

Proposals regarding the revision of the Academy's statutes and governance

Dear Madam President, Members of the Council,

As part of the ongoing review of our institution's operations, I would like to submit several proposals concerning the Academy's organization and internal regulations.

To ensure balanced governance and the long-term continuity of our work, I believe it would be appropriate to consider the following amendments:

Payment of dues: It would be highly desirable that the non-payment of membership dues does not automatically trigger expulsion proceedings. Membership status should be maintained regardless of financial contributions.

Term limits: A strict limit of two terms should be established for members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the Treasurer. Furthermore, only the immediate predecessor of the incumbent President should retain a seat on the Council for one additional term, acting solely in an advisory capacity (without voting rights).

Convening an extraordinary general meeting: To respond promptly to internal crises (such as serious conflicts within the leadership or any other major threat to the Academy), the President and the Secretary should have the inherent authority to convene such a meeting independently.

Academy publications: Finally, it is necessary to more precisely define and regulate the relationship between the Council and the publications issued by our institution, including their respective roles and prerogatives.

I am convinced that these adjustments will strengthen the stability and transparency of our Academy.

I remain, of course, entirely at your disposal to discuss these points in greater detail during an upcoming Council or General Assembly meeting.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you further.

Respectfully yours,

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