



## THE CHARTER FEDERATION OF BEEKEEPING ORGANIZATIONS APISLAVIA

### MAIN PROVISIONS

**Article 1** - The Federation of Beekeeping Organizations APISLAVIA (“APISLAVIA”) is the successor of the All- Slavic Beekeeping Union founded in 1910.

**Article 2** - APISLAVIA is a non-profit organization, a voluntary association of beekeeping organizations.

**Article 3** - APISLAVIA is established for an unlimited term.

**Article 4** - APISLAVIA provides assistance to its members in the development of beekeeping.

**Article 5** - The official languages are Russian and English.

### NAME AND ADDRESS

**Article 6** - The full name of the organization in Russian is: Федерация пчеловодческих организаций – „АПИСЛАВИЯ”.

**Article 7** - The registered address of APISLAVIA is the location of its Management Secretariat at 14 Svrca Street, Bratislava 4, 84208, the Slovak Republic.

### DOCUMENTS AND SEAL

**Article 8** - Each written communication of the organization is to include the following details: the name, address, registration information including the registration number.

**Article 9** - APISLAVIA has a round seal bearing the text “Federation of Beekeeping Organizations APISLAVIA”, the flag and the logo. APISLAVIA may use a seal with Latin and Cyrillic letters for international correspondence.

## MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**Article 10** - APISLAVIA may be an associated member of international organizations having the same objectives as APISLAVIA.

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

**Article 11** - The objectives of APISLAVIA are to develop beekeeping in a systematic, comprehensive manner, including:

- a) To contribute to the improvement and control over bee products;
- b) To coordinate the activities for the health of bee families;
- c) To coordinate advertising and sales of bee products;
- d) To coordinate activities in the field of apitherapy;
- e) To improve and develop selection and breeding activities;
- f) To promote better direct contacts and exchange of experience between beekeepers.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

**Article 12** - APISLAVIA:

- a) Develops and promotes introduction of new technology in all areas of bee-keeping;
- b) Coordinates preventive and medical activities included into joint programs;
- c) Provides exchange of information on the use of various medicines and their efficiency;
- d) Provides exchange and distribution of specialized literature, including periodicals and video materials;
- e) Promotes organization of joint activities of scientific institutions;
- f) Organizes and holds scientific symposiums, conferences, seminars in the Apislavia member countries;
- g) Organizes joint trade shows for exchange of experience and sale of bee products, bee-keeping equipment, literature, video materials and medicine;
- h) Promotes the creation of joint ventures and certified laboratories for the analysis of bee products;

- i) Helps to regulate relations between the government and non-government organizations regarding the application of the main bee-keeping development programs;
- j) Organizes Congresses held in APISLAVIA member countries every two years, usually in parallel with the General Assembly meetings;
- k) Assists in economic activities, the profit from which is used to cover organizational expenses of APISLAVIA.

### MEMBERSHIP IN APISLAVIA

**Article 13** - Non-profit organizations representing national and international bee-keeping associations and unions may become members of APISLAVIA. Members of Apislavia could be one or more apicultural organizations from a country.

**Article 14** - To admit a new member to APISLAVIA, requires the consent of at least 2/3 of APISLAVIA members attending the General Assembly.

**Article 15** - Candidate members of APISLAVIA shall submit to the Secretariat of APISLAVIA their applications with the following appendices:

- a) Declaration of acceptance of the APISLAVIA Charter and other normative acts of the organization;
- b) Resolution of the competent body on the consent for the candidate's membership in APISLAVIA;
- c) An official document confirming the legal status of the candidate.

**Article 16** - The candidate's application is reviewed at a meeting of APISLAVIA's General Assembly.

**Article 17** - Should the General Assembly refuse to admit a candidate member; it is entitled to re-submit its application, regardless of its reasons.

**Article 18** - Membership in APISLAVIA terminates:

- a) By an application of a member of APISLAVIA;
- b) By a resolution of the APISLAVIA General Assembly;
- c) Upon liquidation of APISLAVIA;
- d) By not paying dues for two years.

## RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS. RESPONSIBILITY

**Article 19** - Each member of APISLAVIA is entitled to:

- a) Participate in the management of the Federation;
- b) Participate in adoption of resolutions by casting one vote;
- c) Provide control over the activities of the organization;
- d) Participate in all events of the organization;
- e) Make suggestions on the amendments to the Charter and other normative acts of the organization.

**Article 20** - The members of APISLAVIA are obliged to:

- a) Comply with the Charter and perform resolutions of the Federation;
- b) Participate in the activities of the organization;
- c) Keep and augment the authority of the organization;
- d) Pay the annual membership fee of 250 Euros latest until the day of General Assembly.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY – THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FEDERATION

**Article 21**

- a) The governing body of the Federation is the General Assembly. Each organization represented in the General Assembly is entitled to have one vote.
- b) The General Assembly approves the report on the work performed by the Federation.
- c) The General Assembly approves the report of the Auditing Commission.
- d) The General Assembly elects the President, two Vice-Presidents and the General Secretary of the Federation.
- e) The General Assembly elects the Auditing Body (Control and Revision Commission) of 3 people. The Auditing Body shall monitor the economic and legal aspects of the management. President of the Auditing Body is elected for a term of four years and can be reelected for another term of four years only.
- f) The General Assembly approves the work plan of APISLAVIA.
- g) The General Assembly approves the financial plan.

h) The General Assembly approves new members of APISLAVIA.

## **Article 22**

- a) By decision of the General Assembly working commissions are created.
- b) The President of the Federation (or one of the Vice-Presidents in the event of his absence) governs the meetings of the General Assembly. The General Secretary of the General Assembly acts as the secretary at the meetings.

## THE RIGHTS OF THE GENERALASSEMBLY

**Article 23** - The General Assembly:

- a) Makes proposals on amendments and additions to the Charter of the Federation.
- b) Establishes or abolishes working commissions.
- c) Hears the report on the activities of the Federation and Commissions.
- d) Prepares the budget of the Federation.
- e) Approves the main lines of development and working programs of the Federation.
- f) Makes decision on the participation of the Federation in other organizations.
- g) Admits new members and suggests exclusion of the members of the Federation who violated the Charter.

Resolutions of the General Assembly are binding for all other bodies of the Federation.

## CALLING OF THE GENERALASSEMBLY

**Article 24** - The General Assembly meets once in two years during Apislavia Congress. The host organization elected by members of the General Assembly provides free of charge accommodation and meals for two Apislavia members of each organization during Assembly debates.

## QUORUM AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERALASSEMBLY

**Article 25** - Resolutions of the General Assembly are deemed legitimate if at least 50% of its members are present at the meeting. If the percentage of 50% plus one of Apislavia

members are not present, the General Assembly may be convened a second time at which Resolutions can be adopted with 50% plus one of the present members.

**Article 26** - Under the decision of the General Assembly, voting may be open or secret.

**Article 27** - Resolutions of the General Assembly are passed by the majority of votes, if at least 50% of the members are present. For certain matters a different percentage of members may be sufficient to form the quorum.

**Article 28** - The minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly are prepared by the General Secretary and signed by all the members of Apislavia present at the meeting.

#### PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS, GENERAL SECRETARY

**Article 29** - The President of APISLAVIA is the head of Executive body of the Federation. Any capable physical person may become the President of APISLAVIA. The President is elected from among the leaders of bee-keeping alliances, associations and unions, members of APISLAVIA, in accordance with the principle of rotation, for the term of four years with the possibility for renewal for another four years.

**Article 30** - The President:

- a) Organizes operations of the Federation;
- b) Ensures enforcement of the resolutions of the General Assembly;
- c) Represents Apislavia to third parties; and
- d) Performs other functions as suggested by the General Assembly.
- e) Convene meetings of the Executive Body, consisting of President, vice presidents and Secretary General of the Federation, at least once a year.

**Article 31** - Any capable physical person may become the Vice-President. Vice-Presidents are elected from the countries – members of APISLAVIA for the term of four years with the possibility for renewal for another four years.

**Article 32** - Any capable physical person may become the General Secretary of APISLAVIA. The General Secretary is elected from the member countries for the term of four years. The term of its authority may be extended by resolution of the General Assembly.

#### THE REVISION COMMISSION

**Article 33**

- a) Exercises control over the activities of all the bodies of APISLAVIA and compliance with the Charter of the Federation.
- b) Controls financial and other expenses.
- c) Prepares written reports about its activities presented to the General Assembly.

#### FINANCING OF APISLAVIA

**Article 34** - APISLAVIA is financed from membership fees, national and European grants and other sources permitted by the law.

**Article 35** - The Federation does not distribute profit among its members.

**Article 36** - The Federation may adopt resolutions on additional financing for its members depending on the needs and their possibilities.

#### TERMINATION AND LIQUIDATION

**Article 37** - The Federation is liquidated:

- a) By resolution of the General Assembly.
- b) By decisions of the court.

In the event of termination of the Federation, it shall be liquidated by authorized persons designated by the General Assembly.