STATUTE OF THE ITALIAN ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL AND COMPARATIVE IMMUNOBIOLOGY (IADCI)

TITLE I – GENERAL PRINCIPLES -

Art. 1. The “Associazione Scientifica: Società Italiana di Immunobiologia Comparata e dello Sviluppo (I.A.D.C.I.)”/Italian Association of Developmental and Comparative Immunobiology, (I.A.D.C.I.) has been established.

Art. 2. I.A.D.C.I. is based in Palermo, Via Archirafi, 18 90123

Art. 3. The I.A.D.C.I.'s purpose is to advance and disseminate knowledge on:

1. the processes of immunity and their evolution at molecular, cellular and tissue levels in both single-celled and multicellular non-human organisms, in both adults and during development.

2. The relationships and evolution of immune processes and neuroendocrine functions, including the stress response and neuroimmune responses.

3. The role of immune processes in adaptation to the environment and in intra- and interspecific relationships.

4. Self-nonself recognition processes;

5. The proliferation, differentiation and maturation of cells, tissues and systems related to immune functions.

Art. 4. The I.A.D.C.I. promotes studies and research on the topics referred to in Article 3.

Art. 5. The I.A.D.C.I. shall undertake the following to the best of its ability:

1. Disseminate information on all matters relating to the Association's objectives.

2. Act as an authoritative body for consultation on matters of professional interest concerning the subjects referred to in Article 3.

3. Promote and/or organise seminars, lectures, group discussions, conferences, symposiums and congresses on topics related to those indicated in Article 3.

4. If compatible with budgetary conditions, establish scholarships for students and non-tenured researchers to enable them to participate in national and international symposia and conferences on topics covered by Art. 3.

5. Acquire and administer any donations and contributions that may be legally accepted.

TITLE II – I.A.D.C.I. BODIES AND THEIR FUNCTIONS -

Art. 6. The governing bodies of the I.A.D.C.I. are: the Assembly, the President, and the E. C. round of proofreading of D2.4

Art. 7. All Members have the right to attend the General Meeting. They may be represented, by written proxy, by other Members, up to a maximum of two proxies per member, even if they are members of the E. C., except in this case, for the approval of financial statements and resolutions concerning the responsibilities of the Directors. The written proxy for a maximum of two proxies per member also applies to the election procedures referred to in Article 28.

Art. 8. Meetings are validly constituted and able to deliberate with the majority set out in Article 21 of the Italian Civil Code, unless otherwise stated in these Articles of Association. Meetings may be held in person, online, or in a mixed format.

Art. 9. The Assembly elects the President and members of the E. C.. It also deliberates on the final balance sheet and budget, the Company's general guidelines and directives, the admission of new members, the amount of membership fees, and anything else required by law or the Articles of Association.

Art. 10. The General Meeting has the power to amend the company's articles of association.

1. To amend Articles 3, 5 and 6, unanimity of the members is required at the first meeting, or of those present and voting at the second meeting.

2. To amend any other articles, a favourable vote of two thirds of the members is required at the first meeting or at least two thirds of those present and voting at the second meeting.

3. The EC may also propose amendments to the Articles of Association to the General Meeting, but only if they are unanimously approved.

Art. 11. The Assembly determines the number of members of the E. C. based on the number and areas of interest of the Members.

Art. 12. The Assembly is chaired by the President of the E. C. and, in his absence, by the Vice President. In the absence of both, the Meeting is chaired by the most senior Member acting as President pro tempore. The President pro tempore then appoints a Secretary pro tempore and, if necessary, two Scrutineers.

Art. 13. The President of the Assembly shall be responsible for determining the right to speak at the Assembly. The President may ask the Assembly to vote by show of hands on any matter, except as otherwise provided for in the Statute.

Art. 14. Minutes of the meetings of the Assembly shall be drawn up and signed by the President and the Secretary, and, where applicable, by the Scrutineers.

Art. 15. The President is elected by the Assembly by secret ballot and remains in office for three years, with the possibility of being re-elected once.

1.The President chairs the Assembly, the E. C. and appoints the Vice-President and Secretary from among the members of the latter. The president also appoints the Treasurer and has the power to assign any additional specific functions both within the E. C. and within the assembly.

2. The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, legally represents the Association in dealings with third parties and in court, and ensures the implementation of the decisions of the assembly and the E. C..

3. In urgent cases, the president may exercise the powers of the E. C. without consultation, subject to ratification by the latter at the next meeting.

Art. 16. The E. C. is elected by secret ballot at the Assembly and serves for a period of three years, with the option of re-election. In the president's absence, the E. C. is chaired by the vice-president, and in the vice-president's absence, by the most senior member of the E. C.. Unless otherwise stated in the Statute, decisions of the E. C. shall be made by an absolute majority of those present.

1. The E. C. is responsible for the ordinary and extraordinary management of the Association, acting in accordance with the interests of the Society. It shall report on its activities to each assembly of members.

2. The E. C., together with the president, shall administer the finances of the I.A.D.C.I.

3. The E. C. draws up the agenda for assembly meetings and proposes dates and venues for subsequent scientific meetings and symposia of the Society.

4. The E. C. appoints employees and staff, determining their remuneration.

5. The E. C. proposes any amendments to the Statute deemed necessary for the Association's functioning to the assembly.

6. If there are not enough self-nominations for the roles of president and E. C. member, the outgoing E. C. must propose candidates to the assembly.

Art. 17. No remuneration is due to the President and members of the E. C., who may be granted, depending on budget availability, reimbursement for expenses related to E. C., activities and authorised by the E. C.. Reimbursement is made by the Treasurer on the instructions of the President.

TITLE III – MEMBERS -

Art. 18. Members may be of the following types: Ordinary Member, Honorary Member and Supporting Member.

Art. 19. Organisations, companies or study groups that share similar areas of research or scientific objectives with the I.A.D.C.I. and devote their research activities to the topics referred to in Article 3 may become Ordinary Members. Candidates must send an application to the I.A.D.C.I. Secretariat, accompanied by documentation proving their activity in the field of comparative immunobiology and development, to be admitted to the Association as Ordinary Members. Applications are reviewed by the E. C., and those approved are voted on by a majority of members present at the assembly. Admission as a member automatically entitles them to participate in the assembly and be included in the Society's active and passive electorate.

Art 20. Ordinary members are required to pay the full annual membership fee from the date of admission, as determined by the General Meeting in accordance with Article 9. For students and non-tenured researchers, this fee may be reduced to 50% of the full amount. Ordinary members who have not submitted their resignation in writing by 30 October each year will be considered members for the following year and will therefore be required to pay the annual membership fee. After two consecutive years of non-payment, ordinary members may be declared in default, subject to the E. C. examining each case individually. Only members who have paid their membership fees in full are eligible to vote and stand for election.

Art. 21. Honorary Members are appointed upon recommendation by the E. C. and approval by the Members' Meeting. Following approval by the Members' Meeting, the President notifies the new Honorary Member of their appointment and the I.A.D.C.I. Secretariat sends a copy of the Statute to the new Member. Honorary Members are not required to pay membership fees and enjoy only passive voting rights.

Art. 22. Supporting Members may be private individuals, entities, institutions or associations who intend to promote the Company's development by providing resources and funds for its activities. At the General Meeting, each Supporting Member may be represented by one person only, who shall not be included in the active or passive electorate. The assembly shall decide on the admission of supporting members upon a proposal from the E. C.. Upon admission, Supporting Members must pay a one-off fee equivalent to at least one hundred times the full ordinary membership fee. Supporting Members are not required to pay membership fees in subsequent years.

Art. 23. Ordinary Members, Honorary Members and representatives of Supporting Members shall be entitled to access the Association's premises and to facilitated access to the study materials collected by the Association.

Art 24. Membership shall be forfeited due to death, resignation, arrears or unworthiness.

The E. C. shall declare delinquency pursuant to Article 20.

Disqualification shall be decided by the assembly upon the president's proposal, which must be ratified unanimously by the E. C.. Revocation of membership due to disqualification requires a qualified majority of two-thirds (2/3) of those present at the Assembly. Members subject to the unfitness procedure will have their voting rights temporarily suspended at both the assembly and, where applicable, the E. C..

(3) The revocation procedure for unfitness may also be initiated against the President, upon proposal by the most senior member of the E. C., in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 2.

TITOLO IV – ASSETS AND FINANCIAL YEARS -

Art 25. The assets consist of:

1. Movable and immovable property owned by the Association;

2. Income from grants, donations and bequests;

3. Income from membership fees;

4. Any reserve funds established from budget surpluses.

5. Any other income necessary to increase the Association's assets that is not provided for in the previous paragraphs.

Art. 26. The financial year ends on 31 December each year, and within 30 days of the end of each financial year, the Treasurer shall prepare and submit the budget and final accounts to the Executive Committee.

Art. 27. Meetings.

1. The President shall convene the Assembly at least once a year in an Ordinary session to deliberate on the final balance sheet and the budget.

2. The Executive Committee shall meet whenever the president deems it necessary or when requested by at least two-thirds of its members. One of these meetings must immediately precede

the Ordinary Assembly, in order to allow the Executive Committee to evaluate the final balance sheet and the budget before it is examined by the Assembly.

TITLE V – ELECTION PROCEDURES, BOARD OF AUDITORS AND DISSOLUTION -

Art. 28. Election procedures.

1. Self-nominations must be submitted to the Executive Committee at least 72 hours before the Members' Meeting and must be supported by at least five signatures from Ordinary Members. If the members have not submitted a sufficient number of self-nominations, the outgoing Executive Committee will propose a sufficient number of candidates for each position to fill the vacancies.

2. Voting may take place in person or electronically if this is not possible. Elections are held by secret ballot, with separate ballots for the president and councillors. Lists are not permitted. The candidate who receives 50% of the votes cast plus one is elected president. If no candidate obtains a majority, a run-off vote will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes. The candidate who obtains the most votes, excluding blank and invalid ballots, wins the run-off vote.

3. Election to the Executive Committee is by a single vote, and the candidates who obtain the most votes are elected. In the event of a tie, the most senior member is elected. Each member may express a number of preferences equal to half the number of vacant positions. If this number is odd, it is rounded up.

4. If an E.C. member resigns or dies, the first non-elected candidate shall take their place. If there are no such candidates, the Assembly shall elect a new member at its first meeting, in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

5. In the event of the President's resignation or death, the Vice-President shall take over and ensure the Association's day-to-day management. At the first subsequent Assembly meeting, a new President shall be elected in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2.

Art. 29. Voting by correspondence. In the opinion of the E. C., any resolution may be submitted to Members by letter, e-mail or at a General Meeting, with the exception of amendments to the Statute and the election of new Members, which must in all cases be approved at a General Meeting. In the case of postal voting, there must be at least two (2) months between the date of dispatch of the ballot papers by the Secretariat and the deadline for their return with the vote. In the case of voting by e-mail, the time allowed for casting votes is reduced to 2 (two) weeks. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to bring the numerical results of all votes to the attention of all Members.

Art. 30. Board of Auditors. If deemed appropriate by a qualified majority of two-thirds (2/3) of Assembly members, the Board of Auditors shall be appointed to oversee the Association's financial and economic management, replacing the Executive Committee.

1. The Board of Auditors shall consist of three ordinary members, who shall be elected by secret ballot by the Assembly of Members and shall remain in office for three years.

2. In agreement with the president, the Board of Auditors shall verify the regular keeping of the Association's accounts, draw up a report on the annual financial statements and verify the cash balance and the existence of the Association's assets and securities.

3. The auditors may carry out inspections and checks on the assets referred to in Art. 25.

Art. 31. Dissolution.

1. The dissolution of the Association shall be decided by a qualified majority of three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Assembly.

2. Once the vote has taken place, the Assembly shall decide by open vote and relative majority on the devolution of the assets.

3. Once a decision has been reached on the devolution of the assets, the Assembly shall proceed by open vote and relative majority to elect 3 (three) Liquidators from among the Members.

4. In the absence of elected Liquidators, or those willing to accept the appointment, the outgoing President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall automatically assume the role of Liquidators.