

MAIZE TECHNOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

CONSTITUTION

1. Name of Society

The name of the Society shall be the: **MAIZE TECHNOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA** and shall be referred to as “**MTAI**” throughout this Constitution.

2. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the MTAI shall be:

- To bring together professionals from public and private organizations involved in maize research, extension, production, processing, value addition, seed production/ marketing, energy, socio-economic and environmental issues.
- To facilitate linkages among maize stake holders to disseminate up-to-date and relevant technology/information needed for end users through organizing conferences/symposia/seminars/ meetings, *etc.*
- To publish a multidisciplinary scientific journal of international standards exclusively devoted to the maize research, which will be called “**Maize Journal**” (*abbreviated. Maize J.*).

3. MTAI Symbol

The society shall adopt the initials "MTAI" in the form of the logo. This will be the permanent insignia of the organization for use on letterheads, books, badges and other distinctive objects issued or sponsored by the MTAI. The use of the logo shall be restricted to the MTAI.

4. MTAI Membership

A. Who could be a member?

Any professional who has an interest in the aims and objectives of the MTAI is eligible for membership. Membership will be approved by the EC.

B. Membership Fee

Individual member: Annual membership fee is INR 500 (USD 100 for other countries).
Life membership for an individual will be INR 4000 (USD 400 for other countries), which can be paid in FOUR installments within same calendar year.

Institutional members: Research institutions, universities, industrial and commercial organizations willing to support the objectives of the MTAI.
The Institutional membership fee is INR 1000 (USD 200 for other countries) for one year.

Fellow members: Fellowship will be conferred upon individual members who have made an outstanding contribution in the maize research and development. They shall be nominated by the EC and conferred by the President.

C. Admission of members

An applicant qualifying for membership shall submit his/her application in the prescribed proforma along with membership fee to the Secretary of the MTAI. Upon receipt of fee and application form, the Secretary shall issue the certificate of membership.

5. The Structure of MTAI

The MTAI shall carry out its aims and objectives through the following structure:

A. The MTAI Secretariat

The MTAI is based at:

The Directorate of Maize Research, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110 012 (INDIA)

B. The Executive Committee (EC)

Composition of Executive Committee

The composition of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

President:	One
Vice-President:	One
Secretary:	One
Joint Secretary:	One
Treasurer	One
Executive Members	Five (At least one member form each zone)

The EC will nominate "Editor-in-Chief". He/she will select members of the editorial board in consultation with EC.

6. The Executive Committee

A. The Terms of the Office

The tenure of the Executive Committee will be for two years and thereafter the EC will call for fresh elections giving a notice of three months circulated to the members calling for nominations. The Secretary and the Treasurer will be stationed at Delhi, India. Election of office bearers will be done by secret ballot. The EC will nominate a senior MTAI member as returning officer, who will complete the process of election and declare results.

B. Function of the Executive Committee

- The affairs of the MTAI shall be managed by the EC. The EC shall prepare and adopt a series of by-laws, which shall govern meetings and procedures of the EC, and that of the Society under this constitution.
- The EC shall consider all proposals addressed to the President/ Secretary of the MTAI and regulate the order and manner in which approved proposals are implemented.
- The EC will invite Institutes/ Universities/ Organizations to hold Conference/ Symposium/ Seminar, *etc.*
- The EC will review and decide on the capabilities of Institutes/ Universities/ Organizations desirous of holding the Conference/ Symposium/ Seminar, *etc.*, on the basis of the adequacy of their facilities and technical standards.

- The EC will ensure that the objectives are upheld and the aims and objectives of the MTAI are pursued.
- It will review and recommend changes in the Constitution, as and when required.
- The EC will hold an annual general meeting at least once in a year with 2/3rd Quorum.
- The notice period for the general body meeting shall be 30 days.
- The EC will review the MTAI membership and account.

6. Power and Duties of Office Bearers

President

He/She shall be the Chairman of the EC. He/She shall be the administrative in-charge of the Society, and its affairs. Being the executive head of the Society, the President will contact and approach countries/ organizations/societies on matters related to MTAI work-areas including fund raising.

Vice-President

He/she shall exercise such powers as may be delegated to him/her from time to time by the President or the EC. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the EC shall act on his/her behalf and may do all such duties as the President himself/herself would do.

In absence of both the president and vice-president, EC will nominate a member of EC to act as chairman.

Secretary

He/she shall be responsible to the EC for the general conduct of the MTAI activities, correspondence, and business. He/she shall also be responsible for calling the meetings of the EC of the Society, for recording and reading the minutes and executing the decisions of the EC. He/ she shall present to the EC an updated list of members and will announce the venue and date of the next EC and general body meeting.

Treasurer

He/she will facilitate the operation of the accounts and other financial matters of the Society. He/she shall receive all sums of money due to, or payable to, the Society, and maintain a regular account of all receipts and payments. The Treasurer will be responsible for receiving membership fees and maintaining membership records. This information will be reported to the Secretary.

7. Sources of income and utilization of funds

Subscription fees and proceeds from the Society's membership/publications shall substantially support the activities of MTAI. The Society may accept payment of fees in return for professional/consultancy services rendered to any country/organization/society, *etc.*

The Society may seek or accept grants or donations from any source to promote the objectives of the MTAI. All such donations/receipts will be paid into the account of the Association of Maize Technologists. A bank account should be opened in a credible bank in New Delhi and be operated jointly by the Secretary and Treasurer.

8. FINANCIAL YEAR:

Financial year of society shall start from 1st, April to 31st March every year.

9. AUDIT:

The accounts of society shall be audited by the qualified auditor (Chartered Accountant)

every year.

10 Annual lists of the Members

A list of office bearers and members of the Executive Council of the MTAI shall be filed with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi, as required under Section 4 of the Societies Registration Act 1860.

11. Dissolution:

If the society needs to be dissolved, it shall be dissolved as per-provisions laid down under the sec. 13 & 14 'SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT, OF 1860" as applicable National Capital Territory of Delhi.

12. Legal Proceedings:

The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the President or Secretary within the jurisdiction of the courts of law in the National Capital Territory of Delhi as per provisions laid down under Section 6 of the Societies Registration Act 1860 as applicable to the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

13. Amendment to the Constitution:

Any amendment to the Constitution in accordance with the procedure laid down under Section 12 and 12-A of the Societies Registration Act 1860 needs to be proposed to the EC. The proposal will be considered upon for the approval of the General Body.

14. Application of the Act:

All the provisions under all the sections of the Societies Registration Act 1860 as applicable to the National Capital Territory of Delhi shall apply to this Society.

15. ESSENTIAL CERTIFICATE:

Certified that this is the correct copy of the Constitution of the Association.

(PRESIDENT)

(SECRETARY)

(JOINT SECRETARY)

(TREASURER)

Place: New Delhi

Dated: 25th May, 2012