

# CHARTER OF THE SYSTEMATIC AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOGEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION (SEBA)

Article 1: The name of the association is the *Systematic and Evolutionary Biogeographical Association* and the abbreviation of its name is SEBA.

Article 2: The objectives of the Association are threefold:

2.1 To promote the development of an open and diverse biogeographical community, which contributes to the theory and practice of systematic and evolutionary biogeography.

2.2 To assist in the sharing and transfer of biogeographical information by enhancing communication between biogeographers of all countries of the world.

2.3 To establish and maintain the *International Code of Area Nomenclature* (ICAN), as a standardised system of biogeographical reference.

Article 3: Membership of the Association will consist of:

3.1 Persons generating original work in the fields of systematic and evolutionary biogeography who are committed to the worldwide dissemination and integration of biogeographical knowledge.

3.2 Persons who are interested in the establishment, promotion, maintenance or use of the International Code of Area Nomenclature.

3.3 There are two classes of members:

3.3.1 Founding Members.

3.3.2 Members.

3.3.3. All members will be assigned a membership number.

Article 4: The Council of the *Systematic and Evolutionary Biogeographical Association*:

4.1 Consists of eight (8) Officers including a Chair and a Secretary.

4.2 The Council appoints the Chair by a two-thirds majority vote.

4.3 Other officers are appointed by general agreement.

4.4 Members of the Council are elected by a period of four (4) years, and appointed by vote by all members of the society in an electronic mail ballot.

4.5 The Council will include English, Spanish and French speaking members.

Article 5: Membership in the Association:

5.1 Requires an electronically signed agreement that the person/s will adhere to the objectives outlined in Article 2.

5.2 Will incur no membership cost.

Article 6: The Association Publications and Communications will include:

6.1 A website ([www.sebasite.org](http://www.sebasite.org)).

6.2 An electronic version of the *International Code of Area Nomenclature* (ICAN).

6.3 An electronic Bulletin available online to all members free of charge.

6.4 An electronic forum (*Biogeography Portal*).

6.5 An electronic Journal (*Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Biogeography*).

6.6 Any future publication of books or monographs.

6.7 Printed versions of electronic publications to be held in the Associations Archive.

Article 7: The *International Code of Area Nomenclature* (ICAN):

7.1 Will be promoted by the Association via its publications and communications.

7.2 Will be published in an electronic format on the Association website.

7.3 Will be maintained by the Association.

7.3.1 Any amendments to the ICAN will be decided and handled by the Association's Council.

7.3.2 All proposed amendments of the ICAN must be submitted to council.

7.3.3 Amendments are made by a two-third-majority vote.

7.3.4 All amendments of the ICAN will be published as a 'Nomenclatural Note' in the Associations electronic Bulletin (Article 6.3).

7.3.5 All other rules and regulations will be listed on the Associations website and in the Association's online Bulletin.

Article 8: Amendment to the Charter:

8.1 Will be made by a two-thirds majority vote by all members of the society in an electronic mail ballot distributed by the Secretary. Any member may make an amendment to the Charter, which will be distributed for an online comment and discussion period of one month prior to a vote.

8.2 Will result in a new draft with all details of the ballot and amendment under a new article.

Article 9: The official languages of the Systematic and Evolutionary Biogeographical Association are English (UK), Spanish, and French.

Article 10: The following founding members of the Association ratify its Charter on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006:

Malte C. Ebach (France)

Juan J. Morrone (Mexico)

Fabrizio Cecca (France)

Lynne R. Parenti (USA)

J. Mario Vargas (Spain)

Ángel Vilorio (Venezuela)

Dalton de Souza Amorim (Brazil)

Pauline Y. Ladiges (Australia)

Article 11: This is the first draft of the Charter (February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006).