New definition of AIRAPT membership: necessary changes in Constitution.

Introduction
The definition of AIRAPT membership is an important pending issue deserving clarification in the current AIRAPT Constitution. A special dedicated commission led by G. Angilella elaborated a report devoted to clarifying the AIRAPT membership definition by proper changes in the Constitution/By-laws. The aim is to answer to the following questions:

- who is an AIRAPT member?
- how can an individual become a member?
- how long does the membership last?
- is there an (official) list of AIRAPT members, and who can check and/or use it?

Proposal:
After several discussions within the Executive Committee meetings in the Madrid Conference 2015 and the Gordon Research Conference, Holderness 2016, there was an ample consensus to accept the Commission's recommendations with some minor modifications.

The proposed amendments to the current AIRAPT Constitution affect Articles 4), 5), 8) and 9). They will be submitted for approval to the AIRAPT members for email voting.

(Changes in yellow)
ARTICLES 4) and 5)  

Current definition of AIRAPT membership:

Membership

Art. 4. Membership of the association includes:

a) private individuals and organizations interested in the objectives of the Association

b) Honorary Members who are individuals elected by the General Assembly, distinguished for their contribution to the science and technology of high pressure and to Association and proposed by the Executive Committee,

c) the Association may also create other classes of members.

Art. 5. Subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, Individual Members and approved delegates shall be admitted to AIRAPT on payment of the appropriate subscriptions. Honorary Members are not required to pay a subscription.

Proposed amendments in the Constitution:

Membership

Art. 4. Member of the association include:

a) Regular Members, i.e. individuals and organizations interested in the objectives of the Association

b) Honorary Members, i.e. individuals proposed by the Executive Committee and elected by the General Assembly, distinguished for their contribution to the science and technology of high pressure and to the Association. Honorary Members are life members/Honorary membership does not expire.

Art. 5. Individuals become regular Members of the Association by (a) participating in an AIRAPT Conference, (b) being Executive Committee Members (including ex-officio Members) or Officers for the whole duration of their role, or (c) applying for membership to the Executive Committee. Applications for new membership should be addressed to the Secretary, and are evaluated by the Executive Committee (usually by e-voting) within a convenient deadline before the biennial AIRAPT Conference. Regular membership is renewed every second year, and is not subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. New memberships and membership renewals require the payment of a subscription fee. Honorary members, Executive Committee members and Officers are not required to pay their membership fee.
ARTICLE 8)  

Current Constitution

Financial resources

Art. 8. The financial resources of the Association shall be derived from:

a) the biennial subscriptions of individual members and affiliated organizations,

b) grants, donations, bequests etc. provided for purposes in accord with the objectives of the Association

c) income accruing from the assets of the Association and from any of the activities of Association.

Subscriptions shall be determined by the General Assembly. The financial year of the Association end on 31 Dec. of each calendar year.

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Proposed amendments:

Art. 8. The financial resources of the Association shall be derived from:

a) the biennial subscriptions of Regular members,

b) grants, donations, bequests, etc. provided for purposes in accord with the objectives of the Association,

c) income accruing from the assets of the Association and from any of the activities of Association.

The amount of the subscription fee shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The financial year of the Association ends on December 31 of each calendar year.

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ARTICLE 9)  

Current Constitution

General Assembly

Art. 9. The General Assembly is composed of all Individual Members, Delegates and Honorary Members of the Association.

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Proposed amendments:

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