

ANRRC CHARTER

Article 1. General Provisions

1.1. Name

The name of the network shall be “Asian Network of Research Resource Centers” (hereinafter the “ANRRC”).

1.2. Goal

The goal of the ANRRC is to facilitate the access to the research resources to improve the welfare of Asian people by promoting the sciences, technologies, and innovations in Asia.

1.3. Principles

The ANRRC is an Asian International Network of the Organizations whose members in manner consistent with the governmental obligations and legal responsibilities of each, pledge to:

- Facilitate the use of the research resources, and sharing the research resources, and the work among Asian institutions across the national boundaries and barriers.
- Ensure the freedom of academic use of the research resources and of publications of research results using the research resources, in compliance with Convention on Biological Diversity and the protection of intellectual property rights of the developers, such as Scientists, Institutions, and/or Countries/Regions.
- Work cooperatively to secure access to, and utilization of, available resources, services, and expertise in all aspects of collection, archiving, management, and distribution of the research resources.
- Achieve common approaches to insure efficient, effective, and economical access to the research resources and services by the research resource centers.
- Commit to cooperative, standardized approaches to selection, archiving, protection, safe management, and distribution of the research resources.
- Establish and practice a common baseline standard of operation as regards quality control and environmental management.

Article 2. Structure and Governance

2.1. Membership

2.1.1. A member must be a non-profit research resource center, supported by the national government and/or equivalent funding agencies, which has an independent, sustainable operating budget, and dedicated infrastructure and resources. The applicant must share the goal and principles of the ANRRC and also agree to maintain the ANRRC standards of operations, and actively participate in the ANRRC activities.

2.1.2. Application for membership the ANRRC should be on a form available from the ANRRC Home Page and sent to the Secretary of the ANRRC. Admission to the

ANRRC is approved by a two-third of the Executive Board members of the ANRRC.

- 2.1.3. Member may use its connection with the ANRRC to further its own interests, provided such use is not against common goals and interest of the ANRRC.

2.2. Executive Board

- 2.2.1. The ANRRC is governed by Executive Board and the board shall consist of nine founding members which are centers from Azerbaijan, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam and 5-10 elected members by the General Assembly. The Pre-President, the Director General of Korea National Research Resource Center (KNRRC), Korea, the Director of RIKEN BioResource Center, Japan, and the Director of IMCAS Biological Resource Center, China shall be *ex officio* members of the board.
- 2.2.2. The President of the ANRRC chairs the Executive Board and supported by two Vice-Presidents. The President and Vice-Presidents are responsible for the activities and finances of the ANRRC, with the concurrence of the Executive Board.
- 2.2.3. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Executive Board.
- 2.2.4. The President shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and the Treasurer are members of the Executive Board.
- 2.2.5. ANRRC Headquarters will be maintained at the same institution where the President belongs.

2.3. Duties of the Executive Board

- 2.3.1. The Executive Board shall supervise the work of the ANRRC, execute decisions of the General Assembly, and in general promote the objectives of the ANRRC.
- 2.3.2. The President shall preside at meetings of the General Assembly of the ANRRC and at meetings of the Executive Board.
- 2.3.3. The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties and shall exercise the powers of the President during any period of absence or incapacitation of the President.
- 2.3.4. The Executive Board is additionally responsible for developing strategic and financial plans and, where appropriate, will appoint committees to address specific issues. It is responsible for:

- Considering additions and eliminations of the membership
- Convening a meeting annually
- Establishing Committees described below in Article 3 and appointing officers for the Committees
- Ensuring that the web site is maintained
- Empowering educational group activities
- Adopting the standards of operation agreed upon in committee
- Producing an annual report
- Preparing amendments to this document
- Liaison with governmental, industrial, and private funding agencies and academic institutions
- Overseeing the ultimate dissolution of the ANRRC
- Supporting the committee members' activities

- 2.3.5. Although consensus on all matters will be sought, practice dictates passage of all

votes by a two-third majority who replied, provided a board quorum is present.

2.4. Change of membership

Elimination of a member organization will be processed by the Executive Board.

- When a member organization do not follow the guidelines or regulations of the ANRRC
- When a member organization do not participate in the ANRRC meeting for two consecutive years
- When do not respond to the ANRRC for an announcement more than two times a year.

Article 3. Committees (Working Groups)

3.1. The Executive Board may establish the following committees or any other committees as requested by the General Assembly and, such *ad hoc* committees as may be necessary for the effective management of the ANRRC affairs:

- 3.1.1. Scientific Affairs Committee
- 3.1.2. International Affairs Committee
- 3.1.3. Education & Training Committee

3.2. The Executive Board shall determine the terms of reference of each committee unless otherwise defined by the General Assembly.

3.3. The Executive Board shall have the option of selecting the chairperson of each committee among committee members or of delegating the choice to the committee itself. Other officers, if any, within each committee shall be chosen by the committee from among its own members.

Article 4. Amendment

4.1. This Charter can be amended by the Executive Board and the amendment must be approved by the General Assembly.

Annex

The first President and Vice-Presidents were appointed by the founding members.