

# COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM INTERNATIONAL RORSCHACH ASSOCIATION – CSIRA

## ASSOCIATION RORSCHACH INTERNATIONALE pour le SYSTÈME INTÉGRÉ - ARISI

### BY-LAWS

**Article 1 – DENOMINATION** – The persons adhering to the present by-laws have founded an association under the French Law “1<sup>st</sup> of July 1901” and the decree of August 16, 1901 and the 1981 Law regulating associations with international membership, denominated Association Rorschach Internationale pour le Système Intégré (ARISI/CSIRA).

**Article 2 – OBJECT** – The object of this Association is to group practitioners who use the Comprehensive System for administrating, coding and interpreting the Rorschach test (Exner, 1974, 2005) and who wish to develop the method according to the required scientific and ethical rules, in order to, principally:

Facilitate scientific exchanges between countries  
Build an international databank  
Organise training

**Article 3 – LEGAL ADDRESS** – The Association is seated in Paris. It can be changed on simple decision by the Council of Administration.

**Article 4 – DURATION** – Duration of the Association is not limited.

**Article 5 – MEMBERS** – The Association is composed of:

a) *Founding members*: Founding members are the persons who contributed to the founding of the Association. New founding members can be co-opted by an unanimous decision of the Founding members.

b) *Active Members*: Active members are any person duly trained in the Comprehensive System or wishing to be trained, adhering to the goals of the Association, willing to act accordingly and paying an annual membership fee fixed by the Council of Administration.

c) *Associate Members*: Associate Members are persons who, although not trained in the Comprehensive System wish to be informed of its activities, and join its actions. Associate Members do not have voting rights. They can be asked to pay a membership fee.

d) *Honorary Members*: The quality of Honorary Member can be conferred to the persons who have substantially contributed to the cause of the Association. Honorary Members do not have to pay a membership fee.

**Article 6 – ADMISSION** – To become an Active Member of the Association, one has to submit a candidacy in the form fixed by the Home Rules and be recommended by two Active or Founding Members. The application is examined by the Executive Board who is entitled to give a provisional approval. Definite approval is pronounced by the Council of Administration, either at a meeting or by mail, at a majority of 2/3. In case of refusal, the Council of Administration is not compelled to give its reasons.

The Council of Administration fixes each year the amount of the membership fees for each category of members, the amount of possible application fees and decides on potential waivers.

**Article 7 – LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP** – Membership is lost by:

- a) Resignation;
- b) Death;
- c) Non-payment of fees (see Rules of Procedures);
- d) Exclusion pronounced by the Council of Administration, at a majority of ¾ of attending or represented members, for non-respect of the rules fixed by the By-Laws or moral or ethical rules. The member excluded can appeal to a vote by the General Assembly.

**Article 8 – FINANCIAL RESOURCES** – The Association is financed by:

- The membership fees and the application fees;
- Subventions by States and other governmental grants;
- Benefits from services offered by the Association;
- All other income authorized by laws and rules.

**Article 9 - COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION** – The Association is governed by a Council of a minimum of 7 persons. It is composed of the Founding members and of one or two delegate for each country represented in the Association, who are elected at the General Assembly, according to the procedures defined in the Rules of Procedures, and a President with no condition of nationality, who is elected by all the Founding and Active members. Members of the Council of administration are elected for a term of four years. In case of vacancy, the CA provisionally designates a replacement. Final replacement is made at the next General Assembly by vote. The term of the Delegates elected in replacement ends at the date of the replaced Delegates.

Renewal of half of the members of the CA is performed every two years. With the exception of the President, the first term of a Delegate can be reduced to two years so as to insure the renewal of a half of the CA.

The first CA is composed of the Founding members.

**Article 10 – EXECUTIVE BOARD** – The President chooses among the active or founding members a Board which must be approved by the CA every two years. The Board is composed of:

- A Vice-President (must be a member of the CA)

- A General Secretary
- A Treasurer

The President can add other members to the EB such as an associate Secretary or an associate Treasurer.

Except for the Vice-President, the other members of the EB are not necessarily chosen among the members of the CA.

The Board is convened and chaired by the President.

**Article 11 – MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION** – The CA meets once every year on invitation by the President or at the demand of 1/4<sup>th</sup> of its members. Decisions are made by the majority of votes, except on cases otherwise mentioned. In case of tie, the President has the deciding vote. Minutes are established for the meetings.

Any member of the CA who does not attend twice the meeting with no good reason will be considered as resigning.

**Article 12 – GRATUITY OF FUNCTIONS** – The members of the Association cannot receive allowances for the tasks they accomplish. They can be reimbursed for expenses made on behalf of the Association, with justification and after agreement by the President.

**Article 13 – POWERS OF THE CA** – The CA has all powers for the decisions that are not the privilege of the General Assembly. The CA supervises the actions of the Executive Board, which is accountable to the CA.

**Article 14 – POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD** –

- a) The President convenes the General Assemblies and the meetings of the CA. The President represents the Association in all civil acts and has full authority for doing so.
- b) The General Secretary is in charge of all correspondence, registers and archives.
- c) The Treasurer is in charge of the finances of the Association, including payments and incomes, under supervision by the President. The Treasurer maintains the accounts in good order and submits them to the General Assembly for approval.

**Article 15. – ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – The Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) is composed of all the members of the Association. Only active and founding members have voting rights. The OGA meets every two years. Vote by proxy is permitted. Vote by mail is admitted.

At least one month before the date of the Assembly the Secretary sends the agenda established by the Executive Board, with the date and place of the Assembly. The President, assisted by the members of the Executive Board, presides over the meeting and reports on the moral situation of the Association. The Treasurer reports on the finances and submits accounts to the approval of the Assembly.

The Assembly also votes on all issues listed on the Agenda. When the agenda is completed, the Assembly proceeds with the election within each country of their Delegates (1 or 2), either for the exiting Delegates or for the new countries joining the CSIRA.

All decisions in the OGA are made by hand raising at the majority of votes of the attending or represented members. A secret ballot can be decided either by the CA or by ¼ of attending members.

**Article 16 – EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – If necessitated, or on demand by a majority of its members, the President convenes an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA). The EGA is the sole legal body empowered to modify the by-laws, terminate the Association and decide the devolution of its fund and/or a fusion with another association of similar objectives. The EGA must be composed of a minimum of half of the members (active and founding). Members not able to attend the EGA can be represented by another active or founding member with a written proxy. If the quorum is not reached, a second EGA will be invited to convene within two weeks. The second EGA will have all powers for decisions whatever the number of the attending members. Decision by the EGA is made at a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority.

**Article 17 – RULES OF PROCEDURES** – The Council of Administration can, if deemed necessary, establish Rules of Procedures detailing implementation of the present by-laws. The Rules of Procedures and its potential modifications will be submitted for approval to the General Assembly.

**Article 18 – DISSOLUTION** – In case of dissolution pronounced by the Extraordinary General Assembly at a majority of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> one or two liquidators are designated by the Assembly and the assets, if any, are transferred according to art. 9 of the Law of July 1, 1901 and the decree of August 16, 1901. Private contributions to the Association, if any, are returned to the contributors.

Paris, August 28, 2013

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