other working bodies in accordance with this Statute;
8. resolves basic issues within the framework of the goals and tasks of the Society;
9. adopts the Statute for establishing the Society's awards;
10. prescribes the membership fee;
11. appoints the Editor-in-Chief of the journal "Soil and Plants";
12. discusses the reports of the work of the Executive Board;
13. authorizes the Executive Board to take decisions between two sessions, with mandatory verification at the next session;
14. considers other issues in the field of soil science that are not within the competencies of other bodies of the Society.

The Assembly can be regular or extraordinary.

A regular assembly is held according to the program of work and needs to convene at least once a year.

The Assembly convenes the Executive Board of the Society in a regular procedure and is obliged to convene the Assembly when ten percent of the voting members requests its convocation in writing, providing a clear definition of the tasks and objectives.

The invitation to participate in the work of the Assembly is sent by the Executive Board to members with voting rights at least 10 days prior to the session, along with details of the agenda.

An extraordinary session of the Assembly shall be convened if a request for its convocation is submitted in writing by one third of the members of the Society.

The Secretary General shall appoint the person who shall record the minutes and protocol decisions taken during the Assembly.

Article 20

The work of the Assembly is managed by the Presidency of the Assembly, which is comprised of three members elected at the Assembly itself.

Article 21

Any regular meeting of the Assembly, irrespective of the number of members present, is final.

Decisions are made by an absolute majority of members present. In the case of a tie, the vote of the President will decide.

Scientific matters are not voted on.

Management of the Assembly is under the jurisdiction of the President. In the event of absence or prevention, the president may entrust the management of the Assembly to one of the members of the presidency.

Proposals for the Assembly must be delivered in a timely manner before the Assembly is held. Proposals are addressed to the President and the Secretary General of the Society.

Voting at the Assembly is public, unless otherwise specified by the Assembly.

VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 22

The Executive Board is a body of the Assembly of the Society that manages the operations of the Society in accordance with this Statute and the decisions of the Assembly.

The Executive Board reports on its work to the Assembly for each year.

Article 23

The Executive Board is made up of nine members, and they are:

- the President of the Society,
- four vice-presidents of the Society,
- the Secretary General of the Society,
- the Editor-in-Chief of the journal “Soil and Plants”, and
- two members of the Society.

The President and the Secretary General of the Society are in charge of the Society’s financial operations.

The President, members of the Executive Board, Secretary General, and the Editor-in-Chief shall be elected by the Assembly.

The Secretary General represents the Society, registers his/her signature with the commercial bank and signs financial documents, organizes and manages the current operations of the Society, and is responsible for the legality of the Society’s operations.

The term of office of the members of the Executive Board is four years, with the possibility of re-election.

Article 24

The Executive Board

- ensures that the work of the Society, commissions and sub-commissions, as well as other bodies, is exercised in accordance with this Statute and the decisions of the Assembly,

- presents the financial plan,
- considers and determines the yearly accounts,
- takes decisions in accordance with its authorizations in periods between two assemblies,
- submits to the Assembly a report on its work and the work of other bodies,
- in accordance with the decisions of the Assembly, organizes scientific meetings, congresses, symposia, scientific excursions, and submits new proposals to the assembly,
- proposes to the Assembly the appointments of honorary members to the Society,
- supervises scientific journals and other publications of the Society,
- decides on the amount and manner of subscriptions for all publications issued by the Society,
- Draws up the annual plans of its work and the work of the Society's bodies.

Meetings of the Executive Board may be regular or extraordinary.

Regular sessions are held at least once a year.

Article 25

Meetings of the Executive Board shall be convened and headed by the President, and in his/her absence or prevention, by the person whom he/she nominates.

The President of the Society is obliged to convene a session of the Executive Board on receipt of a written request from at least three members of the Society.

Article 26

The Executive Board may make a binding decision if a session is attended by more than half of the members and decisions are made by a majority of the total number of members present.

VII SUPERVISORY BOARD

Article 27

The Supervisory Board of the Society is the body that controls the operations of the Society and the work of its executive bodies.

The Supervisory Board has three members, elected and dismissed by the Assembly of the Society. The term of office of the members of the Supervisory Board is four years with the option of re-election.

The Supervisory Board answers to the Assembly for its work and reports to it. The Supervisory Board has the right and duty to check the regularity of implementation of legal regulations, the provisions of this

Statute and other acts of the Society, the realization of the Society's basic goals and tasks, safeguarding the rights of members of the Society, ensuring the implementation of the conclusions and decisions of the Society's Assembly by the executive bodies of the Society.

The Supervisory Board pays especial attention to:

- the appraisal of accounting documentation,
- the correct use and spending of the Society's funds,
- the regularity of the entire financial operation of the Society,
- implementation of the Statute and work programs,
- execution of obligations on the part of the expert services of the Society.

The Supervisory Board is obliged to promptly notify the Executive Board of detected irregularities.

VIII COMMISSIONS AND OTHER WORKING BODIES

Article 28

The Assembly elects and dismisses presidents and vice-presidents of the Society's commissions:

1. Commission for soil physics
2. Commission for soil chemistry
3. Commission for soil biology
4. Commission for soil fertility and plant nutrition
5. Commission for soils genesis, classification and mapping
6. Commission for soil technology
7. Commission for soil mineralogy
8. Commission for soils and the environment

In addition to the commissions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Assembly may appoint other commissions or abolish any of the commissions listed.

Article 29

The Assembly elects and dismisses presidents and vice-presidents of the sub-commissions:

1. Sub-commission for salt-affected soils
2. Sub-commission for soil micromorphology
3. Sub-commission for the conservation of soils and water
4. Sub-commission for soil zoology
5. Sub-commission for forest soils
6. Sub-commission for the evaluation (assessment) of landscape soils

7. Sub-commission for soil remediation
8. Sub-commission for soil cultivation
9. Sub-commission for soil conservation
10. Sub-commission for soil irrigation and drainage
11. Sub-commission for climatology and hydrology.

Article 30

The Assembly elects and dismisses the presidents of working groups:

1. working group for information system and evaluation (assessment) of landscapes
2. working group for pedotechnology
3. working group for contaminated soil and groundwater
4. working group for urban soil

Article 31

In its decisions on the appointment of commissions and other working bodies, the Assembly elucidates the tasks and guidelines for their work.

IX SOCIETY ASSETS

Article 32

In order to achieve its goals and tasks, the Society collects funds from membership fees, income from meetings, voluntary contributions, gifts and bequests, domestic legal bodies and individuals, budgets and other sources in accordance with the law.

Article 33

The Society's assets are established and distributed in accordance with the financial plan. The financial plan for each year is adopted by the Executive Board.

To manage the Society's affairs, the Executive Board selects a person with the appropriate professional qualifications and ability. This person answers to the Secretary General of the Society.

Article 34

The Secretary General of the Society is responsible for the legal use of funds in the framework of the financial plan and submits a report to the Assembly in the course of two years.

Article 35

Sources of income and financial operations are made available to the public through annual reports.

Article 36

The Executive Board is responsible for ensuring the Society's work is made public and informing the members of the Society.

Information is made public through the media, the journal "Soil and Plants" or otherwise, as decided by the Board.

X REPRESENTATION

Article 37

The Society is represented by the President of the Society and the General Secretary of the Society. The President or the Secretary General may perform all legal actions relating to the work of the Society in accordance with the law and this Statute.

In addition to the persons referred to in paragraph 1, members of the Executive Board shall represent the Society on the basis of authorization given by the President or the Secretary General.

XI ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Article 38

The Society is a member of the Association of Agricultural and Food Technicians, the International Society of Soil Science and the International Scientific Center for Fertilizers (CIEC).

The Society can also join other federations and international organizations, based on the decisions of the Assembly of the Society.

Decisions of the Assembly are made in accordance with Article 21 of this Statute.

XII AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO THE STATUTE

Article 39

Amendments and supplements to this Statute may be made at a regularly convened session of the Assembly with a two-thirds majority of the present members, and the decision is approved by the majority of the present members.

Proposals for amendments and supplements to the Statute shall be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration, and within a period that allows for the convening of a regular session of the Assembly.

XIII CESSATION OF THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY

Article 40

The Society shall cease to operate when the decision on the cessation of work is passed by the Assembly or when the number of members is reduced to less than ten, as well as in cases stipulated by law.

The decision on the cessation of the Society's work is passed by the Assembly at a duly convened meeting with a three-fourths' majority of the total number of members, and the decision is made by the majority of the present members.

In case of cessation of the Society's activities, property is transferred to a competent scientific association upon prior settlement of the Society's obligations.

XIV DISPUTES AND MISCONDUCT BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

Disciplinary Committee

Article 41

The task of the Disciplinary Committee is to consider cases arising from Article 15 of this Statute, as well as cases of disputes and misconduct among members of the Society.

Members of the Society who, in discussions that are not purely scientific in nature, as well as in inappropriate personal disagreements with other members of the Society, and who are also deemed to be inappropriate in conduct, may be called to account by the Disciplinary Committee. In the interest of the Society, members of the Society should not make any conclusions with regard to the issues in question before the Disciplinary Committee publicly presents its opinion.

The Disciplinary Committee comprises a chairperson, his/her deputy and three other members from among the regular members of the Society. Members of the Disciplinary Committee are elected by the Assembly for a period of four years with the possibility of re-election. The Disciplinary Committee works according to the agenda. Its conclusions are accepted by a simple majority of votes and submitted to the Assembly in the form of a proposal.

Article 42

On cessation of the work of the Society, the President of the Society is obliged to inform the competent administrative body within fifteen days.

XV TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 43

This Statute shall enter into force on the day of its adoption by the Assembly and it shall be applied from the date of registration in the Register of the competent administration body.

Article 44

From the date of application of this Statute, the Statute of the Yugoslav Soil Science Society of 12 February 1996 ceases to be valid.

PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE
SERBIAN SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY
