

Statutes of the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield

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The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield declares that:

WHEREAS

- Recalling the importance of Section 27 of the 1999 Second Protocol of The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954, in which the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS) was recognised as an international organisation with consultative status to the Inter-Governmental Committee for the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict;
- Confirming the revised Articles of Association of the Blue Shield, which combined the roles and responsibilities of the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS, created in 1996) and the Association of National Committees of the Blue Shield (ANCBS, created in 2009) into a single revised Association - approved at the joint meeting of ICBS and ANCBS in Rome in 2014 and formally enshrined in Dutch Law on 06 April 2016;
- Being determined to support the mission of the Blue Shield, the principles of the Strasbourg Charter of ICBS (Adopted 2001), and the Blue Shield Accord (adopted 2006), and in view of the necessity to improve the preparation for, and response to, emergency situations; to further contribute to the protection of cultural property, as defined in the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, in the event of armed conflict, natural- or human-made disaster; and to establish a system of protection in their favour;
- with reference to the ICOMOS statute (protocol n. 20/12157) issued and registered in Roma on 17_12_2020;
- with reference to the ICOM statute issued and registered in Roma on 26_11_2019;
- with reference to the ANAI statute issued and registered in Roma on 28_05_2022;

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- with reference to the AIB statute issued and registered in Roma on 21_09_2021;
 - Recalling the importance of “Cultural heritage and landscape code” Italian D.Lgs. n. 42/2004 22 January coordinated and updated by the recent Italian Law n. 22/2022.

They now adopt the following STATUTES.

Article 1: Name, Office, and Legal Status

- 1.1. The name of the Committee in the language of the Committee is **Scudo Blu Italia**. The name of the committee in English is Blue Shield Italy. The abbreviation for the Committee is (ITBS)
- 1.2. The registered office of the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield will coincide with the place of employment of the pro-tempore President (see art. 8.1).
- 1.3. The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield works across the geographic area of the whole territory of Italy.
- 1.4. The Committee is an association incorporated as a non-governmental, non-profit organisation with full legal competence under Italian law.

Article 2: Mission and Aims

- 2.1 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield will conform to and abide by the **Rules and Principles for National Committees** as defined by the Blue Shield International Board and agreed upon by the General Assembly of the Members of the Blue Shield.
- 2.2 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield is committed to the mission of the Blue Shield Association, which is the protection of the world’s cultural property. Accordingly, it is concerned with the protection of cultural and natural heritage, tangible and intangible, in the event of armed conflict, natural- or human-made disaster (as set out in Article 2.1 of the Blue Shield 2016 Statutes).
- 2.3 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield respects the principles of
 - i. joint action,
 - ii. independence,
 - iii. neutrality,
 - iv. professionalism,
 - v. and respect for cultural identity and diversity,based on the Strasbourg Charter adopted in 2001 by ICBS.
- 2.4 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield promotes the aims of the Blue Shield Association:
 - a) to promote the ratification and full implementation of, and respect for, the 1954

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- Hague Convention and its Protocols of 1954 and 1999;
- b) to raise awareness of the importance of protecting cultural property and heritage in emergency situations and the types of risks that can endanger it;
 - c) to provide relevant training and/or assist in the coordination of national capacity-building for concerned professionals (in the heritage sector, the Armed Forces, other emergency responders, and those tackling illicit trafficking) to help to mitigate the identified risks to cultural heritage; to promote better preparation and to safeguard in the event of armed conflicts, disasters and other emergency situations; and to deal with disasters should they occur; and to develop and disseminate adequate post-disaster cross-sectorial response/recovery measures;
 - d) to promote community engagement with and participation in protecting cultural property;
 - e) to encourage cooperation with and between other relevant entities involved in armed conflict and disasters through the development and maintenance of national, regional and local networks covering all types of cultural heritage, including governmental authorities, representatives of military authorities, meteorological agencies, disaster reduction agencies, emergency services, cultural organisations, civil emergency services and humanitarian organisations;
 - f) to act with the ethical and professional framework laid down in the **Rules and Principles of the Association**.

2.5 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield, based on the Blue Shield Approach forwarded to the Blue Shield International Board for implementation by the Blue Shield General Assembly of Members in 2017, will deliver its commitment and mission through six key areas:

1. Proactive protection and risk preparedness;
2. Emergency response;
3. Stabilisation, post-disaster recovery, and long-term/ongoing support activities;
4. Legal compliance, policy, and their implementation;
5. Capacity building activities and education and training in support of the Blue Shield's Areas of Activity;
6. Coordination - of Blue Shield members and with partner organisations.

Article 3: The National Committee and the Blue Shield International Board

- 3.1 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield is a Member of the Blue Shield Association (referred to as a “Member” in the Association’s Statutes/Articles of Association), satisfactorily meeting the obligatory requirements set. To maintain membership, the member will submit an annual report to the Blue Shield International Board for circulation to the national committees about their activities, as far as circumstances allow.
- 3.2 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield agrees to promote the mission and goals of the Blue Shield Association in its country to raise national awareness of the threats to cultural heritage.
- 3.3 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield will conform to and abide by **the Rules and Principles for National Committees** as defined and amended by the Board and agreed upon by the General Assembly.
- 3.4 None of the actions of the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield shall entail the liability of the Blue Shield International Board. Nor shall the actions of the Blue Shield International Board entail the liability of the Italian Committee.

Article 4: Rights and duties of the National Committee as a Member of the Blue Shield Association

- 4.1 Each Member of the Association is entitled to:
 - a) information from and support of the Association in order to perform the activities mentioned in article **2** of these statutes in their country;
 - b) participate in meetings and other activities of the Association;
 - c) exercise the right to vote as laid down in articles **6** and **8** of these statutes;
 - d) benefit from the public relations, awareness raising, and network activities undertaken by any Coordination Centre of the Association.
- 4.2 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield shall contact the Blue Shield International Secretariat to supply an annual report, and to supply information if they initiate an international action before the action or as soon as possible thereafter.
- 4.3 Membership of the Association shall be terminated by the General Assembly according to the conditions set out in the Association Statutes:
 - a) if the member ceases to exist for reasons other than legal merger or scission;
 - b) if the member resigns; the resignation should be addressed in writing to the

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- Association, in accordance with a notice period of at least one (1) month;
- c) through termination by the Association, as stipulated in article **7** of these statutes;
 - d) through expulsion, as specified in article **7 of** these statutes.
 - e) if the member cannot demonstrate it is active on a regular basis, for example, through the provision of annual reports.

Article 5: Logo, Strapline and Emblem

- 5.1 The Blue Shield has adopted an official logo to represent the Association. The logo consists of the blue shield emblem of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, set within a lighter cerulean blue circle encompassed by a royal blue circle, symbolising both Blue Shield’s roots and wider remit. The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield adopts this as its official logo in line with Guidance issued by the Blue Shield.



- 5.2. As it is the official emblem of the Blue Shield Association, recognising the Guidance issued by Blue Shield International, the following logo is adopted by the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield as its official logo, agreeing that it may not be altered except to translate it.



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- 5.3 Italian Committee of the Blue Shield acknowledges that the blue shield cultural emblem is a protective symbol used during armed conflicts. Its design and use are restricted by international law, realised through national laws. While its formal use as a symbol of protection is subject to the 1954 Hague Convention and its Protocols, the symbol can also be used for educational purposes in communications, publications, presentations, *et cetera* by the National Committee. The emblem will not be used or displayed in any way that could damage its reputation and status as a protective emblem or in any way that could lead to confusion with the Blue Shield organisation. Italian Committee of the Blue Shield agrees to follow the Guidance set down by Blue Shield International and UNESCO for the use of the emblem.

Article 6: Membership of the Committee

- 6.1 Membership of the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield is open to individuals and institutional/associative members
- 6.2 Membership status can be active and honorary. Only active members have voting rights
- 6.3 Italian Committee of the Blue Shield will only admit as active and honorary members those who fully comply with the Statutes, Rules and Principles of the Blue Shield Association, and the Statutes of this National Committee.
- 6.4 Members of the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield are forbidden to use the name and reputation of the Blue Shield to conduct any commercial or lucrative activity. Duties should be carried out on a not-for-profit basis.
- 6.5 Membership is automatically renewed except as described in article 7.

Article 7: Loss of membership of the National Committee

- 7.1 Membership status of the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield ends:
- a) In case of the resignation of the member (submitted in writing to the Committee with a one-month notice period);
 - b) In case of death.
- 7.2 Membership may be terminated by the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield for activities that may include: non-payment of membership fees; disrespect for the fundamental principles of the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield or the Blue Shield Association; failure to fulfil the duties and obligations laid out in the articles of Association of this Committee.

Article 8: Appointments and Positions of the National Committee

8.1 The Appointments and Positions of the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield (Scudo Blu Italia) are listed and defined below:

The Executive Office Board (EOB) is composed of the presidents of the four founding associations (ICOMOS, ICOM Italy, ANAI, AIB) or their delegates plus 4 members elected by General Assembly. Every three years, the General Assembly elects the four additional members of the (EOB) and the president among the 8 members of the EOB. In the event of a deadlock, the President shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote

The administrative secretariat will be guaranteed by four founding associations.

Technical and Scientific Board (TSB) composed of delegates/ representative (up to a maximum of 20 delegates) of high level national institutions or individuals identified by the EOB taking into account also the proposals from the GA.

Every three years, the delegates/representatives can be confirmed or renewed by the heads of the respective bodies/associations to which they belong.

The TSB supports the EOB, in the action plan (1st year) and the production of the Annual Report and acts as an advisor for technical-scientific issues (e.g. sponsorships, and local cultural initiatives). The support of TBS is requested with convocation by the current president of the EOB.

National General Assembly (NGA) of the Italian Committee of the Blue Shield open to all active members who request it. It meets at least once a year for the presentation of the annual report and budget.

Article 9: Funding processes and resources

9.1 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield shall exclusively and directly pursue non-profit actions. It aspires to attract funding from various sources, including membership fee, donations, income from activities and/or grants, gifts and/or endowments, after considering any proposed donation's ethical implications.

9.2 Annual Fee memberships are established with the annual budget.

9.3 The Italian Committee of the Blue Shield bank account will be registered in the same location as the organisation. The treasury service will be managed by the Association which guarantees the secretariat.

9.4 Funds may only be used for statutory objectives and concerning specific projects and in accordance with the annual budget drawn up by the EOB and approved by the National General Assembly.

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- 9.5 The President on duty, assisted by the Secretary (see 8.1), submits the forecast budget for the final approval to the General Assembly by the month of November by the end of the financial year and the final budget by 30 April of the following year.
- 9.6 The financial year corresponds with the calendar year.

Article 10: Modification of the statutes

10.1 The General Assembly shall be authorised to resolve to amend the articles of the statute. Proposed amendments shall be announced to the Members at least fourteen (14) days preceding a General Assembly meeting. A resolution to amend the articles of the statute shall require a two-third (2/3) majority of the votes cast in the General Assembly meeting.

10.2 An amendment of the articles of the statute shall become effective after written consultation with the Executive Office Board.

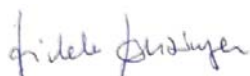
Article 11: Dissolution

11.1 The National General Assembly may decide to dissolve the Association through a decision taken at a General Assembly meeting by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the Members present or represented and by the full of EOB.

11.2 Any assets owned by the national committee at the time of dissolution may be transferred to the Blue Shield International Board or, at the General Assembly's decision and with the Approval of Blue Shield International; any organisation (s) having similar aims.

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