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Statutes of the IERE

ARTICLE I: Name and Objective

This association shall be termed the IERE. IERE is a non-profit, financially self-sustaining international organization consisting of corporations and institutions willing to promote R&D activities with global cooperation as a means to solve medium and long-term issues facing the electricity service industries of the world.

ARTICLE II: Membership

Electricity service industries, R&D institutions, manufacturers, universities and government organizations that pay due respect to the spirit of mutual benefit and contribute to substantial R&D information exchange through the platform of IERE are eligible for the membership of IERE.

Admission to and removal from the IERE membership shall be decided by the Board and notified by the Chair of IERE.

The membership of IERE consists of the Executive Members, Regular Members, Individual Members and Academia Members as set forth in the bylaw article 1.

Each member shall appoint and register a representative.

ARTICLE III: General Meeting

General Meeting is a platform for interactions among members, where all IERE members can meet each other.

1. The General Meeting takes place at intervals as decided by the Board.
2. General Meetings are attended by the Representatives of IERE Members, guests invited by the Board members, and experts put forward by the IERE members with the approval of the Chair.
3. General Meeting should receive the reports on important decisions made by the Board as well as general information regarding the operation of IERE. Representatives attending the General Meeting are provided with the opportunity to express their views on the reports.
4. The General Meeting should include technical sessions, for which guest speakers from the other fields may be invited.

5. The agenda of the General Meeting shall be established by the Chair after consultation with the Board.
6. The minutes of the General Meetings shall be prepared by the Secretary General and approved by the Board.

Details are set forth in the bylaw article 5.

ARTICLE IV: The Board

The Board shall govern IERE and make decisions and approvals based on the IERE Statutes. The Board shall primarily be responsible for realizing effective planning and operation of IERE and promoting the interest of the members by assuring openness and transparency.

1. Board members

The Board members shall be elected from among the representatives of the Executive member organizations according to the bylaw article 12. The number of the Board members shall be at least nine (9) and no more than fifteen (15). Details are set forth in the bylaw article 6.

2. Tasks and Functions

The Board decides on the following matters so that a smooth, informal and efficient operation of the IERE is ensured.

- a. Admission and removal of the member organizations and individual members
- b. Planning and organization of conferences including dates, place and format of the General Meeting and Workshop
- c. Evaluation and authorization of IERE activities
- d. Revision of the IERE Statutes and bylaws
- e. Election of the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Treasurer
- f. Organization of working groups to make investigations on special projects

3. The Board Meeting

- 1) Decision of the Board shall basically be made in the Board Meeting. Board Meeting may be substituted by other means, when authorized by the Board.
- 2) Attendance of the two-thirds (2/3) majority shall be required for the quorum of the Board Meeting with permission of proxy. The decisions shall be made by the simple majority vote of the Board members present. In case of a tie vote, the Chair shall make the final decision.
- 3) The Board Meeting shall be held by the proposal of the Board members with agreement by at least half of the Board members.

- 4) The agenda of the Board Meeting shall be determined by the Chair.
- 5) The minutes of the Board Meeting shall be prepared by the Secretary General and approved by the Board.

ARTICLE V: The Chair and The Vice Chair

The Chair and the Vice Chair of IERE shall be elected from among the Board members according to the bylaw article 12. The Vice Chair shall act as the Chair in the absence of the Chair. The term of the office of the Chair and the Vice Chair shall be decided by the Board as provided in the bylaw article 7.

ARTICLE VI: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected from among the Board members according to the bylaw article 12. The obligation of Treasurer is for financial policy and its sound implementation. The term of the office of the Treasurer shall be decided by the Board as provided in the bylaw article 8.

ARTICLE VII: Secretary General

The Chair of IERE shall appoint a Secretary General, with the approval of the Board. The Secretary General, a full-time officer of the Central Office, represents the Central Office and is responsible for the management of IERE activities and operation of the Central Office.

ARTICLE VIII: Central Office

In order to assure consistency of management of IERE, the Central Office of IERE shall be organized.

The functions are detailed in the bylaw article 9.

ARTICLE IX: Activities

The Board shall plan and organize activities to effectively exchange information, ideas, views or opinions among members from various kinds of entities related with R&D for electric power service industries.

The members shall actively participate in the IERE activities for mutual benefit.

The IERE activities are authorized and set forth in the bylaw article 10.

ARTICLE X: Financial Matters

The fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 in the same year.

Every organization represented on the Board and each of the Members bear the costs of their representatives and of the correspondence resulting from their membership of IERE.

The Central Office shall be financed by the member fees. The IERE activities (Workshops, General Meetings and other IERE activities) shall basically be financed by the registration fee, with support of the hosting organizations.

ARTICLE XI: Alteration of the Statutes and Bylaws

The Statutes and Bylaws may be modified. The decision shall be made by the two-thirds majority vote of the Board with a notice to the Board Members at least one month in advance.

ARTICLE XII: Unforeseen

In all matters, which are not foreseen in these Statutes, the Board shall decide.

Revision History

July 23, 2008: Revised maximum number of Board members in ARTICLE IV

May 22, 2003: Major revisions in ARTICLES II, IV, V, and VI

- ARTICLE II: Added Academia members category
- ARTICLES IV, V, and VI: Added reference article in Bylaws

January 29, 2001: Initial release