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ITKI FOUNDATION

ITKI International Traditional Knowledge Institute was founded on the occasion of the International Conference on Traditional Knowledge and Living Heritage held in Florence from 10 to 12 July 2009, coordinated by the **Maria Nobrega Foundation** and by **Ipogea** under the patronage of the **Italian Ministry of the Environment**, the **Region of Tuscany**, the **City of Florence**, the **City of Bagno a Ripoli** and the **Presidency of the Association of UNESCO Heritage Cities and Sites in Italy**.

ITKI MEMBERS

The Founding member was:

Ipogea.

The **Maria Nobrega Foundation, UK.**

Fondazione Paolo del Bianco.

The **International President of ITKI is Elizabeth Nobrega de**

Araujo Tsakiroglou.

The **President is Pietro Laureano**

The Boarding of director is formed by the International President, the President, and The founding member ITKI has a legal statute as a no profit public/private association registered in Florence Italy.

The central head office is in Florence, with Pietro Laureano as President.

ITKI CHAPTERS

The main task of ITKI is to realize the inventory, the study and the innovative use of the traditional knowledge, organized in a wiki-like system on the internet www.tkwb.org. The ethical principles are the no profit and the free access to every kind of information according to the logic of common rights.

In every country is possible to create ITKI chapters, the International President coordinates the activity of the chapters.

Chapters have great autonomy of creating their no profit juridical statute more consonant with the local situation. They can perform activities in complete autonomy in the limits of the general ethical principles.

Chapters can open a web site utilizing the ITKI logo plus the

extension of the country (ITKI.....) In the website must be indicated that this is a chapter of International ITKI and the central ITKI with the relatives name of the International President and the President. Chapters can act in autonomy in their country and in others. The activities performed with international organisms and in other countries must be shared with the International President and the President.

Each chapter is an independent body and concerned of finding the funds for their own activities. Depending on the local situation, the center can work to make several **connections with UNESCO**. To become a UNESCO center of category 2, to promote locally the UNESCO inscriptions, to promote the UNESCO professorships, etc. All of this is left in complete autonomy to the decision and to the possibilities of every situation. About the ITKI governance see the Governing Documents: Chapter Agreement, Constitution, Statute.

