By-Laws of a non-profit organization
"BULGARIAN Research and Education Network"

Section I
GENERAL

Art. 1. (1) Association "BULGARIAN Research and Education Network" (BREN), hereinafter "Association" is a legal non-profit entity and operates in accordance with the Law for Non-Profit Organizations.
(2) The Association is a voluntary organization of followers.
(3) (Amended) The Association shall have a round seal with the inscription, and its name written in Bulgarian and English.
1. The name of the association is reduced in the Bulgarian language as follows: "BREN".
2. The name of the Association shall be written in English as follows: "Bulgarian Research and Educational Network".
3. The name of the Association is abbreviated in English as follows: "BREN".

Section II
SEAT AND TERM OF EXISTENCE

Art. 2. (1) The Association is headquartered in Sofia, Sofia Municipality, Sofia and address - Sofia region "Sredets", "Gurko" № 6.
(2) The name of the Association, its registered address and data register its case, including telephone, fax and e-mail is placed on all outgoing written statements, documents and publications.
(3) The association may establish branches.
Art. 3. The existence of the association is not limited by time or other termination condition.

Section III
GOALS AND MEANS TO ACHIEVE THEM

Art. 4. The Association has the following aims:
1. assistance for the establishment and operation of research networks and the integration of Bulgarian educational, scientific and cultural resources in the world information space;
2. promote the participation of Bulgarian researchers, scientists, teachers and students, as well as individual universities in European and international projects that require access to high speed research infrastructure;
3. stimulation of the Bulgarian scientific community and Bulgarian citizens to fully use pan-European and global research networks.
Art. 5. To achieve these in the art. 4 of this statutory goals, the Association shall:
1. providing universities and research institutions with the necessary information infrastructure to develop and maintain research and other information networks;
2. determining the conditions for linking universities and research institutions

with the information infrastructure and its connection with the pan-European research network;
3. establishment and maintenance of virtual spaces (Internet portals) to exchange information and ideas among users of research networks;
4. support and participation in projects and activities related to development of information technologies in Bulgaria and abroad;
5. support training and qualification of students and professionals working in the field of information technology;
6. support schools and institutions providing education in information and communication technologies.

Art. 6. (1) The Association may carry out additional business related to its main activity, income from which may be used only to achieve the objectives of this Statute.
(2) The Association does not distribute profits.

Art. 7. The subject of additional economic activity includes the following activities:
1. provide advice and expert assistance in preparation, application, protection and implementation of projects in the field of ICT;
2. training in use of ICT;
3. (Amended) organizing conferences, seminars, symposia, meetings, courses and practical training to resolve organizational, creative, financial and legal problems related to information and communication technologies, the creation and maintenance of Internet portals for sharing information and ideas among users research networks as well as among the strata of society and social groups, using new communication technologies;
4. providing access to global research networks and information resources of Bulgarian organizations and individuals involved in research, education and culture;
5. participation in projects in information and communication technologies;
6. other activities associated with the main objectives of the Association.

Art. 8. The Association and the spending of its property can not be tied to political goals and political campaigns involving the Association in conducting propaganda and agitation in favor of political parties and personalities.

Art. 9. Association may join Bulgarian, foreign and international non-profit purposes, whose activity is in line with its objectives and is permitted by the Bulgarian and the foreign law.

Section IV
Determining the type and ACTIVITIES

Art. 10. Association is determined to operate in the public interest.
Art. 11. The object of the Association include:
1. provide access to representatives of scientific, research and cultural community to the European and global communication and information resources and networks;
2. organizing and conducting training courses, seminars and training,

including distance among the scientific and research community;
3. stimulate the development and presentation and practical application of advanced computer and information technology and multimedia information services, publication of bulletins and other informational materials to promote the activities of the association;
4. all legal activities associated with the development of ICT.

Section V
Fundraising, management and disposal
PROPERTY

Art. 12. (1) The Association raises funds for its activities and assets from:
1. (Suppl.) membership fee and / or financial contributions;
2. (Suppl.) donations and / or bequests for the benefit of the Association of Bulgarian and foreign natural and legal persons and unincorporated associations;
3. (Suppl.) Income from property management of the Association and / or initiatives and projects in connection with its activities;
4. additional revenues from economic activity associated with the main objectives of the Association;
5. other income and receivables acceptable by the law.
(2) Bulgarian and foreign individuals and legal entities may conditionally or unconditionally make a donation or bequest for the benefit of the Association in accordance with its objectives.
(3) Subject to the donation or bequest may be cash, movable and immovable property and property rights, intellectual and industrial property, securities and other property rights.
(4) The Association may refuse to accept the gift or bequest made under unacceptable and contrary to its purpose, the provisions of the constitution or laws of the country.
(5) The property of the Association shall be managed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Art. 13. (1) The Association, by the General Assembly may deposit their funds in movable and immovable property necessary for the fulfillment of its public benefit.
(2) The property of the Association shall be managed in a way that ensures their preservation and provide adequate funding to carry out its activities in the public interest to achieve the objectives of the Association.
(3) (amended and supplemented.) Association is responsible for its obligations to the extent of its assests. Member of the Association is not responsible for obligations beyond the amount of unpaid membership or financial contributions. The member is not personally liable for obligations of the association.

Section IV
GOVERNING BODIES

Art. 14. (1) Bodies of the Association are:

1. General Assembly;
2. Board;
3. Audit Committee;
(2) The Board may form subsidiary bodies - committees and consultation bodies, consultancy and other units.
Art. 15. (1) The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association, which consists of all its members - legal and / or individuals who participate in meetings by their authorized representatives.
(2) A member of the Association or his representative may present to the General Assembly not more than one other member of the Association upon written authorization. Re-authorization is not allowed.
Art. 16. (1) the General Assembly:
1. amend the Charter of the Association;
2. adopt its rules of procedure for the public benefit and to determine the rules for raising and spending of property of "Bulgarian Research and Education Network," which defines the procedures for the formation of the annual budget and how its costs and other internal acts;
3. elect and dismiss members of the Management and Board;
4. approve the proposal of the Board for the establishment plan of the Association and the remuneration of the staff;
5. approve decisions of the Board for opening and closing of branches of the Association;
6. decide on participation in other organizations;
7. decide to reorganize or termination of the Association and for its liquidation and distribution of its assets remaining after liquidation pursuant to Art. 15 of the Law for Non-Profit;
8. (Suppl.) adopt guidelines and program activities of the Association, under domestic law;
9. approve the report on budget implementation and report to the Management and Supervisory Board for their activity, and release from liability;
10. adopt the annual budget of the Association;
11. revoke decisions of other bodies of which are contrary to law, statutes or other internal acts regulating the activities of the Association;
12. elected President of the Association who is also Chairman of the Board;
13. elected Honorary President of the Association;
14. elected Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Association;
15. (New) determine the amount of membership fee.
(2) The General Assembly decisions are obligatory to the other organs of the Association.
(3) Decisions of the General Assembly are subject to review on their legality and compliance with the Charter of the Association.
(4) (Suppl.) Decisions of the Association bodies, which were taken contrary to law, statute or previous General Assembly's decision can be appealed to the General Assembly at the request of interested members of the Association or his authority, made in one after learning, but not later than 1 year from date of decision
(5) Disputes under the preceding paragraph may be brought before the court of registration of the association by each member or organ or prosecutor within one month of learning about them, but not later than one year from the

date of the decision.
(6) The General Assembly shall meet in regular session at least once a year in the locality in which the seat of the Association of Governing Board on its own initiative or at the request of one third of the members of the Association. In the latter case, if the Management Board within one month does not extend an invitation to convene the General Assembly, it shall be convened by the court at the headquarters of the Association upon written request of any member or their representative.
(7) The invitation for convening the General Meeting shall include the agenda, date, time and place of the General Assembly and on whose initiative the meeting. The invitation is sent electronically with confirmation and placed on the notice board in the building, the headquarters of the Association at least two weeks before the scheduled day.
(8) The General Assembly shall be deemed legal if attended by more than half of all members of the Association. In the absence of a quorum the meeting shall be adjourned for one hour at the same place, same agenda and is held regardless of the number of members present.
(9) A member of the General Assembly shall have one vote.
(10) A member of the General Assembly may not make decisions on matters relating to:
1. him, his spouse or lineal relatives - without limitation, collateral - to the fourth degree or by marriage - to the second degree;
2. companies in which he is a manager or owner.
(11) the General Assembly takes decisions by simple majority of those present.
(12) Resolutions amending the statute, conversion or termination of the Association and for its liquidation and distribution of its assets remaining after liquidation pursuant to Art. 15 of the legal non-profit, it is taken by a majority of two thirds of all members of the Association.
(13) In matters not included in the announced agenda may not be passed.
(14) Meetings of the General Assembly are chaired by the Chairman of the Board of the Association, and at these meetings are held minutes. Chairman of the Board and selected by him in each case secretary of the meeting, who prepares the minutes, certified by their signatures and are responsible for the accuracy of the contents of the draft.
Art. 17. (1) (Amended) The Board shall consist of not more than nine members including a chairman, honorary chairman, CEO, and members. The distribution of positions is made by the Board, except for President, who is also Chairman of the Association, and Honorary President, elected by the General Assembly.
(2) to third parties Association is represented by its chairman.
(3) The mandate of the President of the Association and members of the Board is three years with the right to reelection.
Art. 18. (1) The Board:
1. organize the activities of the association in accordance with the law, the Charter and resolutions of the General Assembly, which enforced;
2. prepares annual budget, and a report on public benefit activities of the Association, who submitted for approval and adoption by the General Assembly;
3. decide on opening of branches;

4. approve the elected leadership of the branches;
5. (Amended) for adoption and excluded members of the Association;
6. administer, operate and manage the property of the Association;
7. determine domicile and address of the Association;
8. provides fundraising for the Association;
9. convene regular and extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly;
10. keep books for the minutes of all meetings held;
11. decide all matters not within the competence of other bodies of the Association;
12. (Suppl.) determine the order and organize the activities of the Association and is responsible for;
13. (Amended) directs the work and the overall activity of the Association decide to carry out the liquidation of the association.
14. make decisions for the establishment of expert advice, workshops and other activities in furtherance of the Association and monitor their work.
15. (Repealed)
(2) (Amended) The Board shall hold regular meetings at least once every three months by invitation sent at least 10 days before the meeting. Meetings shall be convened and chaired by the Chairman in his absence by the Executive Director or designated by the Board member. Extraordinary meetings of the Board shall be convened by the President with a written notice sent five days before the meeting or by written request of one third of the members of the Board. In the latter case the President does not convene a meeting of the Board within one week, it may be called by any interested members.
(3) Meetings of the Board shall be held if more than half of its members are present.
(4) (Amended) (Amended) Decisions of the Board are taken by simple majority of those present and decisions under par. 1, item 9 - a majority of all its members.Decisions under par. 1 items 4, 6 and 13 are taken by majority of three fourths of all members of the Board. Board may act without holding a meeting, the minutes of the decision is signed without remarks and objections by all Council members.
(5) until a new Board, the old Board performs its functions.
Art. 19. (1) The Chairman of the Board shall be elected for a term of 3 / three / years by the General Assembly. He is also Chairman of the Association.
(2) The Chair shall have the following powers:
1. convene and preside over meetings of the Board;
2. (Amended) represents the Association together with the Executive Director;
3. address other issues related to the activities of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Statute, decisions of the Governing Council and General Assembly Rules of Procedure for the formation of the annual budget and how its costs and other internal regulations of the Association;
4. (Repealed).
5. sign official documents of the Association.
(3) (Am). (Amended) In case of absence (sick leave and / or travel) the President or the inability to perform his duties, he shall be replaced by the executive director of the Association. Executive Director of the Association shall be elected by members of the Board.

(4) The Chair may not dispose funds and assets of the Association outside the approved budget without the decision of the Board.
(5) (New) The Chair may enter into management contracts with other board members.
Art. 20. (1) Honorary President of the Association shall be elected by the General Assembly for special contributions to the development of the Association and is a member of the Board.
(2) It has representative functions, defined by the General Assembly, so together with the President of the Association to represent BREN before international organizations in which the Association participates.
(3) assist the President of the Association in activities related to promotion of the Association.
Art. 21. (Amended) (1) The Audit Committee consists of a chairman and two members elected by the General Assembly.
(2) (Amended) The Chair and members of the Audit Board is three years with the right and opportunity for re-election for early termination of a decision by the General Assembly.
(3) (New) The chairman and members of the Audit Board may not be a party to the employment or association contract with BREN and engage in other collective bodies of the association.
(4) Audit Board:
1. supervise the activities of the Board and management of branches in terms of financial activities, property and documentation.
2. delivery report to the General Assembly.
(4) The Audit Board can always carry out its checks, but not less than once a year.
Art. 22. (New) (1) The Executive Director is elected and dismissed by a decision of the Board for a term of 2 years and he is directly reporting to the Board and report to him.
(2) The Executive Director:
1. organize and implement the operational management of the Association;
2. appoint and dismiss employees of the Association by signing on behalf of the contracts for work on labor and non-relationship agreement with the Chair of the Association;
3. carry out direct guidance to all full-time staff of the Association;
4. responsible for the proper and regular bookkeeping;
5. represents the Association to third parties together with the Chairman of the Board;
6. necessarily agree with the President of the Association representative its activities to third parties;
7. perform other functions under the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Director to be adopted by the Board.

Section VII
RULES FOR ESTABLISHING AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Art. 23. (1) Membership in the Association is voluntary. The founders of the Association are its members.
(2) (Amended) Members of the Association shall be proposed by the Board after filing a written request and statement of acceptance of the Charter and

internal regulations of the Association who are considered at the next session of the General Assembly.
(3) A member of the Association may be any adult individual and legal entity that develops projects in science, education and research, shared objectives and adopt the Charter of the Association and is ready to work for their implementation.Membership of legal persons is performed by an authorized representative.
(4) Each member of the Association shall have the following rights:
1. to participate in the Association and the work of the General Assembly entitled aloud;
2. be elected in the bodies of the Association;
3. be informed about its activities;
4. property use and performance of the Association;
(5) Each member of the Association shall:
1. To observe the Articles of Association and to contribute to the realization of its objectives;
2. to actively participate in the Association and to perform in good faith and within their assigned tasks;
3. (Amended) to pay the annual membership fee in the manner and within the time specified by the General Assembly;
4. to make material contributions, if the General Assembly adopted a resolution in accordance with this Statute;
5. work for the good name of the Association.
(6) Membership in the Association shall be terminated:
1. a unilateral statement in writing addressed to the Board of the Association;
2. exclusion;
3. the termination of the legal person - a member of the Association.
(7) (Amended) The decision to exclude is taken by the General Assembly in behavior that makes further membership incompatible in the following cases:
1. non-payment of dues or contributions to the property designated by the General Assembly as possible;
2. failure to comply with this statute, fault resolutions of the General Assembly or the Board or non-participation in the Association;
3. carrying out activities incompatible with the aims and objectives of the Association or impeding the implementation of its objectives;
4. defamation of the Association.
(8) lapsed non-payment of property fees when they are down and because non-participation in the Association shall be established by documents in the manner provided in the Articles of Association.
(9) Any member of the Association is entitled to receive methodological and technical assistance, and to use the equipment of the Association for the needs of their activities that are directly related to its objectives.

Section VIII
PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING THE AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF
DUES

Art. 24. (1) Property contributions of members of the Association shall be

determined by type and size of the General Assembly, which stated in its decision and the manner of their introduction.
(2) The General Assembly may decide on further monetary or material contributions.
Art. 25. (Amended) A member of the Association owes annual membership fee set by the General Assembly pursuant to Art. 16, para. 1, p. 14, payable by the end of the year.
Art. 26. Accounting activities of the Association subject to independent audit in accordance with the Accounting Act, if there are terms of art. 39, para. 3 of the legal non-profit organizations.

Section IX
TRANSFORMATION

Art. 27. The association is a legal non-profit entity to perform community service and can not be converted into a legal non-profit entity to operate a private benefit.

Section X
TERMINATION

Art. 28. (1) The Association may be terminated:
1. by the General Assembly;
2. a decision of the district court when:
a) is not established according to the law;
b) carry out activities contrary to law or contrary to public order or morality;
c) is declared bankrupt.
(2) The decision of the court under par. 1, item 2 states at the request of any interested person or the prosecutor.
(3) The court may give appropriate time to remove the grounds for termination and its consequences.
(4) In cases under para. 2 termination is recorded automatically and the court appointed liquidator.

Section XI
Method of allocation of the remaining property after satisfaction of creditors

Art. 29. (1) Upon termination of the Association shall be liquidated.
(2) liquidation is carried out by the governing body or a person designated by him.
(3) If the liquidator is not appointed under par. 2, as in the case of Art. 13, para. 1, item 2 of the legal non-profit, it is determined by the district court.
(4) For insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation procedures and powers of the liquidator shall apply the provisions of the Commerce Act.
Art. 30. (1) Upon a declaration of liquidation, the liquidator must, if possible, to satisfy the creditors of the Association by the following means:
1. of cash;
2. through liquidation of personal property;

3. through liquidation of the property.
(2) The property of the Association can not be transferred in any way to:
1. founders, current or former members;
2. persons involved or participating in the management bodies;
3. liquidator (except remuneration due to him);
4. spouses of persons referred to in items 1-3;
5. relatives of individuals with items 1-3:
a) a straight line - no limit;
b) lateral line - to the fourth degree, or
c) by marriage - to the second degree.
6. entities in which the persons under items 1-5:
a) are managers or
b) may impose or hinder decision making.

Section XII
PROPERTY AFTER LIQUIDATION

Art. 31. (1) remaining after satisfaction of creditors shall not be distributed among members of the association.
(2) The assets remaining after satisfaction of creditors shall be granted by the court to another entity for a non-profit public benefit, which has the same or similar non-profit.
(3) If there are no persons under para. 2 or if they are not identifiable, the property passes to the municipality by domicile. The municipality is required to use the property for business, as close as possible to the target of the terminated legal non-profit entity.

FINAL PROVISIONS
§ 1. Association "BULGARIAN Research and Education Network" can associate with other similar organizations subject to full independence and the provisions of this statute.
§ 2. On the outstanding issues in this Statute shall apply the provisions of Bulgarian legislation.
§ 3. This constitution was adopted at a meeting of the General Assembly "BULGARIAN Research and Education Network", held on 07.08.2006 as amended on General Meeting held on 16.06.2009, and amended at a meeting of the General Meeting held on on 14/05/2010

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