

Changes in the Articles of Association of LABIP, accepted November 2013

Formation

Article 1: Unchanged

Name, seat, currency

Article 2.1: Unchanged

Article 2.2 new

The Association is registered in Rotterdam, Burg. Le Fèvre de Montignyplein 8, The Netherlands. It can be transferred to any other place within The Netherlands or anywhere within the countries that form the European Union, hereafter named EU, by a decision, taken by the General Assembly.

Article 2.3: Unchanged

Objectives

Article 3 new

The Association has the following objectives:

1. To promote research and development on Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB), gut microbiota and the interaction between microbiota and the host, within the EU.
2. To provide a forum whereby companies will meet with research groups in the EU funded research programmes on LAB, gut microbiota and the interaction between microbiota and the host, and in which they can agree on the development of specific methodologies and products.
3. To identify priorities for the EU industries related to LAB, gut microbiota and the interaction between microbiota and the host and promote EU sponsored research in the field.
4. To promote awareness of industrial research related to the objectives and dissemination of information to the public.

Members of the association

Article 4.1 – 4.4: Unchanged

Administration

Article 5 new

1. The association is managed by a Steering Group, consisting of a maximum of 7 and a minimum of 3 members. They are appointed by the General Assembly for a period of 3 years. Resigning members can be re-elected by the General Assembly for subsequent periods. The Steering Group might propose a scheme of rotation to guarantee continuation.
2. A member of the Steering Group can be suspended from his/her duty by the General Assembly
3. The Steering Group is bound by the decisions taken by the General Assembly
4. Steering Group decisions are taken by a majority of vote, in a meeting in which more than half of the Steering Group members are present or represented. If the votes are equally divided, the General Assembly decides. Members can only be represented by a

written statement. The Steering Group can make decisions outside of a meeting, if all members have agreed with the procedure.

5. The Steering Group meets at least twice a year and further as often as is in the interest of the Association. At the Steering Group meetings minutes will be made, which have to be approved during the next meeting. The minutes will be placed on the member's part of the LABIP website.
6. The Steering Group nominates among its members a president, a secretary and a treasurer. The function of secretary and treasurer can be combined. The Steering Group can propose to install an external secretariat, which will have to be approved by the General Assembly.
7. The Steering Group has the complete competence to act on behalf of the Association and to decide on operations for the Association, unless such operations are the only responsibility of the General Assembly. The Association can only be legally represented by two members of the Steering Group, acting in concert.

Annual report and financial report

Article 6.1 – 6.5: Unchanged

General Assembly

Article 7.1: Unchanged

Article 7.2 new

Every year, in connection with a meeting of an EU-funded project or a congress or symposium that is in line with the objectives of LABIP, a General Assembly will be held. During this Assembly at least the following topics will come up for discussion:

- a) The approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly and of the annual and financial reports, made by the Steering Group
- b) The fulfilment of possible vacancies
- c) The determination of the annual membership fee
- d) All the proposals of the Steering Group or any of the members, placed on the agenda, that need approval by the General Assembly, according to these regulations

Article 7.3 – 7.8: Unchanged

Revenues of the Association

Articles 8.1 – 8.3: Unchanged

Changing the Articles of Association, liquidation

Article 9.1 – 9.4: Unchanged

Disputes

Article 10: Unchanged

Final Clause

Article 11.1 -11.3: Unchanged