

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.

Candidates for the title of *Associated Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* shall only be eligible for the position should they: already occupy a university teaching position; be employed as a Scientific Researcher and in possession of a PhD diploma; actively contribute 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 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 of this region. Also eligible are university staff and researchers with notable accomplishments in the protection and capitalisation upon natural and cultural heritage for sustainable regional development.

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 Institute may, within the boundaries set by its approved budget, finance the publication of the results of research carried out by *Associated Researchers* on specific 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.
- 5.2. The Institute shall promote the scientific activity of its *Associated Researchers* on its official website.

5.3. The Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization shall endeavour to promote the scientific activity of its *Associated Researchers* on the Institute's official website.

Art. 6.

The title of *Associated Researcher* may be withdrawn, through a Decision made to this end by the Scientific Council of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization, in those cases where the title holder has not undertaken any relevant scientific activity as part of the Institute for the period of one calendar year.