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CONSTITUTION

of the

Asian Association of

Environmental Mutagen Societies

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MUTAGEN SOCIETIES

-AAEMS-

PREAMBLE

The Asian Association of Environmental Mutagen Societies, AAEMS, is an international cluster of Asian Member Societies. Its primary purpose is to provide a means

46 whereby those engaged in environmental mutagenesis research and related fields in all
47 countries may communicate more readily with each other, and through this process, advance
48 both basic and applied research in this area. AAEMS respects fully individuality of member
49 societies and does not infringe upon the autonomy of the member societies leaving each
50 Society free to function effectively in environmental mutagenesis activities of local, national
51 or regional interest.

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53 AAEMS activities are financed by donation by the member societies and from the
54 proceeds of AAEMS-sponsored conferences.

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56 ARTICLE I: NAME

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58 SECTION 1.

59 The name of this international body shall be the ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF
60 ENVIRONMENTAL MUTAGEN SOCIETIES, which is abbreviated as AAEMS, and is
61 hereinafter designated as such.

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63 ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

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65 SECTION 1.

66 The primary objective of the AAEMS is to provide each member society with the
67 means whereby international contacts and cooperation in Asian area may be promoted among
68 those engaged in mutagenesis and related research.

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70 SECTION 2.

71 Activities of the AAEMS that are appropriate to the accomplishment of its objectives
72 are to:

73 (i) encourage the establishment of environmental mutagen societies throughout
74 the Asian area as a means of achieving international cooperation among those
75 engaged in mutagenesis and related research;

76 (ii) promote, organize and encourage research, educational activities, meetings
77 and conferences in those scientific and related disciplines which support the
78 field of environmental mutagenesis in Asian countries;

79 (iii) establish liaison with Asian organizations to promote and facilitate
80 collaboration in the field of environmental mutagenesis and related fields; and

81 (iv) undertake any other matters appropriate to the AAEMS.

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83 SECTION 3.

84 The AAEMS is a non-profit organization. Its fund shall be used exclusively to further
85 the objectives stated in Sections 1 and 2 above.

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87 ARTICLE III: MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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89 SECTION 1.

90 Membership of AAEMS is open to environmental mutagen societies from Asian
91 countries and local area. Incorporating members of AAEMS are EMS from China, India, Iran,
92 Japan, Korea, Philippines, Thailand and Experimental Pathology Society of Australasia
93 (MEPSA).

94 95 ARTICLE IV: ADMINISTRATION

96 97 SECTION 1.

98 Administration of AAEMS affairs is vested in the Executive Committee. The
99 Executive Committee consists of presidents of member societies and also one additional
100 society member nominated by the presidents. Any other individuals can be nominated as a
101 member of the executive committee by at least two members of the committee. The number
102 of the executive committee does not exceed 17. The President, Vice-President, Secretary
103 General, and Treasurer of AAEMS are selected among the Executive Committee members.
104 Their term is from the end of ACEM to the end of the next succeeding ACEM.

105 106 ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

107 108 SECTION 1.

109 The duties of the President are:

- 110 (i) The President shall be the executive officer of the AAEMS, and shall serve as
111 chairman of the Executive Committee. The President may convene the
112 executive committee meetings when necessary. The President shall act on
113 behalf of Executive in all the business necessary to promote the aims of the
114 AAEMS, and he/she or a member of the Executive Committee appointed by
115 him/her shall represent the AAEMS on appropriate international occasions and
116 at meetings of Member Societies. [Meeting can be carried out by mail
117 communication. The president is obliged to summon such a meeting upon
118 receipt of written request by at least one-third of the executive members.]
119 (ii) In the absence of the President, the Vice President should serve as the
120 chairman. The Vice President should help the President at any time when
121 needed.

122 123 SECTION 2.

124 The duties of the Secretary General are:

- 125 (i) to be responsible for the correspondence of the AAEMS;
126 (ii) to keep update a list of the Executive members and officers with the names
127 and addresses, e-mail addresses, and other necessary information;
128 (iii) to keep minutes of all meetings and provide minutes to all AAEMS members
129 through Executives; and
130 (iv) to perform other Secretarial duties as may be requested by the Executives.

131 132 SECTION 3.

133 The duties of the Treasurer are:

- 134 (i) to establish and maintain a mechanism for the receipt of all monies payable to
135 the AAEMS and to cause such funds to be deposited in appropriate accounts
136 of the AAEMS;
- 137 (ii) to cause to be drawn all drafts and checks on the accounts of the AAEMS for
138 the payment of bills against the AAEMS or the transfer of funds from the
139 accounts of the AAEMS;
- 140 (iii) the Executive Council shall identify the signatories for all transactions
141 involving the accounts of AAEMS; and
- 142 (iv) the Treasurer shall prepare an annual audited financial statement and report on
143 the financial status of the Society.
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145 ARTICLE VI: ACEM

146 SECTION 1.

147 An ACEM shall be organized occasionally in conjunction with one of the member
148 society meetings, International Conference on Environmental Mutagen (ICEM), or Congress
149 of Asian Society of Toxicology Meeting. The time and place shall be decided by Executive
150 committee.
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152 The primary purpose of the ACEM is to provide a means whereby the members may
153 exchange scientific information, discuss their professional experiences, exchange ideas, and
154 acquaint themselves with the scientific progress and technical problems. The ACEM may
155 serve as a tutorial workshops.
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157 SECTION 2.

158 The ACEM may be held in any country, and one or more member societies may
159 assume responsibility for hosting the conference.
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162 ARTICLE VII: AAEMS PUBLICATIONS

163 SECTION 1.

164 AAEMS News letter and communications can be published via the AAEMS Internet
165 Home Page and other international media when necessary.
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167 ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

168 SECTION 1.

169 Amendments to the Constitution may be initiated by the Executives.
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172 SECTION 2.

173 Proposed amendments must be notified to the members.
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175 SECTION 3.

176 The Executive committee shall vote on any amendments to the Constitution which
177 have been submitted to it in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 above, but no such amendment
178 shall be accepted unless two-thirds or more of the Members shall vote in favour of the

179 amendment. Poll of votes may be during official meetings of the AAEMS Executive
180 committee or by regular mail or electronic transmission.

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182 ARTICLE IX: BY-LAWS

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184 SECTION 1.

185 The executive committee shall draw up such By-laws as it may from time to time
186 deem necessary for the efficient operation of the AAEMS.

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188 SECTION 2.

189 Any new By-laws or any changes in existing By-laws which have been approved by
190 Executive Committee shall come into force immediately.

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192 SECTION 3.

193 This Constitution is effective immediately after approval by the Executive Committee.

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196 The first revision was made at Bangkok on February 1, 2004.

197 The second revision was made at San Francisco, U.S.A. on September 6, 2005 The

198 third revision was made at Pataya, Thailand, on December 15, 2010.

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