

International Association of Tamil Research

Articles of Association

1. Name – The name of the Association shall be INTER-National ASSOCIATION OF TAMIL RESEARCH, hereinafter briefly referred to as the Association or abbreviated as the IATR.
2. Address – The address of the Association shall be international Association of Tamil Research, No.522, T T K Road, Alwarpet, Chennai 600018
3. Legal Status – The Association, being international in character, will have no national domicile in any country, but will have its Head Quarters in Tamil Nadu.
4. Non-Political and Non-Profit Organization – The Association shall function as a non-political and non-profit making body and on part or portion of its funds shall be distributed among its members by way of profits, dividends or bonuses.
5. Objects – The principle object of the Association is to promote multi-disciplinary research on modern scientific lines in all aspects of Dravidian studies in general and of Tamil studies in particular, and in allied fields with the active collaboration of international organizations and scholars interested in such studies. In pursuance of this object, the Association may undertake all and every activity which would directly or indirectly help in achieving it and in particular may
 - i. Bring about intimate contact between specialists in different parts of the world who are working in the fields in which the Association is interested and co-ordinate the dissemination of information in these fields, through bulletins, newsletters, journals, mono-graphs or other publications.
 - ii. Collaborate with other academic, International and private organizations and persons in promoting the objects of the Association without prejudice to its academic autonomy.
 - iii. Award scholarships, travel grants, or such other assistance as may be conducive towards promotion of the objects of Association.
 - iv. Receive by way of bequests, donations gifts, grants, etc., monies or other property, movable or immovable.
6. Members
 - i. The members of the association will be the National Units formed in different countries for the purpose of implementing the objects of the association.

- ii. Other academic organization interested in these objects may be effected as institutional members of the national units of the respective countries.

7. Subscriptions

- i. The national units of the IATR shall pay an annual subscription of U.S. \$ 50. The other institutional members shall pay annual subscriptions at the rates as fixed by the national units of the respective countries, but not exceeding U.S. \$ 50.
 - ii. The subscriptions of the national units will be remitted to the International Association of Tamil Research.
 - iii. The subscriptions of the other institutional members will be remitted to the respective national units.
8. General Body – The General Body of members will meet whenever and wherever an international conference is convened by the IATR on its own or jointly with other international organizations including the International Council of Philosophical and Humanistic Sciences (CIPSH) or the International Union of Orientalists, or which the IATR is an elected member. It shall meet in any case once in three calendar years commencing from 1977, to receive accounts and elect office-bearers and to consider any other important matters. If no international conference is held as indicated within the three year limit, a meeting of the General Body shall be convened in Madras (India) within the three year period on a date and time to be fixed by the Central Council.

Decisions of the General Body will as far as possible be made on the basis of general consensus, but if a poll becomes necessary, the members will have the following votes :

Indian National Units	Five Votes
Srilanka do	Three do.
Malaysia do	Two do.
Singapore do	Two do.
Other National Units	One vote each

The vote may be exercised by any proxy or representative authorized by the National Unit to vote on their behalf.

9. Election of Office Bearers – The following office-bearers will be elected by the General Body and will hold office until the next succeeding meeting of that Body.

President

Three Vice-Presidents (of whom one shall be from India)

Three Secretaries General (of whom one shall be from India)

Two Treasurers (of whom one shall be from India)

Coordinator (who shall be resident in India)

10. Central Council – The Central Council will consist of Office – bearers elected at the immediately preceding meeting of the General Body and one representative each of the National Units authorized by them in this behalf. The central council may lay down the general policies to be followed by the association in implementing its objects and frame such Bye-laws as they may deem necessary in this regard.

The Central Council shall meet as often as may be necessary and convenient and in any case once in every calendar year. Should any practical difficulty arise in convening a meeting, the matters to be considered may be decided by circulation amongst the members of the council.

11. Executive Committee - The Executive Committee will consist of the office-bearers of the IATR resident in India and shall meet as often as necessary and convenient to deal with the day to da affairs of the IATR.
12. Funds- The Executive committee may collect funds through donations or other means for implementing the objects of the IATR and for this purpose may open and maintain accounts with Banks in different countries and authorize one or more office-bearers to operate on the accounts jointly or severally, with power to overdraw.
13. Immovable Property- The association may secure on lease, build or purchase such buildings as may be required to meet the requirement of the association.
14. Amendment of the Articles – Any addition to amended or deletion of these Articles may, on recommendations by the Central Council, be adopted by General Body at an Extra-ordinary General meeting convened for the purpose with not less than a two-thirds majority.
15. Copies of proceeding of meetings, in order to keep members informed of the affairs of the Association, copies of proceedings of the meetings of the General Body, the Central Council and the Executive Committee shall be circulated to all members.

(These Articles have been amended in accordance with the Resolution passed by the General Body of the International Association of Tamil Research at its meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 17th November 1987).