

WPU CONSTITUTION

CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD PHILOLOGY UNION (WPU)

A. GENERAL STATUTES

1. The World Philology Union (abbreviated WPU) is an international association whose purpose is to promote philology worldwide, understood as the study of texts in languages of the world, in research, education, society and culture. This encompasses oral and written transmissions, historical traditions, cultural heritage, translations and interpretations, and reception down to the present day.
2. The WPU is an independent, nongovernmental and non-profit institution. The seat of the WPU is at Oslo, Norway. Its website is www.philology.org.
3. The main organ of the WPU is the General Assembly of its members. The Board of WPU consists of up to 19 members, including a President and a Vice President, who represent a broad range of philological fields. The Board members are elected by the General Assembly for four-year terms. The President and the Vice President are elected by the Board and confirmed by the General Assembly. Election and administrative procedures will be fixed by the Board and specified in the by-laws.
4. The Board will be convened at least once a year. No more than four years shall elapse between each convocation of the General Assembly.
5. The daily business of the WPU is conducted by an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice President and the Secretariat. The Secretariat of the WPU is elected by the Board for four-year periods and consists of a Secretary General, a Treasurer and up to three additional members representing different philological fields. The members of the Executive Committee are formally registered by the Norwegian authorities as the Board of Directors of the WPU.
6. The Secretariat presents annual reports to be certified by the Board.
7. Membership is open to individual scholars in all fields of philology, and to international, national and local bodies (organizations, associations, institutes). Institutional members must promote research and/or educational programs in at least one philological field.
8. Ordinary membership requires a yearly fee. Membership fees are fixed by the Board. Further forms of financing include donations and gifts, subsidies, sponsor money, funds acquired by legacy, last will and testament or codicil and miscellaneous funds.
9. Honorary life-long memberships may be granted by the Board according to procedures established in the by-laws.

B. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. The WPU aims to support the development and dissemination of philology as a global discipline, including the main linguistic and literary traditions of the world. This goal will be reached through
 - a. working toward a fruitful collaboration between different philologies as well as between philology and other disciplines;
 - b. assessing the current state of philology at the main institutions of research and education globally, and periodically presenting available information in specific reports;
 - c. collaborating with organizations and individuals to promote programs of education and research in philology;
 - d. working to establish programs of education and research in philology where there are no such institutions;
 - e. promoting the cultural and intellectual values of philology in society and culture;
 - f. establishing relations with governmental, economic and cultural institutions; providing services as advisors and experts; participating in strategic discussions on policies relevant to philology.
2. A crucial concern of the WPU is to support individual scholars, especially early career researchers, providing counseling, identifying existing funding options, and working toward establishing new fellowships.
3. The WPU also promotes the teaching of classical and historical texts in schools.
4. The WPU promotes the use of information technology to develop resources for research and education in philology.
5. The WPU emphasizes the continuing value of the printed book as a technology for both education and culture.
6. The WPU supports Open Source initiatives.

Oslo, 2 December 2021

(Last revised: Oslo, 3 August 2023)

LIST OF REVISIONS:

(Adopted by the Board)

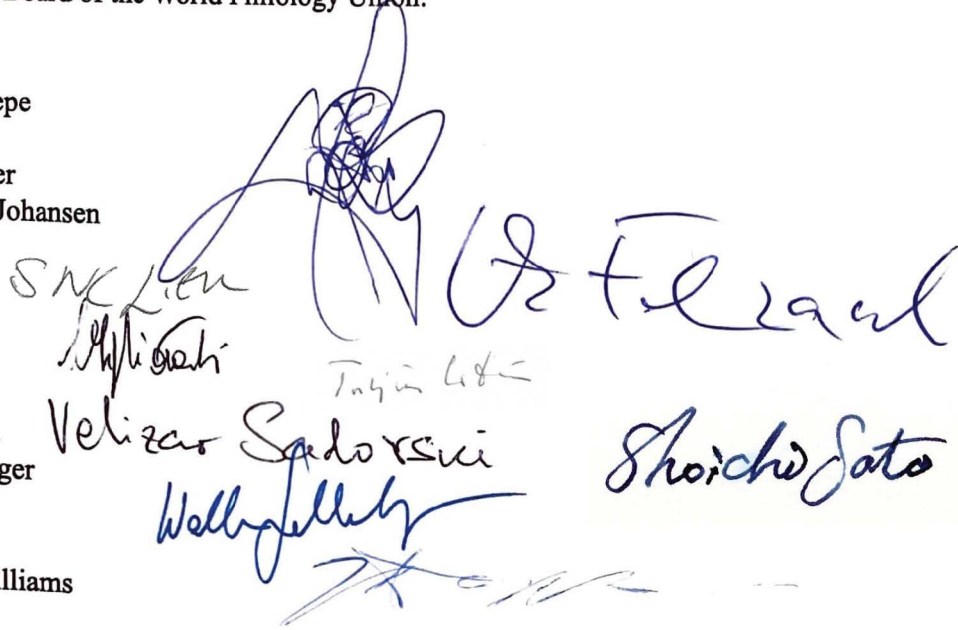
- 2022-12-14 Second sentence of § A.3: “The Board of WPU consists of 10–15 members”, changed to: “The Board of WPU consists of up to 19 members”
- 2023-02-20 §A.3, third sentence: “the Board is” changed to “the Board members are”.
§A.4, second sentence: “The General Assembly is convened every four years.” changed to “No more than four years shall elapse between each convocation of the General Assembly.”
§ A.9: “can” changed to “may” and “free of charge” removed.
- Language revisions: §A.3 “periods” > “terms”; §A.5 “management” > “business”, “led” > “conducted”, “a Secretariat” > “the Secretariat”; §B.1 “traditions of world history” > “traditions of the world”; §B.2 “duty” > “concern”.
- 2023-08-03 § A.3, second sentence: “and a Vice President” added; fourth sentence: “The President is” changed to: “The President and the Vice President are”.
§ A.5, emended from previous text: “The daily business of the WPU is conducted by the President and the Secretariat, consisting of a Secretary, a Treasurer and three additional members representing different philological fields. The Secretariat of the WPU is elected by the Board for four-year periods.”

Oslo, December 2, 2021

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Date: 2 December 2021 at 21:34
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"I hereby sign the Constitution of the World Philology Union, confirmed by the Preliminary Board in Oslo, December 2, 2021"

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JD

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Date: 5 December 2021 at 17:28
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MR

Dear Jens,

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