

THE BRITISH-ITALIAN LAW ASSOCIATION

RULES – Dated 10 December 1979

1) The Name of the Association is:

“The British-Italian Law Association”

The office of the Association will be situated in London.

2) The objects for which the Association is established are as follows:

- a) to promote in the United Kingdom the study and knowledge of the law and legal system of the Italian Republic;
- b) to encourage and facilitate the education of the British and Italian lawyers in the study and practice of Italian and British law respectively;
- c) to co-operate with the Italian Law Societies, Associations and Institutions for the furtherance of the aforementioned objects and to arrange lectures, seminars and other activities in the United Kingdom and Italy;
- d) to arrange and participate in larger meetings and conferences in Italy or the United Kingdom or elsewhere relating to the objects of the Association;
- e) to foster personal and professional relations between Members of the legal professions in both countries.

3) **Membership**

a) The Association shall be composed of:-

- i) Ordinary Members;
- ii) Honorary Members;

b) Ordinary Members

Any person who desires to further the objects of the Association shall be eligible for membership as an Ordinary Member. Corporations which have an interest in the objects of the Association shall also be eligible as Ordinary Members and may send a representative who may attend meetings and may vote on behalf of the corporation.

c) Honorary Members

Honorary Membership may be bestowed by a General Meeting of the Association. Honorary Members are exempt from the payment of subscriptions.

d) Acquisition and Loss of Membership

- i) Application for membership has to be made by notice to the Secretary in writing and is effective upon confirmation by the Committee.
- ii) Membership of the Association shall be terminated by notice to the Member, by expulsion or removal by the Committee, or by death.
- iii) Notice of termination shall take effect at the end of the quarter of the year during which such notice has been given to the Secretary.

- iv) A member may be expelled from the Committee for conduct incompatible with membership of the Association or for failure to pay his annual subscription. An appeal against expulsion lies to a General Meeting which may uphold or quash the decision of the Committee by simple majority.
- e) i) The Annual Subscription shall be fifteen pounds (£15) in each calendar year for individual Ordinary Members and *ten pounds* (£10) for corporations which are Ordinary Members. An Increase in the annual subscription may be determined by an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- ii) The Committee shall be entitled to reduce the amount of the subscription or waive it altogether for special classes or special cases.

4) Officers and Committee

- a) The Officers of the Association shall be the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary (if any) and the Treasurer. The Officers of the Association shall be members of the Committee elected by the Committee by simple majority.
- b) The Committee shall be entitled to elect Hon. Presidents and Hon. Vice Presidents who shall be additional Officers of the Association.
- c) The Committee shall consist of not more than twelve members of the Association elected in the Annual General Meeting by simple majority of the members present and not more than four further persons co-opted by the Committee (if any).
- d) Not more than three persons who are members of or associated with the same company, firm or partnership shall be members of the Committee at any one time.
- e) The Committee shall meet at least four times in each year at regular intervals as well as on the request of the Chairman or Vice Chairman for the dispatch of urgent business. Meetings shall be conducted by the Chairman or Vice Chairman or a person nominated by the Committee.
- f) The quorum of the Committee shall be not less than 5 members of the Committee.
- g) The Committee shall decide by simple majority. In the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- h) The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees for the conduct of such business as the Committee thinks fit.

5) Annual General Meeting and General Meeting

- a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of November or December in each year, the exact date therefore being determined by the Committee.
- b) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall consist of:
 - i) The Reception of the Chairman's report on the activities of the Association during the preceding year.
 - ii) The election of members of the Committee.
 - iii) The approval of the accounts of the Association.
 - iv) Any other business of which notice shall have been given or which may be permitted to be raised without notice.
- c) Any member wishing to raise any matter at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice in writing thereof to the Secretary not later than 21 days before the date of the Meeting;

provided that the Chairman may allow any matter, other than a resolution to amend the constitution, to be raised at the Annual General Meeting without such previous written notice as aforesaid.

- d) The Chairman, or in the case of the Chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman, or if neither of them are present, then a person nominated by the Committee, shall preside at a General Meeting of the Association. The Chairman of the General Meeting shall have a second or casting vote in case of equality of votes.
 - e) On the request of the Chairman or Vice Chairman or of the Committee or of twenty Ordinary Members of the Association, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman to take place as soon as is reasonably possible. The provisions applicable to the Annual General Meeting shall mutatis mutandis apply to an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 6) Officers of the Association
- a) The Association may be represented for all purposes by the Officers of the Association for the time being.
 - b) The Officers shall conduct the current business of the Association, in particular:-
 - i) Arrangement of lectures, seminars, meetings and conferences as provided by the Constitution;
 - ii) Communication with other institutions in the United Kingdom and other societies relating to the objects of the Association;
 - iii) Convening Annual General Meetings or Extraordinary General Meetings;
 - iv) Collecting the members' subscriptions;
 - v) Preparing an Annual Account and submitting to the Annual General Meeting;
 - vi) Recording the resolutions of the Committee and those of the Annual General Meeting or of Extraordinary General Meetings.
- 7) The Constitution may be amended by a Resolution of the Association at a General Meeting attended by not less than 20 members and passed by a simple majority of the members present.

Adopted this 10th day of December 1979.

Chairman

(Signed) David Mills

Secretary

(Signed) Domenic Pini