

ROYAL EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF DOCTORS

STATUTES

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Part 1
CHARACTER AND PURPOSES OF THE ACADEMY

Article 1: DENOMINATION AND SCOPE

1. The ROYAL EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF DOCTORS (RAED) is a public corporation of a scientific, technical and artistic nature, whose object is the research, study, promotion and dissemination of knowledge in its broadest sense.
2. The Royal European Academy of Doctors was originally founded in 1914 as “The Association of Enrolled Doctors of Catalonia”, later renamed “The Academy of Doctors of Catalonia and the Balearic Islands”, regulated as an academy in Catalonia by Decree 90/1989, of 13 March 1989. It received its “Royal” prefix on 2 October 1989.

On 2 June 2016, the Head of the Royal House informed the Academy of the approval of its denomination as “European”. It is now known indistinctly as the *Reial Acadèmia Europea de Doctors* (in Catalan) and *Real Academia Europea de Doctores* (in Spanish), both translated as “Royal European Academy of Doctors”. All documents carry the added detail “Barcelona - 1914”.

3. The *Generalitat* (the regional government of Catalonia) recognises the advisory status of the Academy with respect to Spain's artistic heritage legislation and issues affecting the public bodies of Catalonia, and its public administration in general, from a local level right up to that of the European Union, in accordance with the law as it applies in each case.
4. The Academy’s remit extends to all issues concerning established freedoms, security and justice within the European Union.
5. One of the Royal Academy’s purposes, without prejudice to the universal scope of its work, is to conserve and promote Catalan language and culture; a task that it has been performing continuously since its inception and with which it reaffirms its commitment to loyalty and service.
6. The Academy shall have a Code of Ethics regulated by the Rules of Internal Procedure.



Article 2: OFFICIAL SEAT

1. The official seat of the Academy is in the city of Barcelona. The Academy may approve the opening of branches in other locations.
2. The official seat of the Academy is at Via Laietana, núm. 32, piso 3º, despacho 311, Barcelona, Spain (*Fomento del Trabajo Nacional* building). A change of official seat shall not require amendment of these statutes.

The Academy may open branches elsewhere in the city of Barcelona or in other places where the Academy has chosen to establish an official seat.

3. All publications issued by the Academy shall refer to the city of Barcelona and the year 1914 as its respective geographical and chronological references.

Article 3: ACTIVITIES

The main **activities** of the RAED are as follows:

- a) To promote and propagate progress in the fields of literature, science, health, the arts and technology in their diverse social contexts.
- b) To maintain members' links with universities, to provide a point of encounter for doctors from all over the world and to encourage cultural interaction.
- c) To ensure the rights, dignity, professional and entrepreneurial prestige and any other prerogative of the title of "Doctor", while seeking out the moral and material improvements inherent in the same. To support all those who aspire to achieve it, while preventing any usurping or misuse of the distinction that it provides.
- d) To encourage scientific cooperation and mutual assistance among professionals and academics in the course of interdisciplinary research.
- e) To promote the cause of peace with ever-closer cooperative relationships between the world's scientific academies.
- f) To exercise the consultative, representative and electoral functions recognised by law.



- g) To advise and supply reports requested by official bodies, public entities, corporations, businesses and other organisations on the issues in which the Academy specialises under the terms of paragraph “a” of this article.
- h) To endorse scientific research whose importance merits such support.
- i) To advise the communications media regarding the veracity of scientific information and any that might be misleading.
- j) To organise scientific, cultural and artistic activities relating to the study or promotion of the disciplines that constitute the Academy’s objectives, in a manner agreed by the Governing Board and subject to a previous report from the section or sections concerned, with particular reference to article 28.5 this document.
- k) To promote and encourage research via the selective award of prizes, grants and other measures designed to act as an incentive for scientific work, in accordance with conditions established by the Academy for this purpose.
- l) The RAED shall establish and maintain scientific and cultural relationships with other institutions, associations and inter-academic federations based anywhere in the world; both directly and via its numerary, honorary, emeritus, honorary or corresponding members.

Part 2 COMPOSITION AND ORGANISATION

Article 4: MEMBERS

The RAED consists of:

- a) One hundred and fifty numerary members, of whom twenty-five must be from other member-countries of the European Union
- b) Corresponding members.
- c) Honorary members.
- d) Supernumerary and emeritus members who were originally numerary members.



Article 5: NUMERARY MEMBERS

1. Numerary members shall be selected from among citizens of any European country who hold doctorates from universities of recognised prestige, according to the RAED's criteria, and who are willing to contribute selflessly to the progress of humanity, the advancement of thought and the quality of science, philosophy, technology or the arts.
2. Numerary members shall be inducted as follows:
 - a) The Governing Board shall announce the vacancy or vacancies concerned, inform the department of the *Generalitat* of Catalonia with responsibility for academies and publish a corresponding notice in the Official Journal and on the RAED website.
 - b) Proposals signed by three numerary members (one of whom must be the proposer) may then be submitted within ten calendar days of the vacancy concerned being published in the Official Journal, accompanied by the candidate's detailed curriculum vitae. No person shall propose him or herself as a candidate.
 - c) Once the above deadline has expired, the Admission Board shall have thirty calendar days in which to submit to the Governing Board a detailed report naming its chosen candidate(s), if any, for the vacancy or vacancies concerned.
 - d) The Governing Board shall announce the name of the candidate (or candidates, if there is more than one vacancy) and transfer the matter to the General Meeting.
 - e) In order to be elected, a candidate must obtain a simple majority of votes at the General Meeting.
 - f) The election of new numerary members shall be announced in the Official Journal and on the RAED website.
 - g) The member elect shall supply a copy of his or her acceptance speech to the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall establish a date for the delivery of the speech and shall select the member designated to give a speech of response.

Article 6: EMERITUS MEMBERS

Numerary members shall automatically acquire the status of *emeritus* upon reaching eighty years of age, thereby vacating their seat, while nevertheless retaining all the rights, duties and prerogatives of their numerary status.



Article 7: CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

The RAED shall award corresponding membership to holders of doctorates from anywhere in the world, in order to create a flexible association with their work on the basis of its scientific, technical or artistic merit.

Article 8: HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary membership may be conferred on persons of any nationality who have rendered relevant services to the RAED or performed a prestigious role in public life.

Article 9: MEMBERS' DUTIES

Members' duties are as follows:

- a) To abide by the statutes, rules of internal procedure and agreements governing the institution.
- b) To contribute to progress in their own specific scientific, technical or artistic field.
- c) To safeguard the prestige of the RAED and its doctoral qualifications.
- d) To issue reports, participate in committees and carry out scientific work entrusted to them.
- e) To attend corresponding meetings and sessions.
- f) To accept the positions of responsibility to which they are elected, co-opted or designated, unless there are grounds to justify the contrary.

Article 10: RIGHTS OF NUMERARY MEMBERS

Numerary academicians shall, in addition to being addressed as "Excellency" at events and in official communications, enjoy the honours and privileges that historic precedent grants to holders of doctorates, and shall have the following rights:

- a) The right to speak and vote at sessions and meetings.



b) Eligibility for all posts of academic responsibility.

c) The right to wear the Academy's medal.

Article 11: THE MEDAL OF THE ACADEMY

The Medal of the Academy consists of a Spanish escutcheon with a gold field containing four vertical red stripes, crossed by a diagonal image of the doctoral staff with its pommel at top right. The arms are crested with the royal crown of Spain. The supporters are two palm fronds, crossed at the bottom.

Article 12: RIGHTS OF HONORARY AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Honorary and corresponding academicians shall be entitled to be addressed as "Excellency" and also to wear the RAED's medal. They shall likewise prepare and read out, at a formal event held for the purpose, an acceptance speech, to be followed by the corresponding response. Corresponding members undertake to contribute to the Academy's aims, maintain a normal relationship with the institution and fulfil any tasks or commissions that it might assign to them.

Article 13: SUPERNUMERARY MEMBERS

Supernumerary members are those who, having been numerary members and for reasons explained below, are rewarded this new class of membership.

Article 14: CHANGE TO SUPERNUMERARY MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member may ask to change to supernumerary membership, thereby counselling his or her current status and creating a corresponding vacancy. A member's request to change to supernumerary membership shall nevertheless be assumed to arise from one of the following situations:

a) Failure, over two consecutive years, to attend at least four meetings of the RAED

b) Failure, over three consecutive academic years, to make at least one academic contribution in a public or private session.

c) Notification to the Governing Board of a desire to be relieved of the corresponding duties of a numerary member.



- d) Failure to settle the subscription amounts agreed to by the Governing board and established in article 37 b of these statutes.
- 2.** The following circumstances may provide just cause for suspending the application of paragraph 1 of this article:
- a) Illness preventing attendance at academic sessions.
 - b) Appointment to the diplomatic corps or to a temporary academic or official post based abroad.
 - c) *Force majeure* or other circumstances deemed serious by the Governing Board.
 - d) Exoneration from duties by the Governing Board itself.
- 3.** The Governing Board shall propose to the General Meeting any specific application of this article or, if applicable, express its opposition to the same.
- 4.** Supernumerary members may only participate in the public sessions of the RAED.

Article 15: REINSTATEMENT OF SUPERNUMERARY MEMBERS

- 1.** Once five years have passed since a member became supernumerary the member concerned may request that the General Meeting reinstate him or her as a numerary member. The Meeting shall then approve or reject the request. If the application is approved, the member concerned shall be entitled to occupy the next vacancy that arises.
- 2.** Approval of the application shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at the corresponding General Meeting. The resolution shall take into account, along with attendance and other factors, the applicant's academic works and other scientific activities during the period in which he or she remained a supernumerary member of the Academy.
- 3.** The right to be reinstated as a numerary member shall not be exercised more than once and shall in any case oblige the applicant to settle the fees that would have been paid by members in the five years prior to being reinstated as a numerary member.



Article 16: ASSIGNMENT OF WORKS AND IMAGES TO THE ACADEMY

1. Members of whatever status undertake, upon becoming members as established in the regulations, to submit to the Academy's library a copy of each of the scientific or literary works of any kind of which they are the author or translator, and also to submit all and any details that might be required to complete their file held by the Secretariat and enhance their personal details published on the website.
2. Members may refer to their membership, provided they also indicate the corresponding class of that membership, in their published writings and other works, and on any occasion that they consider fit as an indication of social and scientific rank.
3. All members shall, by virtue of their membership in any class and from the moment of the election, assign to the RAED and its appointed agents and representatives the right to use their personal image, including voice recordings, for use or dissemination by the RAED of their presentations and speeches at events of a scientific, artistic or professional nature defined as such at the RAED's discretion, and in any case for incorporation into the web pages of the aforementioned Royal Corporation. This assigning of images and audiovisual rights shall be completely free of charge.

**Part 3
GOVERNANCE OF THE ACADEMY**

Article 17: THE ACADEMY'S GOVERNING BODIES

The bodies representing the RAED are as follows: The General Meeting, the Governing Board, the Executive Committee, the Senate and the Institute for International Cooperation.

The Academy's organisational structure shall likewise include the Admission Board, the Publication Monitoring Committee and any other body that the Governing Board may wish to create.



Article 18: GENERAL MEETING

- 1.** The General Meeting is the supreme governing body of the RAED and is to be attended by all numerary and emeritus members of the Academy.
- 2.** The powers of the General Meeting are as follows:
 - a) To approve the management of the Governing Board.
 - b) To examine and approve the annual accounts.
 - c) To admit numerary and honorary members.
 - d) To carry out RAED appointments in accordance with the procedures established in these Statutes, insofar as they do not correspond to other bodies of the Academy. Terms of office shall be of five years, subject to re-election.
 - e) To establish ordinary and extraordinary fees.
 - f) To amend the Statutes, including changes of registered address.
 - g) To acquire and dispose of property of the RAED.
 - h) To dissolve the RAED.
 - i) To exercise any power not attributable to another body of the RAED.
- 3.** General Meetings may be ordinary or extraordinary. An Ordinary General Meeting shall be held annually in the first six months of the year concerned. Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called whenever circumstances so merit, at the Chairman's discretion, by agreement of the Governing Board or whenever at least 25% of numerary members request such a meeting.
- 4.** The calling of General Meetings shall be announced by e-mail, with indication of the place, date and time of the meeting and a copy of the corresponding agenda of specific matters to be discussed.

At least ten days must elapse between the announcement of the meeting and the date on which it is to be held at first call. The same announcement may also indicate the time and date of the meeting held at second call, which shall be no more than one hour after the meeting held at first call.



5. General Meetings, both ordinary and extraordinary, shall be considered quorate at first call if they are attended by at least a fifth of numerary members of the Academy. A meeting held at second call shall be quorate regardless of attendance, provided at least a tenth of numerary members are present.

Motions shall be adopted by a simple majority of members present, other than in cases specifically regulated by these Statutes or the Rules of Internal Procedure.

The adoption of motions relating to points g and h of paragraph 2 of this article shall require a quorum of at least 40% and a majority vote of at least 55% in favour.

Article 19: GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board is the body charged with the management and administration of the Academy in best fulfilment of its purpose, subject to these Statutes and applicable legislation.

It consists of the chairman, four vice-chairmen, the general secretary, the deputy secretary, the treasurer, the chairman of the Institute for International Cooperation and four other members, all of whom must be numerary or emeritus members of the Academy. All persons elected to these posts shall remain in office for a maximum of two consecutive five-year terms. If there are objective and reasonable causes for doing so, the General Meeting may appoint an individual member of the Governing Board who has already served two terms for one additional, non-renewable five-year term.

The chairman may, in addition to the elected posts governed by this article, make other appointments that he or she considers fit for improving the governance of the RAED or to coordinate its activities in a certain territory. The chairman may cancel these appointments at any time as soon as the corresponding task has been fulfilled. They shall in any case expire at the end of the term of office of the chairman who proposed them.

The powers and duties of the Governing Board shall extend to all actions generally intrinsic to the purposes of the Academy, unless such actions require express authorisation by the General Meeting under the terms of these Statutes.

If a post falls vacant before its intended expiry date, the Governing Board shall, within no more than three months, co-opt a replacement from among members with powers to act as substitutes. The term of office of the person so elected shall not exceed that originally corresponding to the person being replaced. The procedure must be brought up at and endorsed by the next General Meeting held thereafter.



The chairman shall call a meeting of the Governing Board whenever the affairs of the Academy so require, and in any case at least four times a year. The meeting shall be quorate if attended by at least half of the Board's members plus one. Motions shall be adopted by a simple majority of those present. In the event of a draw, the chairman shall have the casting vote.

The meeting must be called with at least seven days' advance notice. This rule may nevertheless be waived with the written consent of the members not attending.

Article 20: POWERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

The powers of the Governing Board are as follows:

- a) To administer the Academy.
- b) To approve the Rules of Internal Procedure and the Code of Ethics.
- c) To refer to the General Meeting the findings of the Admission Board regarding the induction of new numerary members.
- d) To elect corresponding members and submit proposals to the General Meeting regarding the nomination of honorary members.
- e) To admit members' resignations and arrange for their substitution in accordance with article 19.
- f) To assign numerary members to standing and temporary committees and define their corresponding functions.
- g) To draw up the annual budget and accounts.
- h) To appoint and dismiss RAED employees.
- i) To award the RAED's Medal of Honour to those persons that the Board itself considers worthy of such distinction.
- j) To approve and resolve unforeseen and urgent matters, even if they are not within its remit, subject to inclusion in the agenda of the next General Meeting held thereafter.
- k) To grant awards and distinctions that promote the values of the RAED.



Article 21: CHAIRMAN

The chairman of the RAED is the corporation's maximum authority, and shall be assigned the following powers:

- a) To act as the RAED's legal representative in its relations with public administrations, official bodies and civil society.
- b) To call, chair and declare closed the sessions of the General Meeting, the Governing Board and academic events.
- c) To order payments and authorise, with his or her signature, documents, minutes of meetings and correspondence.
- d) To adopt any urgent measure that might be in the best interests of the RAED or necessary or recommendable for the carrying-out of his activities, subject to it being on the agenda of the next corresponding meeting.

Article 22: VICE-CHAIRMEN

The vice-chairmen shall assist the chairman and replace him or her in order of precedence if the post falls vacant or if he or she is absent, ill or otherwise indisposed.

It shall be the responsibility of the first vice-chairman to deal with the Academy's protocol and manage the Publication Monitoring Committee. The main task of the second vice-chairman shall be to deal with institutional relationships of all kinds with public administrations and other bodies. The third vice-chairman shall coordinate the various sections of the Academy and manage relations with other academies. The fourth vice president will take care of the financial affairs of the Academy.

The vice-chairmen shall likewise perform functions delegated to them by the chairman on a permanent or occasional basis.

Article 23: GENERAL SECRETARY

The general secretary shall be in direct charge of the official minutes of meetings, secretariat documents and archives.

He or she shall keep the official records of motions adopted by the Governing Board and General Meeting.



He or she shall be assisted by the deputy secretary, who shall substitute the general secretary if the post falls vacant or in the event of absence or illness.

Article 24: TREASURER

The treasurer shall be in charge of the economic and financial management the institution, with responsibility for its assets, for keeping an inventory, for creating draft budgets and for drawing up annual accounts for the consideration of the Governing Board. He or she shall be in direct charge of the Academy's accounting records and archives.

Article 25: OTHER MEMBERS

Other members shall have the powers corresponding to membership of the Governing Board, along with those associated with any task that the chairman or Governing Board might delegate to them on a permanent or occasional basis.

Article 26: THE SENATE

The Senate is the body charged with providing support and non-binding advice to the Governing Board to which it is accountable. Its objectives include maintaining the RAED's links to the society that it ultimately serves.

The chairman of the Senate may speak at meetings of the Governing Board but shall have no vote. The chairman of the Governing Board may also speak at meetings of the Senate, likewise with no vote. He or she may be represented by another member of the Governing Board.

The chairman of the Senate shall be appointed by the General Meeting, after being proposed by the Governing Board, for a maximum of two five-year terms of office.

Membership of the RAED Senate may be assigned both to members of the Academy and to persons of recognised social, scientific, professional or entrepreneurial prestige. They shall be appointed by the General Meeting after being jointly proposed by the Senate itself and the Governing Board. Each senator's term of office shall be renewed annually by the same procedure, to be followed by his or her election.

This body's legal regime shall be as established in the Rules of Internal Procedure.



Article 27: INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

As a body depending on the RAED, its members may be doctors or PhD students from universities anywhere in the world. It shall be chaired by a numerary member of the RAED appointed by the General Meeting after being proposed by the Governing Board. Its members shall be appointed by the Governing Board after being proposed by the body's chairman.

Functions:

- a) International promotion of the activities of the Royal Academy.
- b) To seek out new international organisations with which it might establish cooperation agreements.
- c) To represent the RAED internationally whenever it might be requested to do so by the Governing Board.
- d) To approach newly qualified doctors and PhD students, working in Spain and elsewhere, whose involvement might be of benefit to the RAED.
- e) To bring the Royal Academy closer to young scientists by promoting actions and initiatives designed for this purpose.
- f) To carry out any other tasks that the Governing Board might ask it to perform.

This body's legal regime shall be as established in the Rules of Internal Procedure.

Article 28: MEETINGS OF THE ACADEMY

1. The RAED shall hold its meetings, which may be either public or private, at the necessary intervals.
2. Public sessions may be ordinary or extraordinary.
3. Sessions classed as ordinary shall include presentations and discussions of scientific reports and announcements and conferences.

Extraordinary status shall correspond to inductions of numerary, corresponding or honorary members; inaugurations of academic years, award ceremonies,



posthumous and other tributes, and any other event of corresponding solemnity according to the criteria of the Governing Board. All members of any class attending extraordinary public sessions shall wear academic dress along with their medal.

4. General Meetings and meetings of the Governing Board, sections of the Academy, committees, the Senate and the Institute for International Cooperation shall be considered private.
5. The Academy may also organise series of public conferences, training programmes, additional academic and educational activities and, in cooperation with one or more universities, postgraduate master and doctorate degree courses.
6. The Academy shall deliver opinions and supply – at the request of official bodies, corporations or individuals – advice and reports on matters falling within its remit.
7. It may designate intermediaries for the alternative resolution of conflicts, or constitute arbitration tribunals that reflect the Academy's interdisciplinary status and moral authority.
8. It may also, at its own initiative, raise proposals with official bodies that concern matters in which it possesses expertise.

Article 29: PRESIDENCY OF THE CORPORATION AT OFFICIAL EVENTS

The institution shall always be presided by its chairman, except in cases otherwise established by applicable protocol. He or she shall in such cases sit immediately to the right of the person chairing the session.

Article 30: ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The month of August shall be considered a holiday period, although the Governing Board shall ensure the continuance of academic life.

Article 31: SECTIONS

1. The RAED shall constitute five sections corresponding to the doctoral titles, lines of research or fields of activity of its members.

Section one: Social sciences



Section two: Health sciences
Section three: Human sciences
Section four: Experimental sciences
Section five: Technological sciences

2. The sections shall be responsible for submitting reports to the Governing Board, for acting as juries in the awarding of prizes and for contributing work designed to fulfil the primary purpose of the RAED. Their functions shall be as established in the Rules of Internal Procedure.
3. Each section shall have a chairman and secretary appointed from among its members by the Governing Board at the behest of the third vice-chairman.
4. The third vice-chairman shall coordinate the functioning of the five sections.

Article 32: STANDING COMMITTEES

There shall be two types of committee: standing and temporary. There shall be four standing committees:

- a) **The Executive Committee** This shall consist of its chairman, vice-chairmen (of whom at least one must be present), general secretary and treasurer, along with the chairman of the Institute for International Cooperation.

Responsible for the administration and occasional management of the Academy, it shall meet whenever the chairman convenes it. It shall act under the auspices of the Governing Board and shall report to it regarding its next meeting, all its activities and any motions adopted.

- b) **Publication Monitoring Committee** It shall be chaired by the first vice-chairman and shall include two members of the Academy appointed by the Governing Board. It shall be responsible for approving the contents of the acceptance speeches of members elect and those of the corresponding speeches delivered in response.

The speeches concerned must therefore be submitted to the committee at least 20 days before the date of the corresponding event. It shall also be responsible for monitoring the number of texts published by the RAED, with the exception of the RAED's newsletters and periodicals, which have their own organisation and editing committee.

- c) **The Admission Board** This shall consist of five numerary members appointed by the Governing Board, with the general secretary acting as *ex officio* chairman. It shall



submit to the Governing Board its findings regarding candidates for numerary and honorary membership.

Article 33: TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Temporary committees appointed for a particular purpose shall be governed by the same regulations as their standing equivalents and shall be automatically disbanded as soon as their mission is complete.

The Governing Board shall establish the number of members of the Academy designated to each committee.

Article 34: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The RAED shall be considered to possess title, to the extent permitted by intellectual property law, to the following:

- a) All works produced by the corporation and its sections and committees.
- b) Articles, papers, speeches, reports, opinions and other written works produced by members of the Academy or other persons in compliance with obligations or responsibilities assigned to them by the corporation.
- c) Items presented or donated voluntarily by members of the Academy and others and accepted by the corporation as being useful.
- d) Notifications that members of the Academy are obliged to issue at certain intervals.

Article 35: PUBLICATIONS

The RAED shall publish, in printed or digital format as applicable, the notifications, journals, periodicals, conferences, written works and other articles that it might consider appropriate, subject to the corresponding reports of the Publication Monitoring Committee.

**Part 4
ECONOMIC REGIME**



Article 36: THE ACADEMY'S INCOME

The funds of the RAED shall consist of:

- a) Own resources.
- b) Members' contributions.
- c) Subsidies.
- d) Contributions from other entities or individuals.
- e) All other income obtained by the Academy by other means.

These funds shall be raised by means conforming to the corresponding procedures of each case.

Article 37: THE ACADEMY'S EXPENSES

The RAED shall assign its resources in accordance with the criteria that best ensure the fulfilment of its purposes, subject to the corresponding statutory rules and general legislation.

Expenses shall include, among other items:

- a) The financing of organised activities.
- b) Library acquisitions.
- c) Publications.
- d) The awarding of competition prizes and grants.
- e) Remuneration for work carried out in fulfilment of the Academy's principal objectives, decided at the discretion the Governing Board.
- f) Staff wages, secretarial costs, maintenance and rental of premises and all other necessary expenses arising from the same.



**Part 5
AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES**

Article 38: AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES

1. The Statutes of the RAED may be amended at the request of the Governing board or subject to proposal by at least sixty numerary members.
2. Approval of the amendment shall require the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting and a vote in favour from those attending.
3. Once the amendment has been approved, the Governing Board shall submit the Statutes to the competent authorities in fulfilment of the corresponding procedures.
4. The Statutes shall exist in three language versions: Catalan, Spanish and English.

**Part 6
DISBANDING OF THE ACADEMY**

Article 39: DISBANDING

The Academy may only be disbanded subject to a correspondingly agreed amendment of its Statutes. Its liquidated assets shall then be transferred to a body designated by the General Meeting.

**Part 7
SPECIAL TEMPORARY PROVISIONS**

The time limits defined in article 19 of these statutes shall be counted from the date of the next elections to posts on the Governing Board.



Part 8
FINAL PROVISIONS

An institution like the RAED, which makes no distinctions on the basis of gender, may use pronouns and grammatical forms that correspond to either sex without implying restriction of any kind on the basis of one gender or any other.

