

**By-Laws**  
of the  
**International Association for**  
**EXPERIMENTAL VIBRATION ANALYSIS FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING STRUCTURES**  
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## **Article I: Purpose**

The International Association for Experimental Vibration Analysis for Civil Engineering Structures (hereinafter referred to as "EVACES") is established with the following primary purposes:

- To promote and facilitate the exchange of knowledge, research findings, and best practices among professionals, researchers, and organizations in the multidisciplinary field of experimental vibration analysis for civil engineering structures.
- To actively foster collaborations and partnerships between academia and industry, facilitating the practical application of research findings in civil engineering.
- To organize and sponsor the International Conference on Experimental Vibration Analysis for Civil Engineering Structures (EVACES), designed to promote international cooperation and knowledge sharing in the field.
- To organize and support dissemination activities aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of individuals involved in experimental vibration analysis for civil engineering structures. These dissemination activities include but are not limited to, training courses, workshops, and e-learning tools.
- To recognize and award prizes to excellent scientists and researchers in the field, thereby encouraging excellence and innovation.

## **Article II: Organizational Structure**

### **Section 1: Organizational Leadership**

The EVACES shall be under the leadership of the President, who is the Chairperson of the last EVACES Conference and serves for a term that extends until the last day of the upcoming EVACES Conference.

### **Section 2: Executive Board**

The Executive Board (EB) shall comprise the following members:

- a. All Chairpersons of the last three EVACES Conferences.
- b. The Chairperson of the next EVACES Conference.
- c. One distinguished young researcher (below 40 years of age) in the scientific field of EVACES.
- d. Additional members voted by the EB to address specific issues.

The EB members shall take on specific responsibilities, which will be defined by the EB and assigned to individual members for the duration until the upcoming EVACES Conference.

All elections are to be conducted normally during the EVACES conference, at which time the duties of the current officials are transferred to the new officials.

### **Section 3: Senior Advisory Board**

The Senior Advisory Board shall consist of former members of the EB who shall provide advice to the EB to ensure continuity in the development of EVACES.

### **Section 4: Members**

Membership in EVACES is linked to participation in EVACES Conferences. Membership starts with the registration and payment for the Conference.

Participants of EVACES remain members until the last day of the upcoming EVACES Conference.

The EB may invite experts with international standing in the research field of EVACES to become Members of the Association.

### **Section 5: Functional Committee**

The EB shall establish a Functional Committee responsible for supporting the organization of dissemination activities, training programs, and collaboration with companies. The composition and responsibilities of this committee shall be determined by the EB.

## **Article III: Awards**

The EVACES may recognize outstanding achievements in research through various awards and distinctions including:

- Best paper first authored by a young researcher.
- Best paper of the EVACES Conference.
- EVACES outstanding researcher.
- Lifetime outstanding researcher.

The awards are attributed by the Awards Committee (AC) composed of four members selected by the EB, aiming for diversity and gender balance. The Chair and the components of the AC shall be elected by the EB for the duration leading up to the next upcoming EVACES Conference.

The AC shall be responsible for preparing a call for award proposals, deliberate, and make final decisions regarding the selection of award laureates.

The awards ceremony shall take place during the EVACES Conferences.

## **Article IV: Headquarters**

The principal office of the Association shall be situated in the President's office.

## **Article V: International Conference on Experimental Vibration Analysis for Civil Engineering Structures**

EVACES Conferences shall be organized at approximately two-year intervals, with the selection and approval of Conference locations falling under the purview of the EB. The Conference Chairperson or Chairpersons shall be selected by the EB. Additional Co-Chairpersons may be chosen at the discretion of the Conference Chairperson(s).

The President is responsible for seeking suitable Conference proposals before the next EVACES Conference.

The International Scientific Committee for each EVACES Conference shall be presided over by the President of the EVACES. Committee members shall be selected by the Chairperson in agreement with the standing EB. Laureates of the EVACES awards shall be considered by the EB to be members of the Scientific Committee of the next EVACES Conference.

The Scientific Committee shall be entrusted with the development of the Technical Program of the Conference.

The Conference Organizing Committee shall consist of the Chairperson(s) of the EVACES Conference and members designated by the Conference Chairperson. This Committee shall be responsible for all local arrangements and logistics necessary for the successful execution of the EVACES Conference.

The full financial responsibility for a particular EVACES Conference shall rest with its respective Chairperson.

## **Article VI: Conference Logo**

The official logo of the EVACES Conference shall feature a distinctive design, as determined by the EB. The logo shall prominently display the name "EVACES."

The logo shall include a dynamic element indicating the year of each respective Conference. This dynamic feature shall be updated when required to align with the specific year of the Conference.

The official Conference logo is the exclusive property of EVACES and shall be used solely for official EVACES Conference-related purposes.

The EB is responsible for the management and approval of the Conference logo's design, updates, and usage guidelines.

Any proposed changes to the logo's design or usage guidelines shall require approval by the EB.

## **Article VII - Language**

English shall serve as the official working language.

## **Article VIII: Dissolution**

The dissolution of EVACES may be initiated through a formal proposal presented to the EB.

The proposal for dissolution must be approved by an absolute majority vote of the EB.

Upon approval of dissolution by the EB, a notice of the dissolution shall be provided to all members and stakeholders of EVACES, as appropriate (e.g., through social media, such as LinkedIn).

## **Article IX: Amendment of By-laws**

The Bylaws can be amended at any time through a majority vote of the EB.

Milan, November 25, 2023