

## Memorandum on establishing and cooperation:

### *International Academy of Karst Sciences*

#### *1. Definition:*

The International Academy of Karst Sciences is a consortium of member institutions and organizations dedicated to realizing the purposes outlined below.

#### *2. Organization:*

- members: scientific institutions and organizations, membership approved by the executive board;
- executive board: 5-9 members representing the international karst sciences community;
- advisory board: individuals, distinguished scientists.

#### *3. Purposes:*

- to increase the understanding of unique principles and characteristics of the karst environment;
- to promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research of karst;
- to establish a network of karst research institutions and organizations to exchange information and share resources;
- to promote international education in karst sciences;
- to raise the general awareness of the importance and uniqueness of karst; and
- to promote good practice in karst sciences and the management of karst.

#### *4. Relationships with existing organizations:*

- no activity of the IAKS should restrict or interfere with the activities of its members. The members act in accordance with the legislation of their own country. The activities of IAKS are determined by the executive board acting on behalf of the members.

#### *5. Resignation From Membership*

- Members can resign from membership upon an advance notice to the IAKS.

#### *6. Entry into Force*

This memorandum enters into force on the date of signature.

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