

**REVISED CHARTER of the
EUROPEAN SECTION of the SOCIETY FOR RISK ANALYSIS
(SRA-EUROPE)**

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SECTION I

1. Identity and Membership

- 1.1 The European Section of the Society for Risk Analysis (hereinafter and generally referred to as "SRAE") shall be a part of the Society for Risk Analysis ("The Society"), which is incorporated under the provisions of the District of Columbia Non-profit Corporation Act.
- 1.2 Membership of SRAE shall be open to all persons and organisations eligible for membership of the Society and resident or working in one of the countries lying within the geographic region of Europe, as generally understood. The Executive Committee (EC) of SRAE may admit other persons to membership or to participation in its events, at its sole discretion.
- 1.3 Classes of Membership. SRAE has four classes of membership:
- (a) Active: persons who are engaged in some phase of development or application of risk analysis or have a continuing interest in risk analysis.
 - (b) Student: students engaged in a degree program.
 - (c) Sustaining: organisations interested in risk analysis and risk research.
 - (d) Group: a collective member represented by an individual person. This person enjoys the rights of an active member. Doing so he or she represents all members of the group. Group membership is a process established by SRA Europe with a view to sustain development of risk analysis in countries where the economic situation does not allow normal membership for scientists, as may happen in Central and Eastern Europe. A group is constituted of a maximum number of 25 individuals, belonging to one or several organisations, who share the membership fee and elect their representative. Only the group representative can exercise the right to vote. The EC application for group membership on the basis of the economic situation of the country and organisations of participants. The EC must be provided with the list of participants and the result of the ballot. All participants in the group can attend the annual meeting of SRA-E at the same rate as regular members of SRA-E.
 - (e) the EC is currently considering establishing a further category of membership that will only be open to existing SRA members. This 'special membership' of SRA-E may involve a small additional membership fee and will bring benefits particularly relevant to those interested in risk analysis and risk research within Europe.
- 1.4 Membership application. Application for membership shall be made in writing or by email directly to the Society and shall be acted upon in accordance with procedures established by the SRA Council. Membership applications sent to the secretariat for the SRAE shall be forwarded to the Society within one month.
- 1.5 Rights and privileges. Active members and members representing a group (see 1.3 (d) above) shall be eligible to vote on any matter subjected to a vote of the membership and shall be eligible to hold office. Other members shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office but shall be

eligible to attend all meetings, receive all information, and otherwise to participate in the affairs of the Society. Full paying members of SRA receive the option of the Journal of the Society, *Risk Analysis* and may also subscribe to the *Journal of Risk Research* for a reduced fee.

- 1.6 Membership fees. The basic fees for each category of membership shall follow the decisions established by the Society's Council as varied by SRAE Executive Committee.
- 1.7 Resignation. Resignation from membership in SRA shall be made in writing to the Society. Resignation shall not relieve any member from liability for any fees accrued and unpaid at the time when such resignation is submitted.
- 1.8 Delinquency. Any member whose membership fees remain unpaid within the time specified by the SRA Council shall automatically be dropped from membership in the Society but shall be reinstated whenever the member discharges all past indebtedness to the Society.

SECTION II

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The general objectives of SRAE shall be in compliance with those of the Society expressed in the Third Article of its Articles of Incorporation including any amendment thereto, which may at any time be made by the Society. For information, a copy of this Article as of the date of adoption of this Charter is given in Annex 1.
- 2.2 The special objectives of SRAE are:
 - (a) To promote risk research and knowledge and understanding of risk analysis techniques within Europe and elsewhere.
 - (b) To facilitate communication and sharing of ideas and techniques between researchers, risk analysis experts and other interested parties working in Europe.
 - (c) To identify and address specifically European issues in the field of risk, to promote debate and to impress upon decision-makers the usefulness of risk research and risk analysis in dealing with such issues.
 - (d) To act as a focal point for communication with risk researchers and analysts in other parts of the world.
 - (e) To facilitate exchanges of information and opinion between professionals in industry, government, universities, research institutes, and consultancies, with the aim of furthering research and improving the practical application of risk analysis and risk management.
 - (f) To convene and promote scientific and educational meetings on risk research, risk analysis and risk management in Europe.
 - (g) To promote the interests of the Society in Europe and elsewhere.

SECTION III

3. Executive Committee

- 3.1 Composition of the Executive Committee. The affairs of SRAE shall be conducted by an Executive Committee comprising eight members elected in accordance with Section III, Articles 3.5 and 3.6 of this Charter. In addition, the elected members may at any time co-opt up to three other members, for the purpose of encouraging membership of the committee and of the Society in those European countries in which the Society is not strongly represented, or for any other purpose as the elected members may decide. Co-opted members do not enjoy voting rights.
- 3.2 The officers of the Executive Committee, SRAE shall be:
- (a) the President
 - (b) the President Elect
 - (c) the Immediate Past President (hereinafter referred to as "Past President")
 - (d) the Secretary
 - (e) the Treasurer
 - (f) the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
 - (g) Information Officer
- 3.3 Powers of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee elects its officers from among elected Executive Committee members, and shall have the power of management and supervision of the property and affairs of the SRAE, including appropriation of funds, establishing additional (SRAE) fees, establishing speciality groups, selecting individuals for SRAE awards, calling the SRAE membership meetings, sponsoring or patronising meetings in co-operation with other societies, accepting group membership and all other authority relating to the management of the SRAE that customarily resides in a corporation's board of directors.
- 3.4 Chairperson. The President of the SRAE shall serve as the chairperson of the Executive Committee unless absent, in which case the President Elect shall preside, failing which the Executive Committee shall designate a temporary Chair for the meeting.
- 3.5 a Eligibility. To be eligible for membership of the Executive Committee, an individual shall be an active member of The Society.
- 3.5 b The Executive Committee reserves the right to co-opt a student to the committee.
- 3.6 (a) Nomination and election. Elections to the vacancies of the Executive Committee shall be held annually, the declaration of results to coincide with the annual meeting.
- (b) Membership of the Executive Committee shall be for five years to enable rotation of the Committee Membership.
Co-opted members shall serve for a duration that is stated when they are co-opted and that shall not exceed five years.
The President Elect shall serve for six consecutive years as President Elect, President and Past President respectively, regardless of the length of any prior service on the Executive Committee. This duration can be made shorter or longer depending on the exact date of the SRA-E annual business meeting, but the difference shall not exceed four months.
The limit of consecutive terms of membership of the Executive Committee is eight years, including co-opted or presidential periods.
- (c) The number of candidates elected as members of the Executive Committee each year shall be equal to the number of vacancies (after taking into account the term for the President Elect), whichever is the lesser.

(d) The chairperson of the nominating committee shall appoint a committee composed of two SRAE members. Nominations for election as a member of the Executive Committee may be made by the Nominating Committee or by any full paying member of SRAE, delivered to the Secretary or chairperson of the Nominating Committee at least two months prior to the date of the election.

(e) All nominees must be full paying members of SRA. The Nominating Committee must use its best endeavours to ensure that all elections are contested and must have regard to the need for nominees representing a broad range of scientific disciplines, types of organisations and countries. It must inform the candidates of the rights and duties of members of the Executive Committee, and it must verify that they have the will and ability to take an active role in the Executive Committee.

(f) The procedure for nominations shall be in accordance with Section III, Article 3.6(d) of this Charter. The procedure for voting for Executive Committee membership shall be as specified in Section III, Article 3.6(g) of this Charter. The procedures for the counting of votes and the determination of the voting result shall be as specified in Section III, Article 3.6(h) of this Charter.

(g) A combination of web-based electronic and postal ballot of all full paying SRAE members shall be held prior to the SRA-E annual meeting, using the following voting procedure:

- (i) one single list of eligible candidates, where
- (ii) the voters indicate their choices for a specified, maximum number of candidates, by marking the names of the candidates on the ballot list

(h) The votes are of equal weight, and the result is counted at one point in time, by at least three persons of the Nomination Committee. A written results list shall be established, ranking all candidates in the order of number of votes received, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

3.7 Term of office. The term of office for each officer of the SRAE shall commence at the end of the annual business meeting of the SRAE and shall last for the following periods of time:

(a) The President shall serve for a term of two years, beginning at the end of the annual business meeting after service as President-elect and continuing through the annual business meeting of the SRAE that follows taking office.

(b) The President Elect shall serve for a term of two years, beginning at the end of the second annual business meeting that follows the election as President Elect and continuing until the second annual meeting that follows taking office as President Elect, and shall thereafter automatically become the President of SRAE.

(c) The Past President shall have been the President of the two preceding years, and remains in office two years, beginning at the end of the second annual business meeting that follows the election as President and continuing through the annual meeting that follows taking office as Past President.

(d) The Secretary shall serve for a term of two years, beginning at the end of the annual business meeting that follows the election and continuing through the second annual business meeting that follows taking office, and shall be eligible for one re-election for a second term of two years.

(e) The Treasurer shall serve a term of two years, beginning at the end of the annual business meeting that follows the election and continuing through the second annual business meeting

that follows taking office, and shall be eligible for one re-election for a second term of two years.

(f) The chair of the Nominating Committee shall serve a term of one year, beginning at the end of the annual business meeting that follows the election and continuing through the annual business meeting that follows taking office, and shall be eligible for re-election for a second term of one year.

- 3.8 In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the President Elect shall succeed to that office and continue as President for the succeeding term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President Elect, the Executive Committee shall provide for a special election. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Past President, the office shall remain vacant until filled by the accession of the current President to this office at the start of the succeeding year. In the event of a vacancy in the rest of the Executive Committee, the remaining members of the Executive Committee may make an appointment to fill the vacancy until the unexpired term is completed.
- 3.9 Removal. Any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Executive Committee or of two-thirds of the active members of SRAE. An officer unable to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee, or an officer unable to fulfill the designated duties, may be removed as an officer of the Executive Committee by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members of the same Committee.
- 3.10 Resignation. Any officer of SRAE may resign by notifying the Secretary in writing.
- 3.11 Compensation. Officers shall receive no compensation for their services as officers, but may be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in carrying out their duties if approved by the Executive Committee and if such reimbursement does not harmfully affect SRAE.
- 3.12 Annual Conference and Business Meeting. The Executive Committee shall organize every year an Annual Conference and an Annual Business Meeting, both open to all full paying members. The Executive Committee may delegate this responsibility to one of its members or to a Committee.

SECTION IV

4. Meetings of the Executive Committee

- 4.1 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the President.
- 4.2 Notice. Regular or special meetings of the Executive Committee may be held upon notice to each Executive Committee Member and provisional agenda of not less than four weeks, either by mail, e-mail, or facsimile. Unless otherwise specified in this Charter, any notice of a regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee, shall specify the time, place and the business to be transacted at the meeting. The agenda will be provided by the president and circulated by the Secretary.
- 4.3 Meetings. The Executive Committee shall hold at least two regular meetings each year, one at the time of the Annual meeting of members of SRAE.
- 4.4 Quorum. At any meeting of the Executive Committee, either regular or special, a majority of the elected members (five elected members, excluding co-opted members) shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a majority of voting officers present at a meeting at which a quorum is

present shall be necessary for the adoption decision of any matter. Each officer's vote has equal weight.

- 4.5 Action by Mail Ballot. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken by mail (or email) ballot. The affirmative vote of the majority of all members shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by mail ballot by the Executive Committee.
- 4.6 Telephone Meeting. The Executive Committee may meet by conference telephone or any other means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and speak to each other. Notice of any such telephone meeting shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee in the way specified in Section IV, Article 4.2. of this Charter, and the provisions governing a quorum and voting established in Section IV, Article 4.4. shall also apply to telephone meetings.

SECTION V

5. Duties of Officers

5.1 Duties of Officers. The officers of the SRAE shall have the following duties:

- (a) The President shall act as the chief executive officer and chief operating officer of SRAE and shall preside at all meetings of SRAE.
- (b) The President Elect shall serve in the absence or inability of the President to act.
- (c) The Secretary shall oversee the records of SRAE maintained by the SRAE Secretariat including the list of members and their status. He or she shall co-ordinate the production of correspondence with members of the SRAE, and the administration of elections. The Secretary shall make a report on the membership position at the Annual Business Meeting.
- (d) The Treasurer shall oversee the SRAE accounts, prepare annual budgets and fiscal reports and provide a check on all transactions, including checking that all bills properly incurred by the SRAE are paid, and shall perform all other duties customarily undertaken by the Treasurer of a corporation. In association with the SRAE Secretariat the Treasurer shall prepare an annual account, which may require to be audited, and shall submit the same to the Executive Committee and to the Annual Business Meeting.
- (e) The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall chair the Nominating Committee meetings and be responsible for presenting the nominations of candidates for election to the Executive Committee.

SECTION VI

6. Representation on the SRA Council

6.1 Election of Councillors of the Council of SRA is subject to the rules of the Society. The Memorandum of Understanding with the Society is currently under review. The membership

will be informed of any changes that affect the Charter. Currently the situation is as follows. Under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding between SRA Council and SRAE it is agreed that one Council seat may be filled by a representative of the European membership of SRA. The Executive Committee will ensure that the SRA Nominating Committee (or the Council as appropriate) is advised of a European candidate for this seat whenever it falls vacant. In general the nominee will be a member of the Executive Committee, but this shall not be obligatory and any European full paying member may also apply for nomination, subject to the rules of the Society.

SECTION VII

7. Committees and Speciality Groups

- 7.1 Establishing Committees. SRAE's Executive Committee may establish any number of Committees as may be deemed appropriate for the objectives of the SRAE. The Chairperson of such a Committee shall be a member of the Executive Committee.
- 7.2 The Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three members of SRAE. The Nominating Committee shall submit nominations to the Secretariat for each vacancy for elective office of SRAE to be filled in any annual election.
- 7.3.1 Awards Committee. The Awards Committee shall consist of at least three members or past members of the SRAE Executive Committee and shall recommend awards to the Executive Committee.
- 7.3.2 Awards. After considering the recommendations of the Awards Committee, the Executive Committee may select individuals for the following Society awards:
- (a) Distinguished Achievement Award.
 - (b) SRAE Distinguished Scientist Award to be presented by the outgoing president.
- 7.4.1 Establishment of Speciality Groups. The Executive Committee may establish criteria, requirements, and procedures for the formation, operation, and termination of speciality groups of the SRAE. Such a group shall represent a substantive or disciplinary area of interest related to risk analysis.
- 7.4.2 Purposes of Speciality Groups. The purposes and procedures of a speciality group shall be consistent with the principles established in this Charter.
- 7.4.3 Applications. Any member may submit an application to the Executive Committee for approval for the establishment of a speciality group.
- 7.4.4 Executive Committee Approval. A speciality group shall be established upon the approval of an application by the Executive Committee. Such speciality group shall continue in existence until the speciality group dissolves itself or until the Executive Committee takes action to withdraw its approval of the speciality group.

SECTION VIII

8. General Provisions

- 8.1 Auditors. The books of SRAE may be audited for each administrative year and at such other time or times and for such other periods as the Executive Committee may deem advisable. Reports will be provided on such audits and made available upon request to active members.
- 8.2 Prohibition Against Sharing in Society Earnings. No Councillor, officer, employee, or agent of, or person connected with, the SRAE or any other private individual shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profits from the operations of the SRAE, except that the Executive Committee may employ and pay any person reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the SRAE in effecting any of its purposes.
- 8.3 Administrative Year. The administrative year of SRAE shall follow the term of the Treasurer.
- 8.4 Liability. SRAE does not assume any liability for the action of its directors and officers.

SECTION IX

9. Amendments

- 9.1 This Charter may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members attending and entitled to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, provided that a written notice of the wording of the proposed amendment and any Articles affected by it has been mailed to the members by the Secretary at least three weeks prior to the annual business meeting.
- 9.2 Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by petition of any five full paying members and must be submitted to the Secretary at least six weeks before the annual business meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

ANNEX 1

Article Three of the

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of the SOCIETY FOR RISK ANALYSIS

The business and purposes for which the Corporation is organised are:

promote the acquisition and utilisation of knowledge in risk analysis and facilitate the exchange of information among its members as well as other interested professionals;

foster and promote knowledge and understanding of risk analysis techniques and their applications;

communicate and interact among individuals engaged in risk analysis;

apply risk analysis techniques to assess the hazards and risks to which individuals and populations are exposed;

disseminate risk analysis information and concepts to all interested individuals;

advance the state-of-the-art in all aspects of risk analysis;

integrate and interact with the various disciplines involved in risk analysis;

collect, receive and maintain a fund or funds by subscription or otherwise and apply the income and principal thereof to the promotion of the purposes hereinabove set out and use as means to these ends research, publication, the employment of experts and the establishment and maintenance of bureaus, committees, offices and agencies and other means which, from time to time, shall be deemed advisable and expedient;

take, hold by bequest, devise, gift, purchase or lease, either absolutely or in trust, for any of its purposes, any property, real, personal or mixed, without limitation as to amount of value; convey, mortgage or pledge such property; invest and reinvest any principal, and deal with and expend the income and principal of said Corporation in such manner as will promote its purposes.