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Liebe Mitglieder,

es ist mir unangenehm, dass ich Sie heute schon wieder belästigen muss. Keith Busby, unser Internationaler Präsident, hat uns damit überrascht, dass er uns einen Entwurf der neuen Satzung der Internationalen Artusgesellschaft doch jetzt schon zukommen lässt, um die Mitgliederversammlung in Bukarest um einen gewichtigen Tagesordnungspunkt zu entlasten.

Kurz zur Information: Die Gesellschaft hat sich ca. 1948 Statuten gegeben, die allerdings erst im Bulletin *BBSIA* XXVII (1975), S. 235–237 erstmals veröffentlicht worden sind. Im Bulletin *BBSIA* XXXVII (1985), S. 321–323 sind sie noch einmal unverändert abgedruckt. Sie sind nicht nur heillos veraltet, sondern die sehr späte Erstveröffentlichung könnte auch darauf hinweisen, dass sie nie formal verabschiedet worden sind und damit nie rechtsgültig waren. Daher ist es notwendig, dass wir eine neue und rechtsgültige Satzung beschließen. Der Entwurf, den ich Ihnen im Anhang mitschicke, ist von Keith Busby verfasst und mit dem Internationalen Präsidium und den Ehrenpräsidenten abgesprochen worden. Jetzt sollten die Mitglieder zu Wort kommen. Daher bittet Keith Busby mich, ihm bis 17. März ein Feed-Back unserer Sektion zu geben. Dieser Zeitraum ist sehr knapp. Ich möchte Sie trotzdem bitten, mir alles, was Sie zu dem Entwurf (oder gerne auch zum Verfahren) anmerken möchten, zu schicken – bis zum **15. März**. Ich werde Ihre Kommentare sammeln und Keith Busby schicken. Er wird sich dann mit dem Internationalen Präsidium und den Ehrenpräsidenten kurzschließen, um auf der Grundlage unserer Kommentare eine Beschlussvorlage vorzubereiten, die er uns zur e-Abstimmung unterbreiten möchte – und zwar noch vor Bukarest. Ich werde ihn daran erinnern, dass nicht alle Mitglieder per e-Mail erreichbar sind und daher auch nicht alle an einer e-Abstimmung teilnehmen können. Ich hoffe, dass er darauf eingeht und auch eine Papier-Abstimmung zulässt.

Der Entwurf liegt derzeit nur in englischer Sprache vor; eine Übersetzung ins Deutsche und ins Französische ist in der endgültigen Fassung aber vorgesehen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen und der Bitte um Ihr Verständnis
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STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARTHURIAN SOCIETY

I The International Arthurian Society (hereinafter “The Society”) is an association of scholars, teachers, students, and other interested parties, the purpose of which is to encourage the academic study of the history, literature, and other forms of artistic expression, medieval and modern, pertaining to the legend of King Arthur and related subject-matter.

II The official languages of the Society shall be English, French, and German.

III The Society shall be incorporated as a non-profit, tax-exempt, corporation in the country of residence of its International Treasurer (see § IV below). No member or officer of the Society shall derive personal financial gain from its activities. All monies above and beyond operating expenses shall be allotted to scholarly and educational purposes.

IV The Society shall be administered by an International Bureau, consisting of an International President, an International Vice-President, an International Secretary, an International Treasurer, and the Editor (s) of the Society’s principal publications (see § X below). These officers shall be elected by the membership during each Triennial International Congress (see § VI below). Candidates for office may be nominated by the International Bureau or proposed and seconded from the floor by members during the General Assembly of the Congress. Proxy voting is not permitted. The International President and Vice-President may be elected only to a single term of three years. The other members of the International Bureau may serve multiple terms of three years.

IV The International Bureau shall be advised by an International Committee, consisting of Honorary Presidents of the Society, the Presidents of the National and Regional Branches, and Corresponding Secretaries (see § V below). The International Bureau and the International Committee shall convene during each Triennial Congress and at any other time as deemed necessary. A Regional Branch is defined as one which represents a geographical area of more than one country.

V The Society shall consist of the total membership of National and Regional Branches. Each Branch shall be administered by a Committee, consisting of a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, elected every three years by the members of the Branch. Where necessary or desirable, one individual may fulfil more than one position at Branch level. Branches may add other offices, such as those of Vice-President and Bibliographical Secretary, to their Committee, which may also include members-at-large. Each Branch shall convene during the Triennial Congress and at any other time at its discretion. A Corresponding Secretary may represent countries with no Branch.

VI The Society’s activities shall include, but not be limited to, scholarly publications, and the organization of colloquia, congresses, workshops, and other forms of meeting, for scholarly and educational purposes. The Society’s major gathering shall be its Triennial International Congress, the location of which shall customarily be determined during the General Assembly of the preceding congress. Membership of the Society is a condition of reading a paper at a Triennial Congress; non-members should undertake to join the Society during the Congress at which a paper has been accepted for presentation.

VII The National and Regional Branches shall also, at the discretion of their Committees, hold colloquia and the like for scholarly and educational purposes.

VIII Application for membership of the Society shall normally be made to the National or Regional Branch where an individual resides. Admission to membership shall be at the discretion of the Committee of the Branch in question. Where no convenient National or Regional Branch exists, application may be made to any Branch. Membership may be forfeited by failure to pay annual dues (see § XI below), gross moral turpitude, or criminal activity. Expulsion from the Society shall be determined by the Committee of

the National or Regional Branch and the individual informed of the action in writing. E-mail is considered writing in this instance. Those expelled have the right of appeal to a Committee of three members of the Society appointed by the International President; this Committee shall not include members of the Branch Committee which decided on the expulsion.

IX Privileges of membership shall include subscriptions to its principal publications (see § X below), the prerogative to submit proposals to the International Triennial Congress and Branch conferences, and any other benefits and advantages the Society shall decide to offer.

X The Society's principal publications shall be the annual *Journal of the International Arthurian Society (JIAS)* and the annual *Bibliography of the International Arthurian Society (BIAS)*, which shall both be the responsibility of an Editor or Editors. When *BIAS* and *JIAS* are edited by different individuals, both shall be members of the International Bureau (see § IV above). Both publications may be in digital, online, or print form. Institutions may subscribe to *JIAS* and *BIAS* at rates set by the publisher with whom the Society has a contractual arrangement. Such subscribers are not members of the Society and do not have voting rights. Individual copies of issues of *JIAS* and *BIAS* may be purchased from the publisher. The Society has the right to undertake and endorse other scholarly and educational publications in any form at the discretion of the International Bureau.

XI The level of dues shall be determined by the Committee of each National or Regional Branch after consultation with the International Bureau. Dues shall cover the cost of producing and distributing *JIAS* and *BIAS*, the operating costs of the Society and the Branches, and such scholarships and subvention-grants as are determined and made available to members for scholarly and educational purposes (see § XII below). Each National and Regional Branch may also establish different categories of dues (e.g, regular, contributing, patron, student, unwaged).

XII Whenever funds permit, the Society shall offer modest subvention-grants for, but not limited to, attendance at the International Triennial Congress. The grants will be announced in *BIAS* and on the Society's website (see § XIII below).

XIII The Society shall have a website containing information about itself, its organization, and activities. The information shall be updated regularly by a web-editor or editors appointed by the International Bureau.

XIV In any legal or other official matters, the Society shall be represented by the International President or a third party designated by the International Bureau, after consultation with the International Committee.

XV These Statutes may be emended only by a two-thirds majority of voting members. Such votes may be held during an International Triennial Congress or by post or e-mail. In the case of postal or e-mail votes, ballots shall be addressed to the Branch Secretaries and numbers forwarded to the International Secretary. Proxy voting is not permitted.

XVI The Society may be dissolved only by a two-thirds majority of voting members. This vote shall be held only by mail or e-mail, with ballots addressed to the Branch Secretaries and numbers forwarded to the International Secretary. The vote shall be ratified by the International Bureau and a third party designated by it. Proxy voting is not permitted.

XVII Upon dissolution of the Society, its financial and material assets shall be disposed of equitably by the International Bureau or its agents and allotted only to scholarly and educational purposes. No person shall make financial gain from the dissolution of the Society.