

**STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS  
FICPI SWEDISH ASSOCIATION**

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**1. Name**

The name of the Association is THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS, SWEDISH ASSOCIATION, and shall, in abbreviation, be FICPI SWEDEN.

**2. Objects**

The objects of FICPI SWEDEN:

- (a) to function as the national Association in Sweden of Federation Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (FICPI) within the meaning of Article 5(1) of the Statutes of FICPI.
- (b) to subscribe to and pursue the aims of FICPI as set out in Article 2 of its Statutes.
- (c) to collaborate with other National Associations and the National Sections of FICPI.

FICPI SWEDEN shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the spirit of the Statutes and Regulations of FICPI, as they may be amended or modified from time to time.

**3. Membership**

Such persons as shall have been duly and regularly admitted to membership and remain members at the date of adoption of these Statutes, and such other persons as shall be admitted hereunder in accordance with provisions of these Statutes and none others shall be members of FICPI SWEDEN and shall remain or be entered in the Register of Members as the case may require.

Subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs of this Article, Intellectual Property Attorneys having their predominant place of business in Sweden shall be eligible for election to Membership.

FICPI SWEDEN recognizes the following Groups of Members: Ordinary Members, Veteran Members, Junior Members and Honorary Members.

The Intellectual Property Attorney shall at the time of election as Ordinary Member be in private practice as an Intellectual Property Attorney, normally being an Authorized Patent Attorney and or Qualified European Patent Attorney or an Authorized Trademark Attorney, with five years of practice, three of which in private practice as an Intellectual Property Attorney.

Any Ordinary Member who wishes to remain a member of FICPI SWEDEN when

definitively ceasing to practice personally may join as an Veteran Member by sending a simple application to the Council.

A Junior Member is recognized as an Intellectual Property Attorney who is in private practice but does not yet fulfil the requirement for election as an Ordinary Member. A Junior Member is not allowed to remain a Junior Member but has to convert to ordinary membership after five years of practice, three of which in private practice as an Intellectual Property Attorney. A junior member of FICPI SWEDEN shall not be recognized as a member of FICPI.

Election of Members shall be the business of the Council and it shall be in their sole discretion and they shall not be required to give any reasons for the exercise of that discretion.

The name of a member shall be removed from the list of membership:

- a) at his own request, in writing; or
- b) if, while continuing to practice as an Intellectual Property Attorney, he ceases to be in private practice; or
- c) if the member's behaviour has been found to be in contravention of the Statutes, Rules and/or Code of Professional Conduct of FICPI.

A member may be temporarily suspended from membership by the Council, if any moneys due to FICPI SWEDEN remain unpaid three months after they have fallen due, as long as they remain unpaid.

Any member who has been removed from the list of members may be reinstated thereto by the Council on such conditions, if any, as the Council may decide.

Persons may be appointed to Honorary Membership of FICPI SWEDEN in recognition of their contribution to the promotion of intellectual property in Sweden or elsewhere. Such appointment shall be by simple majority at a General Meeting.

An Honorary Member shall not be called upon to pay a subscription to FICPI SWEDEN.

#### **4. Subscriptions**

The subscription of FICPI SWEDEN shall be determined by the Council from year to year, and shall be due and payable on 1 January in respect of each calendar year. FICPI SWEDEN shall also act as agent for the collection of the subscriptions payable to FICPI.

All Members, including Veteran Members and Junior Members, but excluding Honorary Members, have to pay annual membership fee to FICPI SWEDEN.

FICPI SWEDEN shall be responsible for the payment to its subscription to FICPI.

#### **5. Council of the Group**

There shall be a Council consisting of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer

and minimum two and maximum four other persons, all being elected from among members by FICPI SWEDEN at its Annual General Meeting. Every candidate for election as a member of the Council must be nominated in writing lodged at the office of FICPI SWEDEN, before the Annual General Meeting at which the elections are to take place, as provided for in Section 6.1 hereof. Vacancies occurring in the Council during the Council's term of office may be filled by the Council.

The business of FICPI SWEDEN shall be managed by the Council, which may exercise all powers and do on behalf of FICPI SWEDEN all acts as may be exercised or done by FICPI Sweden itself in General Meeting. The Council is located in Stockholm.

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Council shall have the power to make By-Laws for the conduct of FICPI SWEDEN's affairs and for the furtherance of its objects. By-Laws made by the Council shall be of full force and effect unless and until they have been revised or revoked by the majority of members at a General Meeting upon not less than ten day's notice of the proposed revision or revocation.

In addition, the Council may delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of such members of FICPI SWEDEN as may from time to time be determined by the Council. The President for the time being of FICPI SWEDEN shall be ex-officio member of every committee of the Council. Every such Committee shall elect a Chairman, who need not necessarily be the President of FICPI SWEDEN. Every such Committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any rules that may be imposed upon it by the Council.

The Council shall cause true accounts to be kept giving full particulars:

- a) of all money, investments and assets and liabilities of FICPI SWEDEN;
- b) of all money received and expended by FICPI SWEDEN and of the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure arise; and
- c) of all sales and purchases of goods by FICPI SWEDEN. Proper books shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not kept such books of account as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of FICPI SWEDEN's affairs and to explain its transactions.

The books of account shall be kept at the office or at such other place or places as the Council may from time to time determine and shall at all times be open to the inspection of Members of the Council.

The Council shall cause to be prepared and laid before FICPI SWEDEN at every Annual General Meeting of FICPI SWEDEN, the income and expenditure account and the balance sheet and report by the Council made up to the end of the preceding calendar year.

The Council shall cause Registers to be kept containing the names of all persons elected to membership, and the dates when they were elected, ceased to be members, or were re-admitted, with such particulars as may be necessary. Every member shall furnish particulars of his addresses, private and professional, and

every changes thereof from time to time to the Secretary.

## **6. General Meetings**

An Annual General Meeting of all members of FICPI SWEDEN shall be called in the last quarter of each year. At least five weeks' notice of such a meeting shall be given, with an invitation to submit nominations for the Council vacancies ensuing from the operation of Section 5 hereof not later than three weeks from the date of set for the meeting. In respect of those vacancies for which a greater than requisite number of nominations is received, a ballot of the members shall be held. Ballot papers therefore shall be circulated to members at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Ballot papers shall be returnable by post or by hand to arrive no later than the time set for the commencement of the meeting.

The Council may from time to time call such other General Meetings as it may consider desirable.

Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by the Council at the request of at least ten members.

General Meetings take their decisions by a simple majority, except as otherwise provided for herein.

General Meetings can refuse to approve the administration of the Council only by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

## **7. Amendment of the Statutes**

These Statutes may be amended at a General Meeting only by a three-quarters majority of those present and voting, provided that the notice calling such General Meeting shall specify the nature of the amendments intended to be proposed.

## **8. Indemnity of Officials**

Every member of the Council and of every Committee shall be indemnified by FICPI SWEDEN against all costs, losses and expenses which any such Member may incur or become liable for in any way in the execution of his office or trusts, except if occasioned by his own wilful act or default; and, subject as aforesaid, none of the Members shall be answerable for any act or default of any other of them or for joining in receipts for the sake of conformity, or for any loss, misfortune, or damage which may happen in the execution of his office or in relation thereto, except it shall have happened by his own wilful act or default.

## **9. Winding-up**

If upon winding-up or dissolution of FICPI SWEDEN there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debits and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions, having objects similar to the objects of FICPI SWEDEN and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their Members, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of FICPI SWEDEN at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision

then to some charitable object.

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