



# BYLAWS OF THE YOUNG INSTITUTE OF MODERN ARBITRATION (YOUNG IMA)

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#### 1. General Provisions

- 1. The Young Institute of Modern Arbitration ("Young IMA") is a structural subdivision of the autonomous non-profit organisation the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration ("RIMA").
- 2. The General Director of RIMA provides overall direction to the structural subdivision.
- 3. Young IMA consists of young specialists interested in alternative dispute resolution.
- 4. The members of Young IMA should be individuals in good standing with an interest in alternative dispute resolution and be under 40 years of age.
- To become a member of Young IMA, one should apply by filling in a form on the website (<a href="https://yima.modernarbitration.ru/">https://yima.modernarbitration.ru/</a>), which may be subject to further approval by the Co-Chairs of Young IMA.
- 6. The membership in Young IMA is free of charge and voluntary.

#### 2. Principles of Young IMA

In the conduct of its activities, Young IMA and its members shall be guided by the following principles:

- good faith and objectivity;
- b. openness to discussion and an interest in different perspectives;
- c. pursuance of geographical representation and uniting professionals interested in alternative dispute resolution from all regions and countries;
- d. respect for the views of each individual;
- e. recognition of the importance of both science and practice.

#### 3. Objectives of Young IMA

In the conduct of its activities, Young IMA and its members shall peruse the following objectives:

- a. development of professional and independent alternative dispute resolution in Russia;
- b. promotion of alternative dispute resolution in Russia, as well as promotion of Russia as a seat;
- c. formation and establishment of a unified professional community of young specialists in

- alternative dispute resolution in Russia;
- d. building a dialogue between Russian and foreign professional youth associations in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

## 4. Activities of Young IMA

To achieve its objectives, Young IMA and its members shall undertake the following activities:

- a. carry out scientific and practical studies, including comparative legal studies, on various issues in alternative dispute resolution;
- b. elaborate constructive proposals to enhance approaches to the administration of arbitration by permanent arbitral institutions;
- c. elaborate constructive proposals to form pro-arbitration approaches in legislative and law enforcement practice;
- d. publish articles, reviews and other analytical materials in periodicals about topical issues of alternative dispute resolution;
- e. organise and hold educational events (including conferences, lectures, courses, workshops, competitions, round-table meetings, discussions) jointly and/or with support of RIMA;
- f. inform of current events and activities in the field of alternative dispute resolution;
- g. hold and organise informal events aimed at developing of a united professional community of specialists in alternative dispute resolution jointly and/or with support of RIMA;
- h. form and maintain a list of Young IMA members;
- i. any other activities necessary for Young IMA and its members to achieve the objectives listed in Article 3 hereof.

#### 5. Co-Chairs of Young IMA

- 1. Young IMA shall be coordinated by the Co-Chairs.
- Young IMA shall be co-chaired by five (5) members thereof elected for a term of two (2) years. The
  Co-Chairs in force at the time of the election shall elect new Co-Chairs of Young IMA from among the
  candidates who have applied in due time. In case of equality of votes, the General Director of RIMA
  shall make the final decision.
- 3. The same person may be appointed as Co-Chair of Young IMA several times. A Co-Chair cannot vote on the re-election of their candidacy.
- 4. Co-Chairs of Young IMA shall perform the following functions:
  - a. coordinate the activities of the Committees of Young IMA;
  - b. discuss with the General Director of RIMA proposals on implementation of new projects within the framework of Young IMA's activities;
  - c. submit proposals to the General Director of RIMA regarding the creation of new committees of Young IMA;
  - d. form and maintain the list of Young IMA members;
  - e. propose candidates for inclusion in the Database of Specialists of the Russian Arbitration Center:
  - f. represent Young IMA in relations with Russian and foreign organisations.

#### 6. Committees of Young IMA

- 1. Young IMA may establish committees aiming at researching and developing various aspects of alternative dispute resolution ("Committee(s)").
- 2. Committees are established on the proposal of the Co-Chairs of Young IMA and approved by the General Director of RIMA.
- 3. Each Committee shall consist of members of Committee and a Head who coordinates the activities of the Committee.
- 4. The Head of Committee is appointed by the decision of the Co-Chairs of Young IMA for a term of 1 (one) year. The Head of Committee may be reappointed. A Co-Chair of Young IMA may be appointed as Head of Committee. The decision shall be made by a simple majority vote.
- 5. Committee may be headed by several Heads, who jointly coordinate the activities of Committee and determine the composition of its members.
- 6. The composition of the Committee members is determined by the Head of Committee every year from the date of the publication of the Bylaws in the current version. Individuals interested in becoming members of Committee should submit their application on Young IMA's website (https://yima.modernarbitration.ru/).
- 7. The Committees shall perform the activities listed in Article 4 herein within their directions. Each Committee elaborates an annual program of the Committee's activities, which includes a description of planned activities, research, and events for the upcoming year, and presents it at the annual meeting of Young IMA. Each Committee submits a report on the implementation of the annual program every 6 (six) months to the Co-Chairs of Young IMA.
- 8. The Co-Chairs of Young IMA, in agreement with the Head of Committee, may modify and supplement the program of activities of the Committee.

#### 7. Annual Meeting of Young IMA

- 1. Young IMA shall hold an annual meeting of its members to review the activities of Committees, including reports on the implementation of the Committees' activity programs.
- 2. The Heads of Committees shall make brief presentations on the activities of Committees at the annual meetings of Young IMA.
- 3. Based on the results of the discussion of the annual reports on the implementation of the Committees' activity programs, the Co-Chairs and the RIMA may decide to reward the members of the Committees.

### 8. Research by the Members of the Young IMA

- 1. Within the framework of the activities of a Committee, the members of Young IMA shall carry out academic and practical research on relevant issues in alternative dispute resolution.
- 2. In carrying out academic and practical research, the members of Young IMA shall be guided by the principles of professionalism, scientific certainty, as well as objectivity and reasonableness of conclusions and statements.
- 3. As a result of their research, the members of Young IMA may submit constructive proposals for improving the methods of alternative dispute resolution in Russia.
- 4. RIMA may assist the members of Young IMA in submitting constructive proposals for improving methods of alternative dispute resolution for implementation in legislative and law enforcement practice.

#### 9. Cooperation with foreign youth associations in the field of arbitration

- 1. Young IMA may cooperate with foreign youth associations in the field of alternative dispute resolution.
- 2. With the prior approval of the General Director of RIMA, Young IMA may sign cooperation agreements with foreign youth associations in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

# 10. Right of the Co-Chairs of Young IMA to recommend a candidate for inclusion in the Database of Specialists of the Russian Arbitration Center

- 1. The Co-Chairs of Young IMA may recommend candidates for inclusion in the Database of Specialists of the Russian Arbitration Center, from which arbitrators may be appointed to resolve disputes in arbitration administered by the Russian Arbitration Center.
- 2. Members of Young IMA may apply for inclusion in the Database of Specialists. The application shall be considered by the Co-Chairs of Young IMA who may decide to recommend the member for inclusion in the Database of Specialists.
- 3. The Co-Chairs of Young IMA may only recommend for inclusion in the Database of Specialists persons who are at least 25 (twenty-five) years of age, have 5 (five) years' experience in the legal profession and are members of Young IMA.
- 4. The decision to include the proposed candidate in the Database of Specialists shall be taken by the Executive Administrator of the Russian Arbitration Center.

#### 11. List of the Young IMA Members

- 1. Young IMA shall form and maintain a list of the Young IMA members.
- 2. The Co-Chairs of Young IMA, the Chair of Committees and the General Director of RIMA have access to the list of the Young IMA members.

#### 12. Interoperation of the Bylaws

- 1. In case of doubt, the General Director of RIMA shall interpret the Bylaws.
- 2. The Russian version of the Bylaws shall prevail.