

# **International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (IUTAM)**

An Association Incorporated in the Netherlands

(Seat: Amsterdam)

## **Articles of Association and Internal Regulations**

### **Preamble**

A deed of incorporation was executed on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 in order to register IUTAM as an incorporated Association with full legal capacity (in Dutch, *vereniging mit volledige rechtsbevoegdheid*), seated in Amsterdam, the Netherlands with the address Keizersgracht 482, 1017EG Amsterdam. The Incorporators were (1) Norman Andrew Fleck and (2) Robert Maxwell McMeeking. A civil-law notary (in Dutch: *toegevoegd notaris*), Nick Maarten van Dijk, appeared before the relevant authority in Amsterdam to incorporate and register IUTAM. Proof of registration at the Dutch Business Register (Handelsregister) is IUTAM's KVK number: 88085457. This KVK number also proves that IUTAM officially has a business. The official Articles of Association of IUTAM are in Dutch.

## **Unofficial Translation of the ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF THEORETICAL AND APPLIED MECHANICS (IUTAM)**

### **Introduction**

The International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (the '**Union**') was founded in nineteen hundred and forty-six as an international non-governmental non-profit scientific organization and emerged from the international congresses of mechanics initiated in Delft, the Netherlands, in nineteen hundred and twenty-four. The Incorporators have indicated that it is their intention that the association to be incorporated by means of this deed will constitute a continuation of the Union and that all activities of the association shall be guided by the tradition of the Union. In all its decisions the general meeting of members shall be guided by the tradition of free international scientific cooperation, developed at the international congresses of the Union. In pursuing its objectives the Union shall observe the basic policy of non-discrimination and affirm the rights of scientists throughout the world to adhere to or to associate with international scientific activity without regard to race, religion, political philosophy, ethnic origin, citizenship, language, sex, disability or age. Taking into account the foregoing, the articles of association will read as follows:

### **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

#### ***Name and seat***

#### **Article 1**

1.1 The association bears the name: International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. The association can also be referred to under its abbreviated name: IUTAM.

1.2 The seat of the association is in the municipality of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

1.3 The association will be governed by these articles of association. The general meeting of members may adopt and amend rules and regulations of the association.

## ***Objects***

### **Article 2**

The objects of the association are:

- (a) to form a link between persons and organizations engaged in scientific work in all branches of theoretical and applied mechanics and related sciences, including analytical, computational and experimental investigations;
- (b) to supervise international congresses of theoretical and applied mechanics through a standing congress committee, and to supervise other international meetings on subjects falling within the field of theoretical and applied mechanics;
- (c) to engage in other activities meant to promote the development of mechanics, both theoretical and applied, as a branch of science, all in the broadest sense of the words.

## ***Members. Obligations of the members. Observers***

### **Article 3**

3.1 Only legal subjects (in Dutch: *rechtssubject*), not necessarily being a legal person (in Dutch: *rechtspersoon*) or a natural person may become a member of the association. The general meeting of members decides on admittance of members. Upon admittance each member will be categorized in a category ranging from I up to and including V. The general meeting of members may choose to admit directors of the association, secretaries of a committee of the association, chairs of a panel of the association and members-at-large as members. Members-at-large are natural persons admitted as such by the general meeting of members.

3.2 The members are obliged to pay an annual subscription to the association. Directors of the association, secretaries of a committee of the association, chairs of a panel of the association and members-at-large are not required to pay an annual subscription to the association. The general meeting of members determines the units of annual subscription per category of members.

3.3 The board of directors may admit observers, not being members, to the general meeting of members. Observers do not have any voting rights in the general meeting of members. Observers do have speaking rights in the general meeting of members.

## ***General meeting of members***

### **Article 4**

4.1 At least once a year a general meeting of members shall take place. The board of directors of the association may convene a general meeting of members. At least ten (10) members of the association may request the board of directors of the association to convene a general meeting of members.

4.2 A meeting of the general meeting of members may be convened by sending convening notices to the members taking into account a convening period of at least thirty (30) days (not including the day of sending out the convening notice and the day of the general meeting of members). Provided that members have provided an e-mail address for this purpose, a convening notice may also be sent to the e-mail address provided by a member.

4.3 The general meeting of members shall be chaired by the director who is the president. If the president is not able to chair the general meeting of members he or she shall designate one of the other directors as his or her substitute. If the president has failed to do so, the general

meeting of members may designate one of the members as chair of the general meeting of members. Each member of category I shall have one (1) vote. Each member of category II shall have two (2) votes. Each member of category III shall have three (3) votes. Each member of category IV shall have four (4) votes. Each member of category V shall have five (5) votes. Except for the resolutions of articles 5.4 (dismissal of a director) and 5.5 (suspending a director), article 7 (amendment articles of association) and article 8 (liquidation) all resolutions shall be adopted by simple majority (more than half) of the votes validly cast, blank and abstaining votes excluded. A member may cast his vote(s) by making use of electronic means of communication.

4.4 A member not able to attend a general meeting of members may provide a proxy to another member attending the general meeting of members to vote on its behalf. Voting by proxy is not allowed if a general meeting of members will be solely held by electronic means provided this is allowed by law at the time of the general meeting of members.

4.5 Decisions of the general meeting of members can also be taken in writing instead of in a general meeting of members, provided that all members unanimously vote. Such decisions can only be validly taken with prior notification to the board of directors. The board of directors keeps a record of the decisions taken by the general meeting of members.

***Board of directors. Representation. Appointment, dismissal and suspension of directors. Absence or inability to act of directors. Conflict of interest.***

#### **Article 5**

5.1 The board of directors of the association consists of at least three (3) directors and shall in any event consist of a president (in Dutch: *voorzitter*), a secretary-general (in Dutch: *secretaris-generaal*) and a treasurer (in Dutch: *penningmeester*).

5.2 In fulfilling their duties the directors will be guided by the interests of the association and the associated organization.

5.3 The board of directors acting jointly can represent the association towards third parties. In addition, the president, secretary-general and treasurer acting alone may also represent the association towards third parties.

5.4 The general meeting of members can appoint a director. The general meeting of members can dismiss a director. A resolution to dismiss a director can only be adopted by a simple majority (more than half) of the votes validly cast, blank and abstaining votes excluded, in a meeting in which at least half of the members are present or represented. If this majority is met but the quorum is not met, a second meeting may be convened by taking into account a period of at least thirty (30) days, not taking into account the day of sending out the convening notice and the day of the general meeting of members, in which the resolution to dismiss a director may be adopted with simple majority (more than half) of the votes cast, regardless of the number of members being present or represented.

5.5 The general meeting of members can suspend a director for a maximum term of three (3) months. This period can be extended once for a maximum term of three (3) months. A resolution to suspend a director or to extend the period of suspension of a director can only be adopted by a simple majority (more than half) of the votes validly cast, blank and abstaining votes excluded, in a meeting in which at least half of the members are present or represented.

If this majority is met but the quorum is not met, a second meeting may be convened by taking into account a period of at least thirty (30) days, not taking into account the day of sending out the convening notice and the day of the general meeting of members, in which the resolution to suspend a director or to extend the period of suspension of a director may be adopted with simple majority (more than half) of the votes cast, regardless of the number of members being present or represented.

5.6 If a director is absent (in Dutch: *ontstentenis*) or unable to act (in Dutch: *belet*), the other directors will be charged with the management of the association. If all directors are absent or unable to act, the person or persons designated for such purpose by the board of directors, or if the board of directors has failed to do so, the general meeting of members, will be temporarily charged with the management of the association.

5.7 If a director has an interest which is in conflict with the interests of the association, this director will not take part in the deliberations and decision-making. If all directors have an interest which is in conflict with the interests of the association, the general meeting of members will be able to adopt the resolution instead of the board of directors.

### ***Financial year. Adoption of annual accounts.***

#### **Article 6**

6.1 The financial year of the association runs from the first day of January until the thirty-first day of December.

6.2 The board of directors is obliged to keep books and records of the assets and liabilities of the association in accordance with the requirements by law, and it must store the books and records in such a way that at all times the rights and obligations of the association can be known.

6.3 The board of directors shall, within six (6) months after the end of the financial year, prepare the balance sheet and the profit and loss account of the association in accordance with the law.

6.4 The general meeting of members shall adopt the annual accounts within seven (7) months after the end of the financial year.

### ***Amendment of the articles of association***

#### **Article 7**

The general meeting of members can resolve to amend the articles of association. The articles of association can be amended only by a resolution of the general meeting of members, convened by a notice sent in accordance with article 4.2, in which notice it is mentioned that an amendment of the articles of incorporation will be proposed at this meeting. A resolution to amend the articles of association can only be adopted by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes validly cast, blank and abstaining votes excluded, in a meeting in which at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members are present or represented. If this majority is met but the quorum is not met, a second meeting may be convened by taking into account another period of at least thirty (30) days, not taking into account the day of sending out the convening notice and the day of the general meeting of members, in which the resolution to amend the articles of association may be adopted with two-thirds of the votes cast, regardless of the number of members being present or represented.

### ***Liquidation and distribution of liquidation proceeds***

#### **Article 8**

8.1 The general meeting of members can resolve to liquidate the association. A resolution to liquidate the association can only be adopted by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes validly cast, blank and abstaining votes excluded, in a meeting in which at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members are present or represented. If this majority is met but the quorum is not met, a second meeting may be convened by taking into account another period of at least thirty (30) days, not taking into account the day of sending out the convening notice and the day of the general meeting of members, in which the resolution to liquidate the association may be adopted with two-thirds of the votes cast, regardless of the number of members being present or represented.

8.2 If the association will be liquidated, the directors will be the liquidators of the assets and liabilities of the association, unless the general meeting of members resolves differently.

8.3 The liquidators will distribute the assets and liabilities that remain after liquidation to a non-profit organization which has objects that resemble the objects of the association as much as possible.

#### ***Transitional provision***

The first financial year of the association will end on the last day of December two thousand twenty-three.

Finally, the person appearing declared that the Incorporators appoint the following first directors:

1. the Incorporator 1 as president;
2. the Incorporator 2 as secretary-general; and
3. Maria del Pilar Ariza Moreno, born in San Fernando, Spain on the eleventh day of June of nineteen hundred and seventy, as treasurer.

Finally, the person appearing acting in said capacities, stated that in accordance with article 3 the first directors of the association are the first members of the association. Acting as such, after execution of this deed they will admit all organizations which have adhered as adhering organizations to the Union as members of the association.

### **IUTAM's Internal Regulations**

**Adopted by the IUTAM General Meeting of Members on 12 December 2022**

#### **Part I – General**

I. "The International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics", hereinafter called "the Association" or "IUTAM", is an international non-governmental scientific organization incorporated in the Netherlands as an Association ('*vereniging*').

II. The objectives of the Association are defined in Article 2 of the Articles of Association.

III. The members of IUTAM are:

- a) adhering organizations (Article VIII of these Internal Regulations);

- b) members-at-large (Part II of these Internal Regulations);
- c) directors (Article XII);
- d) the Secretary of the Congress Committee (Article XIII);
- e) the Chairs of the Fluids and Solids Symposia Panels.

The members of the Association are also the members of the General Meeting of Members.

An adhering organization can become a member of IUTAM with its written consent as a legal subject upon admittance by the General Meeting of Members.

The term of membership of a member-at-large shall be determined by the General Meeting of Members at the time of the election. The members referred to in points c), d), e) are elected by the General Meeting of Members for a specified term, namely a maximum of four years, starting on November 1, following the General Meeting of Members at which they were elected. Reelections are possible.

Matters related to ending of membership, removal of a member and termination of membership are regulated by Dutch law.

The convening notice for a General Meeting of Members shall be given by means of an electronically transmitted message. Each member is obliged to give their consent for that and provide the address disclosed for this purpose.

IV. The highest authority of IUTAM is the General Meeting of Members.

The General Meeting of Members decides on admittance of members as regulated by Article 3 of the Articles of Association.

The General Meeting of Members is regulated by Article 4 of the Articles of Association.

Each adhering organization being a member shall determine who may represent such member in the General Meeting of Members and as a result may vote on behalf of such member. Persons who may represent such member are henceforth called 'representatives' of such member. The number of persons who may represent a member is equal to the number of votes specified by Article 4.3 of Articles of Association and dependent on the membership category regulated by Article XV of these Internal Regulations.

V. The Board of Directors (Article XII of these Internal Regulations) may admit the following categories of observers in general meetings of members:

- i) observers appointed by adhering organizations (Article VIII of these Internal Regulations);
- ii) representatives of associate organizations (Article IX);
- iii) representatives of affiliated organizations (Article XI);
- iv) representatives of countries applying for membership;
- v) representatives of committees and groups of scientists.

VI. In all its decisions the General Meeting of Members shall be guided by the tradition of free international scientific cooperation, developed at the International Congresses for Theoretical and Applied Mechanics and IUTAM Symposia. In pursuing its objectives the Association shall observe the basic policy of non-discrimination and affirm the rights of scientists throughout

the world to adhere to or to associate with international scientific activity without regard to race, religion, political philosophy, ethnic origin, citizenship, language, sex, disability or age.

VII. The General Meeting of Members shall provide for an adequate representation of any group of scientists carrying out research in theoretical or applied mechanics and not a member of IUTAM.

VIII. Organizations of scientists in theoretical or applied mechanics (or unions of such organizations) which effectively represent independent scientific activity in a country or in a definite territory, which are called adhering organizations, can be admitted by the General Meeting of Members as members of the Association provided they can be listed under a name that will avoid any misunderstanding about the country or territory represented.

In general, only one adhering organization from each country or territory will be admitted.

IX. Organizations of scientists in theoretical or applied mechanics which represent independent scientific activity in a country or territory of the developing world and which are not already represented by a member of IUTAM may, with the written support of one member, be admitted as an associate organization of IUTAM. The name of the proposed associate organization must be unambiguous and politically neutral in order to avoid misunderstanding about the country or territory being represented.

X. Each adhering organization being a member pays an annual subscription to the Association in accordance with Article XV of these Internal Regulations.

Each associate organization shall have one representative as a non-voting observer in the General Meeting of Members, and shall pay a single subscription once for each four-year period.

XI. International organizations mainly occupied in fields closely related to that of IUTAM can be admitted by the General Meeting of Members as affiliated organizations of IUTAM.

Each affiliated organization has the right to appoint an observer, who is invited to take part in the General Meeting of Members without voting rights. The Board of Directors of IUTAM has the reciprocal right to appoint a non-voting observer to the corresponding council or other executive body of the affiliated organization.

The affiliated organization and IUTAM are mutually obliged to keep each other informed about all important activities and organizational measures taken.

In organizing international scientific events each of the affiliated organizations is obliged to consider carefully the timing of the major events in order to coordinate such activities with IUTAM.

IUTAM will not be held liable for any deficit incurred by events that it endorses. Affiliated members pay no annual dues to the Association.

XII. To execute the decisions of the General Meeting of Members and to perform the administration and management tasks, the General Meeting of Members elects the Board of Directors.

Matters related to Board of Directors including representation, appointment, dismissal and suspension of directors, absence or inability to act of directors and conflict of interest are regulated by Article 5 of the Articles of Association.

The Board of Directors consists of the President, the retiring president who serves as Vice-President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and four other persons. These four named directors shall operate as President, Vice-President, Secretary-General and Treasurer of IUTAM, respectively.

The maximum continuous period of service as a director other than the President (P), Vice-President (VP), Secretary-General (SG) and Treasurer (T), is limited to eight years. Newly elected directors enter into office on the date of November 1, following the General Meeting of Members at which they are elected.

The Board of Directors will meet at least once every year.

The Secretary-General will act as a permanent center for all matters affecting IUTAM, including relations with its members and other organizations.

The Board of Directors is authorized to appoint one or more Assistant-Treasurers who will not be directors.

The Board of Directors shall draft a budget for each coming year, and shall administer the finances. The Treasurer prepares an annual financial report, and the accounts are audited. Then, the Board of Directors signs and submits the audited annual financial report to the General Meeting of Members for adoption.

The Vice-President shall normally fulfil the duties of the President should the President become unable to discharge them.

XIII. The General Meeting of Members establishes a standing Congress Committee (henceforth abbreviated CC) which supervises the organization of International Congresses of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (ICTAM) at regular intervals.

a) The President shall also serve as Chair of the CC.

b) The CC shall nominate a Secretary from its membership or past membership subject to that person's willingness to be nominated. Based on the CC nomination, the General Meeting of Members elects the Secretary of the CC for a four-year term of service with the possibility of renewal for a second term. It is desirable that the Secretary should have been a member of the CC for at least four years prior to nomination.

c) Members of the CC are elected by the General Meeting of Members as individuals active in theoretical and applied mechanics and need not be members of the Association. Prior to a General Meeting of Members, the Secretary of the CC shall invite nominations from members of the CC, members of IUTAM and affiliated organizations, and any appropriate subcommittees, such as the Symposia Panels. The size of the CC shall not exceed one-third of the size of the General Meeting of Members. Terms of service as a member of the CC shall generally be limited to two successive four-year terms.



It is desired that the composition of the CC be representative of the various mechanics disciplines, and of the diversity of the mechanics community.

- d) The CC shall nominate an Executive Committee from its membership. The President of IUTAM and the Secretary of the CC automatically serve as Chair and Secretary of the Executive Committee, respectively. Four additional members shall be nominated. The President of the upcoming International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics may also be appointed to the Executive Committee ex-officio. Experience with large congresses is a desirable quality of nominees for the Executive Committee. Based on the CC nominations, the General Meeting of Members elects the Executive Committee of the CC. Terms of service of the additional members on the Executive Committee of the CC are generally limited to two four-year terms.
- e) The terms of the Chair, Secretary and members of the CC and Executive Committee of the CC begin on November 1 following the General Meeting of Members at which they are elected, and end on October 31 of the fourth succeeding year.
- f) The rules of procedure of the CC shall be adopted by the General Meeting of Members.

XIV. The financial means of the Association are formed by:

- a) the annual subscriptions of the adhering organizations that are members;
- b) the subscriptions of the associate organizations;
- c) the levy from the organizers of International Congresses of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics;
- d) gifts and grants.

The Association shall maintain a roll of benefactors on which shall be inscribed annually the names of those persons or institutions which have accorded gifts, legacies or other subventions to the Association.

XV. The number of representatives of an adhering organization that is a member of the Association and the amount of the annual subscription to be paid by that organization will be regulated according to one of the following categories, as proposed by the adhering organization and after approval of the General Meeting of Members:

| Category | Number of Representatives | Units of Annual Subscription |
|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| I        | 1                         | 1                            |
| II       | 2                         | 3                            |
| III      | 3                         | 5                            |
| IV       | 4                         | 8                            |
| V        | 5                         | 12                           |

Changes in the amount of the unit annual subscription will be decided by the General Meeting of Members not less than one year in advance.

XVI. The subscription of an associate organization shall be set to cover a four-year period, and the level of this single payment shall be equal to the current annual subscription of a Category

I member. Admission as an associate organization shall be conditional on receipt of this subscription by the Treasurer. The status of each associate organization shall be reviewed after the initial four years and again after an additional period of four years. Associate organization status shall normally be limited to a maximum of eight years. The option to apply for Category I-II membership shall be open to an associate organization at any time.

XVII. Any proposal for alteration of the Internal Regulations either prepared by the Board of Directors or supported by statements to the Secretary-General signed by at least ten members of the General Meeting of Members with voting rights, will then be considered by the Board of Directors in consultation with lawyers if necessary. Then the proposal shall be sent to the members of the association with the Agenda for a meeting of the General Meeting of Members. Such proposals shall normally be discussed during the first session of that meeting and voted upon during the second session.

## **Part II**

### **Rules of procedure**

#### **Rules of procedure for the Congress Committee (CC)**

1. The CC shall hold meetings at least once every two years at a time when the General Meeting of Members occurs. Typically, this is during an International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (ICTAM) and two years after a Congress. Such a meeting shall follow the format (in- person, hybrid or virtual if provided by law) of the accompanying General Meeting of Members.
2. During a Congress, the CC shall review proposals for the next Congress and select the location by a vote of the CC members present (i.e., proxy votes are not permitted). This selection process will typically be accomplished over two separate meetings of the CC.
3. The Executive Committee of the CC handles matters arising during the period between meetings of the CC on behalf of the CC. At each General Meeting of Members accompanying a CC meeting, the Secretary of the CC reports on all such matters and their disposition since the last CC meeting. The Secretary should stay in close contact with the full membership of the CC and solicit input on substantive issues.
4. The actual organization of a Congress is delegated to a President and Secretary-General of the Congress, identified by the host. The President and the Secretary-General of the Congress are responsible to the Association for all aspects of the successful conduct of the Congress, including the publication of its Proceedings. The President and the Secretary-General of the Congress shall maintain an ongoing dialog with the Executive Committee, shall present an annual report on progress to the Executive Committee, and a report to the full committee at every meeting of the CC, from the time the Congress location is selected until the Congress has been held.
5. The President and the Secretary-General of the Congress shall obtain the approval of the CC (often through the Executive Committee) with regard to all matters affecting the general policy of the CC, and in particular with regard to:
  - 5.1. the scope of the Congress;

- 5.2. the screening of papers for the Congress;
  - 5.3. the selection of general lectures for the Congress;
  - 5.4. the appointment of chairs of sessions of the Congress;
  - 5.5. the broad principles regarding financial arrangements for the Congress.
6. Following the Congress, the host will pay a fee to the Association equivalent to a percentage of the registration fee paid by all attendees. The Executive Committee will ascertain that the level of the fee is consistent from Congress to Congress. The Association will not be held liable for any deficit incurred by the running of any ICTAM event.

### **Procedure for election of the Board of Directors**

1. The General Meeting of Members convened in accordance with article 4.2 of the Articles of Association at which the new Board of Directors is to be elected shall be held during two consecutive days, and a meeting session shall be held each day. At the General Meeting of Members preceding the one at which the new Board of Directors is to be elected, an Electoral Committee (EC) shall be elected, consisting of the President of IUTAM (who shall act as Chair of the EC) and two to four members of the General Meeting of Members who are not members of the current Board of Directors.
2. Following its election, the EC shall invite from members and their representatives, as well as observers of the General Meeting of Members indicated in Article VI under i) and ii) of these Internal Regulations, within a specified time limit, suggestions for candidates for the Board of Directors, viz. for the President (P), the Secretary-General (S) and the Treasurer (T), and for the four complementary positions. All suggestions shall be treated confidentially by the EC.
3. Taking account of all suggestions received, the EC shall submit to the Secretary-General nominations for candidates for election to the Board of Directors: one name for each of the positions (P, S, T) and one or more names for each of the other positions (W, X, Y, Z). The EC will make sure that the candidates thus nominated are willing to accept an election. These nominations shall be conveyed by the Secretary-General to the General Meeting of Members in advance of the first session of the General Meeting of Members at which the new Board of Directors is to be elected in accordance with Article 4.2 of the Articles of Association.
4. At this first session, additional candidates may be proposed by members of the General Meeting of Members for each and any of the positions P, S, T, W, X, Y, Z. No candidate may be proposed for more than one position.
5. In the second session of the General Meeting of Members convened in accordance with article 4.2 of the Articles of Association at which the new Board of Directors is to be elected, the proposals under clause 4 above shall be accepted if approved by the General Meeting of Members; otherwise they shall be considered withdrawn.
6. The General Meeting of Members shall vote separately on the surviving nominations for each of the positions P, S, T, W, X, Y, Z. In any case in which there is more than one candidate for a position, the vote shall be by secret ballot.

## **Procedure for electing Members-at-Large**

1. This procedure shall apply for the election and re-election of the Members-at-Large of the Association provided for in Article III(b) of these Internal Regulations.
2. Proposals, by members of the Association, for Members-at-Large must be received by the Board of Directors at least three months before the General Meeting of Members at which proposals are to be considered, normally during the International Congresses of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (ICTAM). All proposals will be treated confidentially by the Board of Directors.
3. Taking into account all material received, the Board of Directors will present to the General Meeting of Members such proposals as it deems will have at least a reasonable support by the General Meeting of Members, provided however that the total number of Members-at-Large is not to exceed approximately one eighth (1/8) of the total number of votes that can be cast at the General Meeting of Members. Such proposals will be circulated during the first session of the General Meeting of Members at which the proposals are to be voted on.
4. Proposals not identical with those presented by the Board of Directors are considered to be withdrawn, unless they are sustained and supported by at least ten members of the General Meeting of Members before its second session.
5. The General Meeting of Members will vote on those candidates mentioned in the proposals of §3 and §4.

## **Rules of procedure for Associate Organizations**

1. Eligibility: the prime criteria for the eligibility of any country X shall be
  - a) that X be in the developing world (as commonly understood) and not already a member of the Association;
  - b) that X can demonstrate an independent scientific activity in theoretical and applied mechanics (TAM), and a desire to extend this activity through association with IUTAM;
  - c) that an existing member country of the Association has research and/or teaching contacts in X through members of its community, and is prepared to support the application and act in an advisory capacity for X; and
  - d) that there exists in X a nationally recognized organization with approved Statutes (or equivalent), which represents all interested parties within the TAM community in X, and which can act as the Associate Organization for the purpose of official communication with, and representation in, IUTAM.
2. Rights and privileges: the rights and privileges of Associate Organizations include
  - a) the right to have a representative attend the General Meeting of Members of IUTAM as an observer without voting rights;
  - b) the right to have a representative attend an ICTAM, or any IUTAM Symposium, the registration fee being waived;
  - c) the right to propose the holding of an IUTAM Summer School in the country of the Associate Organization; in the event that such a proposal is successful, IUTAM could

undertake to provide an increased grant (say 50 % more than the current standard allocation).

### **Part III**

In case of a conflict between the text of the Articles of Association of IUTAM and the text of these Internal Regulations, the text of the Articles of Association will prevail. The General Meeting of Members may then decide to amend the Articles of Association and/or Internal Regulations. In matters not covered by the Articles of Association or Internal Regulations, the provisions of Dutch Civil Code shall apply.