

TRANSLATION
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Constitution of the Italian Zeolite Association

Constitution; Residence; Aims; Duration

Article 1 - A non-profit-making Association is constituted under the name of "Associazione Italiana Zeoliti", abbreviated to AIZ.

Article 2 - The Association has residence in the "Dipartimento di Ingegneria dei Materiali e della Produzione dell'Università di Napoli, in Facoltà d'Ingegneria, Piazzale V. Tecchio, 80125 Napoli".

Article 3 - Aims of the Association are the promotion of studies and research and the dissemination of knowledge in all areas of Zeolite Science and Technology, where these have to be understood in a broad sense, that is including every material that has properties and/or structure similar to those of conventional Zeolites.

In order to accomplish these aims, AIZ may support the following activities:

- a) to organize a conference on Zeolite science and technology at least every two years, open to the members of the association and to other interested persons, also publishing the proceedings;
- b) to promote and patronize the organization of Scientific Meetings (debates, seminars, conferences) or educational (?) meetings (schools, courses) that are relevant to the aims of the association;
- c) to create graduation prizes, research prizes and scholarships, in order to help the spreading of the Zeolite culture among the young people;
- d) to favour the intervention of the state, of the university and of the scientific and industrial institutions in order to continuously improve research on zeolites;
- e) to promote cultural interaction with similar associations on a national and international level.

Article 4 - The duration is unlimited, unless explicitly cancelled.

Resources and Budget

Article 5 - The resources of the association shall consist of

- a) the ordinary income given by the Association fees;
- b) possible gifts, donations, legacies or contributions from Public Institutions, real or juristic persons;
- c) the property and the goods that the association will own;
- d) any other income that will help to increase the assets.

The budget is annual and closes every year on the 31st December.

Associates

Article 6 - The Association is formed by the following categories of Members:

- Honorary Members
- Supporting Members
- Ordinary Members

The honorary members are all those that, due to their personal achievements, are unanimously recognized by the General Meeting of the Members, and are invited to become Members of the Association.

The Supporting Members are the persons or the institutions that support the Association by paying higher membership fees.

The ordinary members are all those persons interested in the study and application of zeolites in the academic, industrial and commercial fields .

The admission into the Association is obtained by presenting a request or obtaining a nomination from two actual Members, previously approved by the Board of Directors.

The Supporting and Ordinary Members have to pay an annual membership fee, the level of which is determined by the general meeting of the Members on proposal of the Board of Directors. The membership is lost in the case of resignation, failure to pay the membership fees or motivated exclusion from the Association. The motivated exclusion of the Member is declared, on request of at least one tenth of the Members, on proposal of the Board of Directors, at a general meeting of the Members that will decide with the absolute majority of the Members.

Agencies of the Association are:

- The General Meeting of the Members
- The Board of Directors
- The President

Article 7 - The General Meeting of the Members is the meeting of the Honorary, Supporting and Ordinary Members.

It decides the aims and the direction of the activity of the Association; it decides the motivated exclusion of the Members. It is an exclusive and proprietary power of the General Meeting of the Members to modify the constitution; these modifications have to be approved by a favourable vote by at least two thirds of the Members.

There will be a diary of the General Meeting of the Members, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Association. The General Meeting of the Members will take place at least once a year on convocation by the President or on request of at least ten Members, presented to the Board of Directors in order to modify the constitution.

The meeting takes place in the residence or somewhere else.

The announcement of convocation, sent by mail to every Member at least a month prior to the Meeting, must indicate the place, the time and the date of the meeting, and the program.

The General Meeting of the Members will have to meet:

- on request of the President
- on request of at least two fifths of the Members.

The meeting is lead by the President of the Association and is valid when, on the first call a majority of the Members is present, in the second call any number of Members is present. Every Member can choose to be represented by another Member at the Meeting and this Member cannot represent more than three other Members.

The Board of Directors consists of five Members, elected in the General Meeting of the Members and will remain in charge for four years.

It consists of a President and four Members, one of whom will be Secretary/Treasurer. The President and the other four Members of the Board of Directors are elected separately out of a selection of candidates presented by the Board of Directors or by at least a tenth of the Members.

The Board of Directors executes the indications given by the General Meeting of the Members, decides on the admission of new Members and elects the Secretary/ Treasurer with the vote of the majority of the Members present.

The President is legally responsible for the Association and remains in charge for two years, with the possibility of being re-elected for two more years.

He can decide on all ordinary administration, while for extraordinary acts he has to seek authorization by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary/Treasurer has to update the list of Members and their addresses, to take a diary of the Meetings of the Board of Directors and of the General Meeting of the Members, to be responsible for the mail to control all the funding and all the assets of the Association, being responsible for the money deposited and managed in a bank. He has also to accomplish every other duty, compatible with his office, given to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

Cancellation

Article 8 - The cancellation of the Association is decided in the presence of a vote of at least two thirds of the Members, at the General Meeting of the Members, that will call one or more receivers and will decide on the allocation of the assets as determined by the law.

Controversies

Article 9 - The controversies that may arise between the Members and the Association will be resolved by a collegium of three referees, two chosen by the parties concerned and one chosen in mutual agreement, or in case of disagreement, chosen by the "Presidente del Tribunale di Napoli" on request of one of the parties. The decision of the collegium that will be given observing no formalities, will be binding for the parties.

Article 10 - The Association may ask to have a juristical status. For what is not contained in this constitution, the Law will be valid.

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