

Action for Genomic integrity through Research (AGiR)

Vaud, Switzerland

Article 1

Action for Genomic integrity through Research (AGiR) is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and, secondarily, by Articles 60 to 79 of the Swiss Civil Code.

It is neutral politically and non-denominational.

Article 2

The Organization's headquarters are located in the State of Vaud.
The association shall be of unlimited duration.

Purposes

Article 3

The association shall pursue the following aim(s): the propagation of information and the pursuit of research into impacts upon genomic integrity by ingredients from personal care products. International collaborations, active dissemination of information, and the pursuit of research funding for directed research studies will be mediated through various working groups of the association. An ultimate aim of defining sufficiently reliable methods for starting controlled human tests is a key criterion for success of this association, while increased general knowledge, law enforcement, and safety of dye formulations would also be satisfactory outcomes from the inception of this association, Action for Genomic integrity through Research.

Resources

Article 4

The association's resources come from:
volunteer activism;
donations;
private and public subsidies; and
any other resources authorized by the law.

The funds shall be used in conformity with the association's aims, to provide information and promote research to protect genomic integrity.

Members

Article 5

Members shall be accepted internationally, and will share a concern for protection of genomic integrity.

Requests to become a member must be addressed to the association, which admits new members and informs the General Assembly accordingly.

Organs

Article 6

The Association's organs are:

- a) The General Assembly,
- b) The Executive Committee
- c) The auditor.

General Assembly

Article 7

The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority. It is composed of all the members.

It shall hold an Ordinary Meeting once each year. It may also meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary, by decision of the Committee or at the request of one-fifth of the members.

The General Assembly shall be considered valid regardless of the number of members present.

The Executive Committee shall inform the members of the date of the General Assembly at least two weeks in advance. The notification, including the proposed agenda, shall be announced at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 8

The General Assembly:

- a) shall approve the admission and expulsion of members
- b) appoints the members of the Committee and elects, a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer;
- c) notes the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year and votes on their adoption;
- d) approves the annual budget;
- e) supervises the activity of other organs, which it may dismiss, stating the grounds therefore;
- f) appoints an auditor for the Organization's accounts;

g) decides on any modification of statutes;

Article 9

The General Assembly is presided over by president of the association.

Article 10

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present. In case of deadlock, the President shall have the casting vote.

Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes and the dissolution of the Association must be approved by a two-third majority of the members present.

Article 11

Votes are by a show of hands. If requested by at least five members, they take place by secret ballot.

Article 12

The agenda of the ordinary annual session of the general assembly must include:

- approval of the record of the previous General Assembly
- the Committee's annual report on activities
- report of the treasurer and of the auditor
- approval of the budget
- approval of reports and accounts
- election of Committee members and auditor
- other business

Executive Committee

Article 13

The Committee is authorized to carry out all acts that further the purposes of the association. It is authorized to manage the Organization's business.

Article 14

The Committee is composed of at least 3 members elected by the General Assembly. Each member's term of office shall last for 2 years and is renewable. The Committee meets as often as required.

Article 15

The Committee members act voluntarily and can only be compensated for their effective and travel costs. Eventual fees cannot exceed that paid for official commissions. For activities exceeding the usual function, each committee member can receive appropriate compensation.

The paid employees of the association have only a consultative vote in the committee.

Article 16

The functions of the Committee are:

to take all measures to attain the goals of the Association;

to convene General Assemblies;

to take decisions with regard to admission of new members, to resignations of members, and to their possible expulsion;

to ensure the Statutes are applied, to draft rules of procedure, and to administer the assets of the Association.

Article 17

The association shall be validly bound by the joint signatures of the association founder, Rachel Aronoff, and a member of the committee.

Various provisions

Article 18

The financial year shall begin on 1st of January and end on 31st of December of each year. The treasurer is responsible for the finances of the association.

The auditor appointed by the General Assembly shall audit the Association's accounts every year.

Article 19

The founding of this association is based upon concern over the environment and public health due to common use of personal care products containing ingredients which might induce mutations in organisms. Therefore, creating links with other associations, which are concerned about similar issues, informing the public about latest scientific results and practical ways to limit exposures, forming working groups that will focus on particular areas and potentially develop funded research projects will all be part and parcel of this association. Ultimately, the General Assembly will make decisions that could have broad impact on genomic integrity worldwide. The executive committee and the president will work to make sure these decisions are carried out actively and successfully.

Article 20

In the case of the association being dissolved, the assets should be allotted to a non-profit organization pursuing goals of public interest similar to those of the organization and also benefiting from tax exemption. The goods cannot be returned to the founders or members, nor be used to their own profit.

The present Statutes have been approved by the Constituent General Assembly of Action for Genomic Integrity through Research (AGiR).

Signed _____ for the Association, AGiR:
(date, place)

Founder, Rachel Aronoff

and

Committee Member

_____ (role)

Definitions:

Genome	The total genetic content of an organism
Genomic Integrity	When all the genetic components function properly together, for appropriate growth and development.
Mutations	Permanent changes to the genome