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CENTRO CAMUNO DI STUDI PREISTORICI

Established, August 3, 1964

Recognized as an 'Institution of National Interest' (Law n. 123, April 2, 1980).

CONSTITUTION

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DENOMINATION, LOCATION AND FUNCTION

Art. 1) The non-profit organization named 'Centro Camuno di Studi Preistorici' (referred to in the following pages as the 'CCSP') is established.

Art. 2) The head office is at Capo di Ponte. The Executive Council has the authority to institute sections or chapters in other locations, with proper regulations.

Art. 3) The purpose of the CCSP is to study prehistoric art and other elements regarding the economic, social and intellectual life of prehistoric and primitive man, with special concern for the Camunian civilization and other rock-art producing cultures.

Art. 4) In order to attain these objectives the Centro intends to:

a) Carry out research in Valcamonica for the study, illustration and diffusion of knowledge of Camunian rock art and of other archaeological findings from the valley;

b) Promote, stimulate and realized research projects in the field of rock art in other regions and countries, while maintaining the operational base in Valcamonica, in itself a natural reserve of prehistoric rock art of world importance;

c) Carry out specialized studies and research in the field of rock art, without geographical restrictions. Such studies and research may be realized by the Centro on its own as well as in collaboration with other national, foreign or international organizations, according to the particular demands or needs of each specific case;

d) Publish research related to the advancement of prehistoric and ethnological sciences, and to the study and knowledge of prehistoric art and other intellectual and cultural expressions of primitive and prehistoric man;

e) Organize conferences, courses, meetings, competitions, research symposia and study seminars, and to give life to a scientific and cultural forum in the Valcamonica, with the purpose of training and favouring scholars and students in the aims and methods of the fields of interest of the CCSP.

f) Gather surveys, recordings, casts, artefacts and other documents relevant to the fields of concern of the CCSP, in a collection which, with the support of qualified authorities, should become a Camunian Museum of Prehistoric Art;

g) Favour professional and qualified training to Italian and foreign personnel in the field of concern of the CCSP through tutoring, scholarships, study grants or other contributions;

h) Contribute to scientific progress on an international scale and to the general study of the origins of civilization, with specific reference to the artistic and other intellectual expressions of prehistoric man. The CCSP, through the above mentioned and other related activities, shall maintain its specific character of dedication to the study of the origins of thought and of the moral and intellectual values of human civilization.

MEMBERS

Art. 5) Three categories of members are established, active, honorary, and regular. The admission of a member is subject to the approval of the Executive Council. 'Active' members include organizations and individuals who contribute significant support of a scientific or financial nature. The Executive Council can bestow the title of 'honorary' member to organizations or individuals that through scientific merit or moral or financial support have proved themselves particularly valuable to the functioning of the CCSP and its activities.

'Regular' members are individuals or organizations that have paid the yearly membership fee determined by the Executive Council; they do not have voting power in the General Assembly.

CORPORATE PROPERTY

Art. 6) The property of the CCSP is constituted by the yearly membership fees and by any other revenue and property of the CCSP.

STRUCTURES

Art. 7) The institutional structures are:

a) the General Assembly;

b) the Executive Council;

c) the Director;

d) the College of Auditors of Accounts.

Art. 8) The General Assembly is made up of all 'active' and 'honorary' members. The 'Ordinary Session' is held once a year. The Assembly

approves the technical and financial reports and elects the Executive Council. It also discusses all issues proposed by the Executive Council, by the Director and those which at least 40 members have requested registrations on the agenda of the Assembly. The Assembly holds 'extra-ordinary' sessions when the Chairman of the Executive Council or a majority of the Executive Council retain it necessary, or when at least one fifth of the members submit such a request. The convocation is sent to all 'active' and 'honorary' members no less than 15 days before the date of each Assembly. The Assembly is valid when there are over half of the members present. If such a majority is not attained by the appointed hour, the Assembly can be held legitimately one hour later, no matter how many members are present. Each member has the right to one vote. Member organizations and institutions wishing to exercise their right to vote must inform the Secretariat of the Centro before the Assembly date, introducing their delegate.

Art. 9) The Executive Council is composed of no more than 11 members:

a) Seven Councillors are elected every two years at the General Assembly, by secret ballot, from a list of members who have become candidates according to the appropriate procedure and of outgoing councillors who have not been specifically discharged (Elective Councillors);

b) Up to four Councillors are nominated to represent public or private institutions which are close collaborators with the CCSP, and which provide concrete financial, scientific or other contributions. Every two years the Executive Council proposes a selection of organizations for approval by the General Assembly; the chosen ones are invited to propose a representative to serve in the Council (Nonelective Councillors).

c) The first two member candidates not elected to the Council are considered Substitute Councillors, and participate in the meetings of the Executive Council.

d) Councillors are elected for a two-year term, and can be re-elected. In the case of the resignation or death of an elective Councillor, the Council appoints the first of the Substitute Councillors for the remainder of the term.

e) A Councillor who is inexcusably absent from three consecutive Council meetings is automatically discharged of his/her duties.

f) The Executive Council in its first meeting shall nominate a Chairman of the Council, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary; all three last as long as the Council and can be re-elected. The Executive Council has the administrative responsibility of the CCSP and deliberates on related matters; it has a consulting function on the technical aspects of the CCSP's activities. It meets at least twice a year, and every time that the President of the Council, the Director of the CCSP or the majority of the Councillors retain it necessary. The meetings are valid when over half the Councillors are present. Deliberations are passed with two-thirds of the votes.

g) The Chairman of the Council legally represents the Centro; he summons and presides over the General Assemblies and the Executive Council meetings. In his absence he is substituted by the Vice-Chairman. The Secretary of the Executive Council keeps minutes of the General Assembly and of Executive Council meetings.

Art. 10) The Director of the CCSP, nominated by the Executive Council, directs the activities of the CCSP and assumes full responsibility for the technical-scientific activities. In particularly serious issues the Director will consult the Executive Council. The Director represents the CCSP in all its constitutional activities, at scientific congresses and in commissions.

The Executive Council appoints employees and staff of the CCSP, based upon the proposal presented by the Director, who is responsible for their activities. The Director is authorized to carry out directly all ordinary administrative operations within the limits defined by the budget.

Art. 11) The College of Auditors of Accounts consists of a team of three experts who are nominated by the General Assembly for two year terms among members and non-members. The auditors of accounts supervise over the budget.

Art. 12) In case of the CCSP's dissolution the property of the CCSP shall be transferred to the Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica.

Art. 13) Any other point not referred to above will conform to what is established in the Civil Code in reference to Recognized Organizations.

(Translated from the Italian by Jean Innamorati).