

## **STATUTE OF ASSOCIATED RESEARCHERS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN LEVANT CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION**

### **Art. 1.**

The status of *Associated Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* offers its bearer the right to:

- 1.1 take part in activities organized by the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization;
- 1.2 access the documentation sources and pathways of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization;
- 1.3 make use of their title of *Associated Researcher* in their interactions with third parties;
- 1.4 represent the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization at international conferences and research projects focusing on topics aligned with the Institute's stated fields of interest.

### **Art. 2.**

- 2.1 Associated researchers shall promote the Institute's scientific activity, and shall mention their affiliation with the Institute in relevant publications.
- 2.2 Associated researchers shall present a yearly report on their scientific activity.

### **Art. 3.**

#### **Eligibility**

- 3.1 Candidates for the title of *Associated Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* must be in possession of a PhD diploma and be active:
  - in contributing to the expansion of scientific research (through articles, studies, books, scientific reports) on the cultures and civilizations of the historical space of the Levant – the Middle East, Northern Africa, the Balkans and the Caucasus;
  - in activities to protect and capitalise upon natural and cultural heritage for sustainable regional development as part of the broader UNESCO strategy to this end;
  - in promoting dialogue between the peoples inhabiting the historical space of the Levant, with a view towards creating a culture of peace through dialogue between the academic environment, religious leaders and the younger generations.
- 3.2 In order to attain the title of *Associated Researcher*, candidates must submit an application, containing an updated CV, a list of published works, a list of attended conferences, a list of undertaken projects, a motivation letter and three representative examples of published scientific works, in either paper or electronic format.
- 3.3. Submitted applications will be reviewed by the Institute's Directorial College and forwarded to the attention of its Scientific Committee for approval. Candidates will receive a written report of the decision of the Scientific Council and, if successful, will be issued official documentation

attesting to their status as *Associate Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization*.

**Art. 4.**

*Associated Researchers* may form research groups tailored to the Institute's declared academic interests, and may propose, either individually or collectively, new projects and research plans, which will be forwarded to the Institute's Scientific Council for approval.

**Art. 5.**

- 5.1. The activity of *Associated Researchers of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* shall not be remunerated.
- 5.2. The Institute may, within the boundaries set by its approved budget, finance the publication of the results of research carried out by *Associated Researchers* on topics of study relevant to the Institute's stated fields of expertise, in print or electronic format, pursuant to the prior cessation of authorial rights.
- 5.3. The Institute shall promote the scientific activity of its *Associated Researchers* on its official website.

**Art. 6.**

The title of *Associated Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* may be withdrawn, should the holder fail to carry out any scientific activity in partnership with the Institute for the duration of one calendar year, through a Decision of the Institute's Scientific Council in this regard.