



**EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR
IESCUM – non profit organization
The Italian chapter of ABA**

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The following is an english abstract of the whole Constitution of IESCUM in Italian

CONSTITUTION AND MISSION

a) Denomination

The name of this organization shall be the “ISTITUTO EUROPEO PER LO STUDIO DEL COMPORTAMENTO UMANO” (“EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF THE HUMAN BEHAVIOR”) herein referred to as IESCUM a non profit organization.

b) Purpose(s)

The general purpose of this Association is to engage in any lawful act or activity of social usefulness, with charitable and non-profitable mission in the full respect of freedom and dignity of the persons. This association shall be non-party, non-political and exclusively engaged in social and humanitarian purposes.

The specific purposes of this Association are to promote the science of behavior and to advance the scientific study and the understanding of behavior and its humane application to solve practical problems, and to prevent and relieve human suffering, in the various fields in which the scientific psychology has been developing in the course of XXth century, and in the emerging fields to which scientific psychology will be called to operate in the new millenium.

The Association will promote the dissemination and development of culture and scholarship, research, training and education trough:

Research activities:

- a) developing collaboration with Italian and International Research Institutes and Universities, Associations and Institutions with analogous purposes;
- b) implementing clinical and experimental research projects;
- c) distributing scholarships for the implementation of scientific research, of national or international values, on Experimental or Applied Behavior Analysis of Human Behavior;

Promotion, dissemination and sensibilization activities:

- d) realization of editorial and promotional activities for the dissemination of scientific knowledge;
- e) organization and conduction of conferences and cultural meetings, that serve as discussion and education on issues of public interest;
- f) organization, conduction or sponsorship of conferences that serve as a forum for presentation of technological achievements in behavior analysis.

Professional development, training and education:

- g) training and education of psychologists, MD's and all other professionals relating or involved to the study or the applications of behavior analysis.

c) Social Activities

To pursuing the Association purposes IESCUM will organize, conduct and sponsor: seminars, workshops, conferences, educational and training programs, professional developing activities,

publications and realization of multimedia products.

d) Members contribution

The Association for its social purposes will mostly take advantage of the voluntary and free activity of the associated members.

e) Membership

Membership is open to all physical persons, institutions, organization or association who have met the criteria set in these Bylaws for membership and who have been approved for such membership by the Council. The number of members is unlimited. Membership is open to, 18 years old or older, Italian or Foreigner citizen of any gender. The voting rights shall be equal for all associated members.

Membership application

Application for membership shall be in accordance with procedures established by the Executive Council. Applicants shall submit to the Executive Council written application including:

- name, last name, place and date of birth, professional qualifications and address;
- a statement of agreements, acceptance and attendance of this Bylaws and deliberations of the Association Council.

The Executive Council, after an evaluation of the professional and personal requirements of the applicant, will deliberate in 60 days from the reception of the application. After deliberation the Executive Council will provide written response to the applicant.

Membership Status

Membership rights and duties: all members shall have equal rights in voting and participating to the Association activities that includes:

- approval and modification of Bylaws and rules;
- nominations of Executive Council;
- approval the Annual Balance of Association.

Dues: Dues shall be established by the Executive Council, and shall be due on January 1 of each calendar year. To remain a member in good standing, annual membership dues shall be required. The membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Members are required to respect the Bylaws, additional internal rules and deliberation from the Executive Council.

g) Governance

Legal representation

The legal representative of the Association is the President.

Officers

The officers of the Association shall be:

- The Members Assembly;
- The Executive Council;
- The President;

- The Vice-President;
- The Secretary-Treasurer.

The Members Assembly

The Assembly is the sovereign democratic organ of the Association and is constituted by all the members. The Assembly meeting shall be convened with written invitation, even by e-mail, to every member. The members Assembly is convened by the President, or by the Executive Council at least once a year. The Members Assembly shall be also convened after request of at least one third of the voting members.

The Members Assembly shall be also convened for:

- the Executive Council, or other officers allowed by Bylaws, election every four years;
- any modification in the Bylaws;
- any modification in the annual membership fee;
- the approval of the preventive balance.

The members assembly should be chaired by the President of the association, or by the Vice-President in his absence.

The Executive Council

The Executive Council shall accomplish the purposes of the Association. Specific functions include, among the others: writing Social Activities programs and enhancing members participation to the Activities of the Association. Writeing internal rules for enhancing the good functioning of the Association.

Executive Council Election and Duration

The Executive Council shall be elected by the Members Assembly every four years.

The Executive Council shall elect between its members the President, the Vice-President, The Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Council may give to other officers special assignments to be implemented in collaboration with the President.

All the Chairs of the association shall be in charge for four years and may be re-elected.

h) Administration

Financial Management of the Association

The Association expenses shall be covered by:

- membership fees;
- private and membership donation;
- financial support from agreements and conventions.

Annual balance of activities and financial resources

The Association shall exercise his activities on annual bases ranging from January 1st to December 31st.

The evaluaton and the balance of financial and social activities of the Association shall be done annually 10 days before the Assembly.