

World Federation of Industrial Research Associations

Articles of Establishment

These articles serve to establish the World Federation of Industrial Research Associations (W-FIRA) on this day, **May 21, 2013**, in Washington D. C. The founders this Federation are the:

- Australian Industrial Research Group (AIRG)
- Associação Nacional de Pesquisa y Desenvolvimento das Empresas Inovadoras (ANPEI)
- European Industrial Research Management Association (EIRMA)
- Industrial Research Institute (IRI)
- Japanese Research Industries and Industrial Technology Association (JRIA)
- Korean Industrial Technology Association (KOITA)

Let it be known that the above founders of this Federation (hereby known as "Associations") have decided to increase and develop their cooperation along the following axis:

1. Each Association may call upon another when organizing missions in order to request assistance in arranging meetings with local industries or other relevant organizations. These requests may be on behalf of the Association or some of its members in order to take advantage of each Association's local network.

2. Associations will consider, without obligation, allowing members of another Association to participate, on a spot base, in one of their events by paying the normal member registration fee. This would happen within the limit of possibilities on a case per case base.
3. Associations will try to collaborate in order to develop a periodic document (annually or every few years), describing the world status of industrial research.
4. Websites for each Association will highlight a link to W-FIRA and related Websites. The preferred place for this link will be on each Association's homepage.
5. Associations will begin discussion on the development of a periodic W-FIRA meeting where members from the different Associations could meet and exchange ideas on topics of common interest.
6. All Associations are member-based; as such the possibility of developing a mechanism by which members of each Association may participate or become a member of another Association should be explored. It is suggested that this exploration be based upon the following guidelines:
 - The applicant is a member of an Association and has significant R&D activities in the region of another Association;
 - Additionally, the applicant should have a pre-established network (agreements or links) in the new region;
 - Memberships in the new Association can be offered on a one year trial membership at the normal and current conditions, fees and members privileges, (i.e. the concerned Association calculates the fee for this trial member as they would do for a standard local member)
 - 3 months prior the expiration of that 1 year period, the one year member may decide to become a permanent member or resign without any penalty.

Furthermore:

1. All the above are to be considered non-mandatory **guidelines** that the Associations would strive for without obligation
2. Should there be new potential Associations (other regions) of W-FIRA in the future, the decision to accept them would **have to be** by consensus of the current regional Associations
3. Associations will attempt to meet quarterly via **teleconference** to coordinate calendars and exchange topics of mutual **interest.**

Signed this day, May 21, 2013:



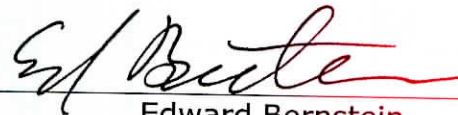
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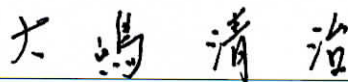
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