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MEMORANDUM

Subject:

Proposal REHVA board to adjust the text in the REHVA Articles regarding the definition of REHVA supporters. For approval by the members in REHVA's General Assembly 2016/ Aalborg.

Introduction:

Article 5.1 of the REHVA Articles reads: "The association shall have ordinary members (hereinafter also called member or members) in the sense of the law. Besides the association shall have associate organizations and supporters; they are not members in the sense of the law (Dutch law, editorial).

Article 5.4 of the REHVA Articles reads: "Supporters shall be companies of good repute that pursue the same object as the association".

Article G.1 of the REHVA By-laws reads: "A REHVA supporter can be a company or an organisation that shares the same objectives as REHVA".

Article G.3 of the REHVA By-laws reads: "Supporters pay an annual fee that is approved by the General Assembly. This fee may be different for different supporters".

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Objective:

To obtain uniform reading for Articles and By-laws regarding the text for Supporters. After the Articles (= first in priority) only companies are allowed to become the status of Supporter. The description of Supporter in the By-laws, gives more degrees of freedom in the type of such an organisation (in profit, and not-for-profit organisations).

REHVA board supports the idea to introduce a wider range of Supporter categories, as defined in the By-laws.

Motivation:

With a split up of Supporters in different categories, with the possibility to offer different annual fees (see G.3 of the By-laws), REHVA creates the possibility to realize more income and to 'absorb' AND disseminate knowledge in an even broader way. REHVA is in that case able to invite for example Universities (Faculties) or Research Institutes to become a Supporter.

Proposal to be approved:

Adjustment of the text of Article 5.4 of the Articles into:

“Supporters shall be companies or institutional bodies; supporters and associate organisations shall be of good repute that pursue the same object as the association”.

Adjustment of the text of Article G.3 of the By-laws into:

Article G.3 of the REHVA By-laws reads: “Supporters and associate organisations pay an annual fee which may be different for different supporters and associate organisations”.

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