

# Constitution of the Virtual Philately Confederation

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## **SECTION I: NAME, HEADQUARTERS, JURISDICTION AND DURATION**

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### **ARTICLE 1:**

Under the name "Virtual Philately Confederation", abbreviated to "Virtuafil", a non-profit association of a cultural nature and of public utility is constituted, which will be governed by the Articles herein included in this document and by applicable state laws.

### **ARTICLE 2:**

Virtuafil, as a virtual entity, has the address [www.virtuafil.org](http://www.virtuafil.org) for forwarding and handling any and all matters.

### **ARTICLE 3:**

The term of existence of Virtuafil is indefinite, Neither the Founding Members nor the Participating Members are responsible for any legal, financial or social obligations of Virtuafil.

## **SECTION II: SOCIAL OBJECTIVES**

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### **ARTICLE 4:**

Virtuafil, a philatelic entity founded in January 2021, aims to preserve the history of philately, as well as to study, apply and disseminate philately in all its forms, especially in virtual and digital form, with events, virtual exhibitions, training and online guidance for affiliated associations.

**Paragraph 1:** IMPS - International Moldovan Philatelic Society and FILABRAS - Association of Brazilian Philatelists, both virtual philatelic associations, from Moldova and Brazil, respectively, are the founders of Virtuafil, determining it's guidelines, rules, rights and obligations.

### **ARTICLE 5:**

Virtuafil will limit its activities to the purposes set out in Article 4 and its paragraphs, being prohibited from involvement in party-political matters, or matters outside the objectives of the Constitution.

## **SECTION III: ASSOCIATIVE BODY, RIGHTS AND DUTIES.**

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### **ARTICLE 6:**

Virtuafil, associations, clubs, societies, official postal operators and any other philatelic entities, constituted in fact and/or in law, who act in person or virtually, and who decide to contribute to Virtuafil, under the terms of this Constitution, may join and once approved, they will have their name posted on the list of Members, indicating their registration number and category.

## **ARTICLE 7:**

Members will be classified according to the following categories:

1. Founding Members: IMPS and FILABRAS
2. Participating Members: The entities that join after the date of foundation.

**Paragraph 1:** The Founding Members of the association Virtuafil are:

1. IMPS - International Moldovan Philatelic Society
2. FILABRAS - Associação dos Filatelistas Brasileiros

**Paragraph 2:** Participating Members are those philatelic entities that apply for admission after the date of foundation and are approved by the Board of Virtuafil, having the obligation to accept and comply with the Constitution and rules of Virtuafil.

**Paragraph 3:** Whereas the Founding Members exercise the same rights and duties as the Participating Members, the Founding Members are the organizers and managers of Virtuafil.

**Paragraph 4:** All Members will be able to enjoy the activities, newsletters and computer systems in accordance with the rules, but without the burden of, or responsibility for financial costs, that is, registration or monthly fees will not be charged to Members for any Virtuafil services or activities.

**Paragraph 5:** Applications for admission will be examined by the Board, which may reject them, at its sole discretion.

**Paragraph 6:** Any Member may request withdrawal from membership at any time, by means of a written communication to the Board.

## **ARTICLE 8:**

Every member will have the right to contribute with suggestions or ideas, to be studied by the Board.

## **ARTICLE 9:**

Every member will have the right to create virtual exhibitions in accordance with the rules and limitations of the system. A basic rule for virtual exhibitions is to allow access to the general public to view and to participate.

## **ARTICLE 10:**

The Members, in addition to strictly complying with this Constitution and complying with the decisions of the Board, will do everything, by all means available to them, so that the social objectives of Virtuafil are achieved, and must attend virtually, and provide clarifications, by electronic means, for resolutions to pending matters and provide notifications of exhibitions and/or other activities to Virtuafil.

## **ARTICLE 11:**

Loss of membership by exclusion shall be determined by the Board, such action being admissible only if there is a just cause, recognized in a disciplinary procedure, in which the right of ample defence is assured, when there is a proven case of:

- I. Violation of the rules of Virtuafil;
- II. Defamation of Virtuafil or of its Founders or Members;

- III. Activities contrary to Virtuafil's deliberations or Constitution;
- IV. Deviation from good customs or rules of behaviour;
- V. Doubtful conduct, through the practice of illegal or immoral acts, whether linked or not to Virtuafil.

## **SECTION IV: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

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### **ARTICLE 12: Duties of the Board**

The Board, which shall comprise the Founding Members of Virtuafil, will meet personally and virtually, at any time that it is necessary to present, deliberate, or for any activity that requires a collegiate decision.

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