

How can a Scientific Union (SU) get registered to become an Incorporated Association with full legal capacity? Need a *country* and *lawyer*!

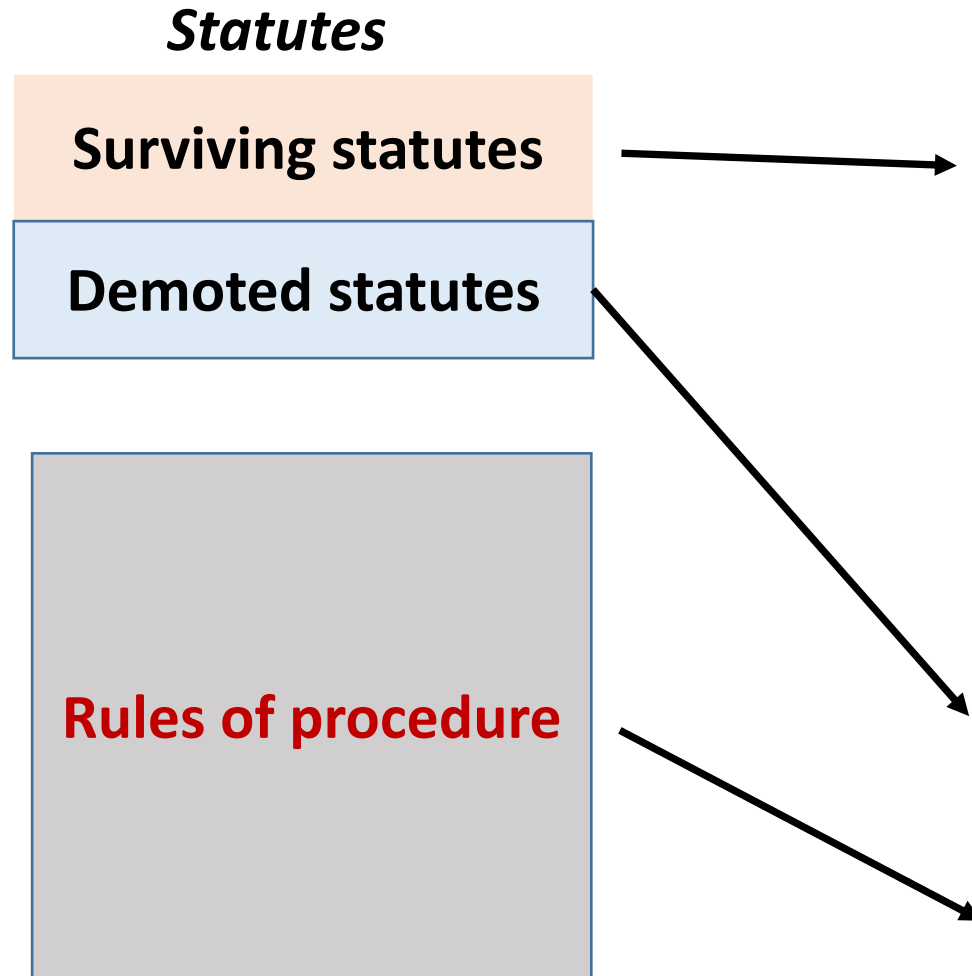
(**Incorporated** = full liability; **Association** = democratic decisions by GA; legal capacity = can open bank accounts)

- Need a country that neither requires a **physical office** nor a **person** of the Bureau (management committee) to reside in that country.
- Want to be **exempt from TAX and VAT**
- **Members** of (General Assembly, GA) = **Adhering Organisations** from various countries. Do not want an Annual GA. Biennial is preferred.
- **Adhering organisations** need not have legal personality. ISC has this characteristic!
- **Must the Founding Members** of an Association be 2 adhering organisations with a legal personality OR can it be 2 people? Unclear at present. Preferably, 2 individuals.
- Ideally, **want to maintain 1 set of statutes** not 2 sets (existing Scientific Union as an organisation + Articles of the Association)

Currently, Scientific Unions have registered as Associations in **Switzerland, France, Germany, Austria, Finland, USA, Canada**. Only **Switzerland** satisfies all 6 desirable characteristics?

2 Scientific Unions have registered as Foundations in the Netherlands. A messy process.

Current IUTAM Organisation



New IUTAM Dutch Association



Why needed?
An association with *full* legal capacity allows us

- to open bank accounts
- avoid personal liability of board members

Articles of Association under Dutch Civil Law

Rules/regulations under Dutch Civil Law = 'by-laws'

