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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 whereby those engaged in environmental mutagenesis research and related fields in all countries may communicate more readily with each other, and through this process, advance

49 both basic and applied research in this area. AAEMS respects fully individuality of member  
50 societies and does not infringe upon the autonomy of the member societies leaving each  
51 Society free to function effectively in environmental mutagenesis activities of local, national  
52 or regional interest.

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

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57 ARTICLE I: NAME

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59 SECTION 1.

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

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64 ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

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66 SECTION 1.

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

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71 SECTION 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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84 SECTION 3.

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

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88 ARTICLE III: MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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90 SECTION 1.

91 Membership of AAEMS is open to environmental mutagen societies from Asian  
92 countries and local area. Incorporating members of AAEMS are EMS from China, India, Iran,  
93 Japan, Korea, Philippines and Thailand.

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95 ARTICLE IV: ADMINISTRATION

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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 two years.

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106 ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

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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  
116 and 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.

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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.

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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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#### 161 ARTICLE VII: AAEMS PUBLICATIONS

##### 162 SECTION 1.

163 AAEMS News letter and communications can be published via the AAEMS Internet  
164 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

##### 183 SECTION 1.

184 The executive committee shall draw up such By-laws as it may from time to time  
185 deem necessary for the efficient operation of the AAEMS.  
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SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

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