

Statutes of the Forschungsgemeinschaft Indien und Südasiens e. V.
(FGI)
(Statutes of the Study Circle India and Southern Asia)

New version of the statutes adopted at the annual general meeting on 03.10.2016 at Wesel and the amendment of §6 (2) adopted at the annual general meeting on 01.10.2016 at Paderborn.

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These statutes are the replacement of the statutes "Neue Fassung, beschlossen auf der Jahreshauptversammlung der FG Indien e.V. am 21.05.1994 in Mutterstadt/Pfalz, versehen mit den Änderungen, die auf der Jahreshauptversammlung am 26.04.1997 in Obererthal beschlossen worden sind".

Please observe: The relevant text is the German language text. This English text is an unauthorized translation for information purposes only.

§ 1 Name, Seat and business year

- (1) The society's name is "Forschungsgemeinschaft Indien und Südasiens e.V.", short name "FGI".
- (2) The seat of the society is Halle/Saale. It is listed there in the register of societies.
- (3) The business year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose and Mission of the society

- (1) The members of the society are engaged in studying the philately and postal history of the Indian Subcontinent and neighbouring countries, especially those regions which had or have a special relationship to the British or Indian postal administration. The society supports the philately of Asia.
- (2) The society is working solely and straight as a non-profit organization according to the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the tax code.
- (3) The society is nonpartisan, confessional independent and does not accept any discrimination.
- (4) The purpose of the society is to support research projects, exhibition objects, publications, exhibits and any more positive activities in the interest of the collecting areas named above. The society supports youth work.
- (5) The society's purposes are realized particularly by Internet offers, approval service, society restricted auctions, a library, and a new issue service. Notably the journal Indien-Report serves the society's purposes.
- (6) The society is working unselfish, it is primarily not serving its own economic interests.
- (7) The society's means may only be used for the purposes described in the statutes.
- (8) The members do not get any gratuities from the society's means. No person may be benefited by any expenditures which are not related to the society's purposes or by excessive allowances. On principle the management board is working voluntarily. The general meeting can decide a yearly adequate fixed compensation.

§ 3 Membership

- (1) The society consists of
 - Members,
 - Sponsoring Members,
 - Honorary Members.
- (2) The membership must be requested with an application form. The management board decides on membership admission. The management board has the right to deny the membership without giving any reasons. Membership starts with the day of acceptance of the application by the management board.
- (3) The class of Members includes all philatelists which are member in a society associated to the BDPH or are member of any FIP member federation.

(4) The class of Sponsoring Members is open for any philatelic organization or natural person. Precondition for a membership is the support of the tasks described in § 2. Organizations and legal persons name a representative.

(5) A person can be appointed as Honorary Member if she/he rendered outstanding services to the collecting areas mentioned above or the FGI. Proposals for the appointment of an Honorary Member have to be submitted to the management board latest four weeks before a general meeting well-founded in written form. The general meeting will decide by simple majority. Honorary Members have all rights of Members but are exempted from membership fees.

(6) All members of the society may use all facilities of the society.

(7) Every Member and every Sponsoring Member has to pay the membership fee for the current year until 31st March of the year. The amount of the membership fee for the next year is determined by the members at the general meeting. The amount remains unchanged if a decision is not taken at the general meeting.

(8) The membership ends:

- by written notice of termination to the management board and becomes effective with the end of the current year.

- by exclusion on a management board decision due to an act perceived hurtful to the society. Against such decision an appeal is possible to the next general meeting which has to decide finally with simple majority.

- by death.

§ 4 Organs of the society

The organs of the society are:

- the Management Board,
- the General Meeting (MV).

§ 5 The Management Board

(1) The Management Board of the FGI is elected by the General Meeting for a period of three years (legislative period).

(2) The Management Board consists of the 1st Chairman, 2nd Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Editor of the Indien-Report. The Management Board according to § 26 BGB consists of the 1st Chairman, 2nd Chairman and the Secretary. Each one of these alone is authorized to represent the society. Within the Management Board decisions are made by simple majority.

(3) In the case of resignation of a member of the Management Board before the end of the legislative period the Management Board will coopt a member of the society for the available function until the end of the legislative period.

(4) The election of one or more members of the Management Board can be done by acclamation or secret ballot. The voting on the election modalities (acclamation / secret ballot, en bloc / separately) is done before the election itself.

(5) The Extended Management Board can include the Approval Services Manager, New Issue Services Manager, the Librarian, and the Auctioneer. For these the election modalities are valid analogous to those of the members of the Management Board.

§ 6 The General Meeting (MV)

(1) The General Meeting is held once a year.

(2) The invitation to the MV is published by the Management Board at least four weeks in advance. It must contain the location, date, time, and agenda. The invitation is sent to the latest known address of a member. If an e-mail address is given the invitation may be sent to the latest known e-mail address if the member has not given a written contrary instruction to the society.

(3) Every duly convened MV is quorate. The MV has the following statutory obligations:

- Receipt of the report of the Management Board,
- Receipt of the report of the Treasurer's report,
- Receipt of the report of the Cash Auditors,
- Discharge of the Treasurer,
- Discharge of the Management Board,

- Election of the Management Board (at expiration of the legislative period),
- Election of the Cash Auditors,
- Fixing of the membership fee,
- Decision making on requests.

Decision making is done by simple majority of the present members entitled to vote. In the case of equality of votes the vote of the 1st Chairman will decide.

- Decision to change the statutes if necessary. Requests for amendments of the statutes can be submitted by 10% of the members or by the Management Board at latest four weeks before a MV in written form to the Management Board. Such decisions need a 2/3 majority of the present members entitled to vote.

(4) For every MV minutes have to be written down signed by the 1st Chairman and the Secretary. Publication of the minutes is done by simple letter or by publication in the Indien-Report.

(5) An extraordinary MV has to be convoked if 10% of the members submit a written well-founded request.

§ 7 Cash Auditing

(1) The auditing of the annual financial statement and all cash matters is done once a year by two Cash Auditors. The cash auditors make a report on the auditing. The report has to be evaluated by the Management Board.

(2) The Cash Auditors are elected by the MV for a period of two years; additionally a third member is elected as standby. A one-time re-election is possible. The Cash Auditors must not be members of the Management Board.

(3) In well-founded cases the Cash Auditors are free to check the cash documents at any time.

(4) In the case of resignation of a Cash Auditor before the end of the legislative period the standby according to sentence (2) will move up.

§ 8 Liquidation of the society

(1) The liquidation of the society can be decided by the MV.

(2) A liquidation decision comes into effect if at least 1/3 of the regular members are present and a majority of 3/4 of the present regular members vote for the liquidation.

(3) The society's assets, remaining after the deduction of all liabilities of the society, will be given to the "Deutsche Philatelisten-Jugend e. V."