

SLOW FOOD I NORDEN - SLOW FOOD IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES

Statutes

§1. The name of the organization is: Slow Food i Norden (in English: Slow Food in the Nordic Countries*). Slow Food i Norden is part of the international Slow Food association, referring to its values, principles, processes and structures.

§2. Objectives:

- To give the Nordic Community a common base and to provide the opportunity to support closer cooperation and development of the Slow Food ideas, developed by Slow Food and shown in its vision, mission and general philosophy. This will be performed in a light, open and democratic organization with a formal structure.
- To create a forum for exchange of experiences of Nordic food culture and to use the forum to develop the ideas of Slow Food.
- To plan Nordic gatherings as well as a Nordic Terra Madre, as a platform of exchange focused on issues and challenges specific of the Nordic countries.
- To broaden the understanding of the Slow Food ideas by seminars, printed matter, educational activities and training.
- To build and create a solid basis for the Slow Food movement in the Nordic countries aimed at enabling the movement to react to the major political and social challenges of this region.
- To collaborate and work to increase awareness of the Slow Food philosophy at all political levels.
- To support international projects and activities of Slow Food, actively promoting them and raising awareness.

§3 Logo: The association shall be registered under the name of "Slow Food i Norden" and "Slow Food in the Nordic Countries". The use of "Slow Food i Norden" name and logo shall be authorized exclusively by the executive board in agreement with Slow Food's international headquarters and for activities, events, publications, websites etc. agreed by the board. The use by a single convivium or by a single convivium leader for activities, events, publications, websites, is not permitted, unless by written agreement with the board of Slow Food i Norden. Furthermore, the use of the logo/name shall always respect the procedures and rules of the code of use for Slow Food logos.

§4 Site and operational office: An office shall be located at a convenient place depending on the financial and organizational possibilities. The office shall execute the decisions agreed by the annual meeting or the executive board. The office shall also prepare the agenda for the executive board and react to members' suggestions, both individual members and community, local or national. Program Directors of Slow Food's international headquarters and Community in the Nordic countries have to be kept regularly informed of any activity and project run in the Nordic area, as well as on major decisions on fundraising and use of the Slow Food logos.

§5 Budget: The executive board will be responsible for the entire budget and fundraising. Activities for major projects shall be funded in cooperation across the Nordic borders. The annual meeting shall appoint auditors, among whom at least one person has to have professional skills.

§5. Members: All Slow Food members and community existing today and to come in the future in the Nordic Countries (*) are welcome as members on an equality basis. No fee will be charged for membership and community are free to join the organization at any time.

§6. Executive board: An executive board with 5-8 persons and 2 substitutes shall be elected. The executive board will appoint a chairperson, secretary and treasurer. Half the members of the board shall be elected for two years at a time, the other half for one year, and the chairperson is elected by the board, for one year. Each convivium registered member of Slow Food in the Nordic Countries has one vote in electing the board. For major decisions, the board shall consult all the community members of Slow Food in the Nordic Countries.

§7. Annual meeting. A membership meeting will be held at least once a year and be called for with a notice of 2 months.

The annual meeting is entitled to decide on the following issues.

- A. The years' activities in the Nordic countries and their financing
- B. The election of the executive board (members who need re-election)
- C. The approval of the financial status
- D. The involvement in which international activities of Slow Food
- E. Proposals for statute modifications

Delegates to the meeting shall be appointed from community that are members of the organization Slow Food in the Nordic Countries and want to be present. They shall have a mandate from their community to vote decisions. Any other delegate may participate without voting right and may take part in the debate.

Each convivium has one vote at the annual meeting and those not able to participate may send a proxy to another convivium.

A Minimum of 1/3 of the members can call for an extraordinary general meeting.

Suggestions for decisions at the annual meeting shall be sent to the operational office in advance for preparation.

§8. If the organization is dissolved, the following procedures shall be done under the responsibility of the board and executed by the office:

- A. Bank account shall be closed and the remaining amount transferred to the Terra Madre Foundation in Italy.
- B. Other assets if any shall be either sold or evaluated.
- C. Dividing of assets: the benefit of the sale of the assets shall be transferred as donation to the Terra Madre Foundation.

§ 9. Others

Anything not envisaged in the statute of "Slow Food I Norden" shall refer to the international Slow Food Statute and its attachments relevant to the use of the logos and the affiliation (approved in Puebla, Mexico, 2007).

(*) "Nordic Countries" are to be understood as the following countries and regions - whatever their status, in the Nordic area: Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sápmi, Sweden, and the Åland Islands