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Article 2 Membership

- 1 WADP membership shall be voluntary and open to three categories of member: full, associate and partner.
 - 1.1 Full membership shall be open to any UPU member country issuing postage stamps and having honoured its financial obligations towards the UPU.
 - 1.2 Full members shall have voting rights at WADP General Assemblies and consultations. Each full member shall appoint its own representative, who shall act as the official point of contact for all communications concerning the WADP and shall fulfil the responsibilities relating to the WADP as defined in these Rules of Procedure. This representative may be accompanied by one or more other individuals who shall also be entitled to participate in discussions.
 - 1.3 Associate membership shall be open to companies and associations with a common interest in working with the WADP to promote knowledge of the philatelic sector.
 - 1.4 Historic partners of the WADP, namely the FIP, IFSDA, ASCAT, AIJP and INTERGRAF, have a special status and are hereinafter referred to as “the partners”.
 - 1.5 Associate membership requests shall be analyzed by the WADP Management Committee, which shall ensure that membership conditions are met fully and approve the requests, if applicable.
 - 1.6 Associate members and partners shall not be entitled to vote at General Assembly meetings. Each associate member shall appoint its own representative, who shall act as the official correspondent for all WADP communications and shall fulfil the responsibilities relating to the WADP as defined in these Rules of Procedure. This representative may be accompanied by one or more other individuals who shall also be entitled to participate in discussions.
 - 1.6.1 The representatives appointed by associate members which are associations must be agents of those associations or individuals appointed by the management thereof. WADP memberships held by associations shall not extend to their members, who must submit applications in their own name.
- 2 The total annual contribution paid by members shall be considered as a membership fee. Payment of this contribution shall entitle each WADP member to:
 - 2.1 Full members and partners:
 - 2.1.1 participate, at no charge, in the activities of the WADP (forums, round tables, conferences, training workshops), in accordance with the conditions set out in article 4.3;
 - 2.1.2 participate, at no charge, in the annual international competition class for issuing postal authorities of UPU member countries and their territories, organized during major international philatelic exhibitions;
 - 2.1.3 have free access to the WADP online workspace (publications, presentations, activity-related documents, etc.);
 - 2.1.4 have free access to remote assistance (via WebEx), according to the conditions defined in conjunction with the UPU International Bureau (hereinafter the “Secretariat”);
 - 2.1.5 have free access to remote WADP coaching and expertise (via WebEx), according to the needs identified in conjunction with the Secretariat;
 - 2.1.6 participate in WADP working groups;
 - 2.1.7 benefit from business-to-business (B2B) meetings organized alongside WADP activities for members (full members and associate members).

- 2.1.8 benefit from the WADP's promotion of member designated operators' philatelic production (competition class, WNS, Internet, specialist press, etc.).
- 2.2 Associate members:
 - 2.2.1 participate in the activities of the WADP (forums, round tables, conferences, training workshops), in accordance with the conditions set out in article 4.3;
 - 2.2.2 benefit from B2B meetings;
 - 2.2.3 have the opportunity to promote their products and services at WADP events (logos, flyers, etc.), according to the conditions defined by the Secretariat.
- 3 Each candidate for membership shall notify the Secretariat in writing of:
 - 3.1 its desire to join the WADP; and
 - 3.2 the name of its official representative to the WADP.
- 4 Full members and associate members shall be considered as such provided they have:
 - 4.1 submitted a completed membership application to the Secretariat;
 - 4.2 for prospective associate members, been deemed eligible as members by the Management Committee;
 - 4.3 paid their annual contribution.
- 5 Members shall notify the Secretariat if they decide to withdraw.
- 6 Barring any provision to the contrary, withdrawal from the WADP shall take effect on 31 December of the year that the Secretariat receives the official withdrawal notification. Withdrawals shall be announced to the Secretariat at least six months prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The effective date of withdrawal of a member that does not notify the Secretariat of its intent within the designated period shall be postponed to 31 December of the following year. Members' rights and benefits, and the payment of the annual membership fees, shall apply until the effective date of withdrawal.
- 6.1 At the written request of a member, the Management Committee may decide – in exceptional circumstances, subject to the observance of such conditions as it may deem necessary, and at its sole discretion – to waive the aforementioned six-month notice period for the withdrawal of the requesting member from the WADP.