

**Statute
of the
Balkan Tribological Association**
(revised September 2010)

Article 1

Name of the organization: Balkan Tribological Association (BTA).

Article 2

Date and place of founding: October 3rd, 1993, in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Article 3

Character of the organization: International non-governmental organization unifying legal civil societies, groups, companies and institutions of tribologists of the Balkan countries. BTA is a perpetual organization.

Article 4

Language: The official language of BTA is English.

Article 5

Address: The address of the head office of BTA is changed every three years during the Conference BALKANTRIB. The first address was the address of the Tribology Center at the Technical University of Sofia, Bulgaria (1993-1996).

Article 6

Objectives:

- To maintain a live continuous contact between tribology and kindred societies and groups, as well as between the individual specialists in the Balkan region.
- To facilitate information exchange between tribology and kindred societies, groups and specialists to keep each other informed of their activities, in particular of their forward programmes, as well as of the tribology activities worldwide.
- To ensure that the international conferences on tribology BALKANTRIB are arranged at the agreed intervals and to assist the respective host-societies and groups in the organization and the conduct of the conferences.
- To assist the international co-operation in matters connected with tribology science, technology and education.

Article 7

Management: The managing body of BTA is the Managing Committee (MC). Each founder-country has maximum three members in MC and one of them is Vice-president of MC. The President of BTA and MC is elected every three years by the MC from the mandate-bearer country (host of the Conference BALKANTRIB) during the Conference.

Current important decisions on the level of the General Assembly of BTA are also taken at extended open meetings of the Managing Committee of BTA organized by the country mandate-bearer.

The conference BALKANTRIB is being organized every three years in the country mandate-bearer for the next mandate period. Mandate-bearer can be only a founding member-country, in the following order: Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Serbia, Turkey and FYR of Macedonia.

The General Assembly of BTA is conducted during the current conference BALKANTRIB. Current important decisions on the level of the General Assembly of the BTA are also taken at extended open meetings of the MC of BTA organized by the country mandate-bearer.

Correspondence form of decision taking is also accepted.

Article 8

Membership: Members of BTA are national tribological societies or associations, groups, companies, institutions and individuals, if there is no national tribological society in that country. The members of BTA do not pay membership dues.

The founder-members of the BTA are:

- The Society of Bulgarian Tribologists, Bulgaria;
- The Serbian Tribology Society, Serbia (ex Yugoslav Tribology Society);
- The Romanian Tribological Association, Romania;
- The Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Aristotle's University Thessaloniki, Greece;
- The Engineering Department at the Erciyes University, Turkey;
- The Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Skopje, FYR of Macedonia.

Article 9

Conditions of membership: To be admitted to BTA the new member has to: submit application form to the President of BTA; to subscribe to the statute and the objectives of BTA. The admission is effectuated by the Managing Committee of BTA.

Article 10

Personnel policy of BTA: The academic promotion, education and recognition by the Balkan Tribological Association of the specialists are realized through the International Academic School in Tribology (MASCH–BALKANTRIB).

The Regulation of MASCH –BALKANTRIB is part and parcel of the Statute of BTA.

Article 11

Permanent operative activity of the BTA: Working out of tribological network in the space of the BTA on the problems of science, education and technologies will be realized by an operative body called Coordination Council of BTA. Its activities are regulated by the Regulation of the Coordination Council of BTA, to be part and parcel of the Statute of BTA.

Article 12

Journal: The Balkan Tribological Association issues the scientific periodical **Journal of the Balkan Tribological Association**. Decisions about the place of publishing and the Editorial staff are taken by the Managing Committee of BTA.

Article 13

Protocols: The minutes of the meetings of the Managing Committee of BTA with the decisions should be sent to all members of the Managing Committee of BTA and approved or altered at the following Managing Committee meeting.

Sofia, September 2010