

Founding Convention of openXdata

On the 21st of June 2010 the founding convention of openXdata was held at the University of Bergen, Overlege Danielsens Hus, Årstadveien 21, Bergen, Norway.

The following founders were present at the meeting

Organization & Founding Member	Representative
Addis Ababa University - School of Information Sciences	Rahel Bakele
Cell-Life	Simon Kelly
Handheld Solutions & Research Labs (Handsrel)	Raghu Mittal
Interactive Research and Development (IRD)	Ali Habib
Sustainable Sciences Institute (SSI)	Heather Zornetzer
University of Bergen - Centre for International Health	Thorkild Tylleskär
University of Bergen - Department of Informatics	Khalid Mughal
University of Bergen - Infomedia	Wei Qin Chen
Makerere University– Faculty of Computing and Informatics Science	Hugh Cameron
University of Southern Maine	Bruce MacLeod

Proposed articles of incorporation

1. The name of the association is “openXdata”
2. The association is established and construed in accordance with the Laws of Norway.
3. The objects of the Association shall be:
 - The collective ownership, continued development, maintenance, promotion and support of openXdata as an open source product
 - To promote and support the use of the openXdata product
 - To build capacity that enables the furthering of the above two objects.
4. The association is a self-governed body and an independent legal entity with limited and non-personal liability.
5. Members of the association will be active contributors to any or all of the objects of the Association. The members are obliged to sign an individual contributor’s license agreement to join the association.
6. Members of the association will be organizations. In exceptional circumstances, as determined by the General Assembly, individuals may be permitted to join as member.
7. Activities of the association may be financed e.g. by public and private grants for research and development and by other cooperative partners world wide.
8. The general assembly is the highest decision making body of the association. The yearly meeting shall be held in the month of April. The Management Committee shall

distribute to the members a notice of meeting at least 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

The yearly meeting may be held virtually subject to the consent of all members.

A member may be represented by proxy.

9. The general assembly shall consider and decide:
 - a. annual accounts and financial statements
 - b. determine a yearly subscription for membership of the association
 - c. elect members of the Steering Committee
 - d. elect members of the Management Committee
 - e. elect candidates for employment and positions of trust

10. Each member has one vote in the General Assembly. Decisions of substantial importance regarding financial dispositions or amendment of the association's articles of corporation shall be made by the General Assembly with $\frac{3}{4}$ majority.

11. The association will be represented and promoted publicly by the Steering Committee. To promote the global diversity of the organization, the Steering Committee will be constituted of members from eight countries with not more than one member represented from each country.
 - a. At the time of founding, the Steering Committee is represented by the following countries: Ethiopia, India, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, South Africa, Uganda, United States of America
 - b. The first Steering Committee is:

Country	Represented by member	Represented by individual
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa University	Rahel Bakele
India	Handsrel	Shashank Garg
Nicaragua	SSI	Heather Zornetzer
Norway	University of Bergen – CIH	Thorkild Tylleskär
Pakistan	IRD	Aamir Khan
South Africa	Cell life	Simon Kelly
Uganda	Makerere University	Hugh Cameron
United States of America	University of Southern Maine	Bruce MacLeod

- c. The Steering Committee may call a meeting of the General Assembly of members.
 - d. The Steering Committee may appoint committees or working groups to solve specific issues if required.
 - e. Consensus in the Steering Committee is achieved through a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.
 - f. Term of commitment on Steering Committee is not fixed.

12. The association's operations will be led by the Management Committee in between the annual meetings of the general assembly.
 - a. The Management Committee is responsible to carry into effect the decisions made by the general assembly.
 - b. The Management Committee shall meet once per month to carry out the smooth running of the association. Meetings should preferably be conducted electronically.
 - c. The Management Committee shall provide a written report to the general assembly twice per year on progress towards decisions made by the general

For the founders

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The articles of corporation were presented to the meeting.
No comments to the agenda or to the articles of corporation were expressed.
The protocol was signed and the association was declared founded.

Bergen 21.06.2010

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Jørn Klungsøyr