CONSTITUTION

The organization shall be called "The Organization of Phenomenological Organizations" (O.P.O.). The O.P.O. shall be a non-profit legal entity.

The O.P.O. shall be composed of archives, centers, societies, working groups, and the like dedicated to phenomenology.

The O.P.O. shall exist to foster communication and cooperation among phenomenologists around the globe.

The activities of the O.P.O. shall be coordinated by an Executive Committee consisting of five members, one from each of the larger regions in which there are phenomenological organizations: Asia-Pacific, East and Central Europe, Iberian Latin-America, North America, and Western Europe.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for

(a) maintaining a list of organizations that are dedicated to fostering phenomenology and that pay annual dues of 25USD/25 Euros, the funds being used for administrative expenses and toward sponsoring the next meeting, with all revenues and expenditures reported by the end of each calendar year to all member organizations;

(b) organizing the next meeting of the O.P.O. in three years and in a different region; and

(c) nominating a new Executive Committee to the O.P.O. at the next meeting with no more than two members continuing from the previous committee.

This Constitution was established on the basis of a unanimous vote of the representatives of fifty-nine (59) Organizations on November 9, 2002, in Prague, The Czech Republic.

The following persons were elected on the same occasion to form the first Executive Committee:

Asia-Pacific:	CHEUNG, Chan-Fai Hong Kong
Eastern and Central Europe:	Ion COPOERU Romania
Iberian Latin-America:	Julia IRIBARNE Argentina
North America:	Lester EMBREE U.S.A.
Western Europe:	Hans Rainer SEPP Germany

The permanent address of the O.P.O. is: Centrum fenomenologických bádání, Jilská 1, Praha 1, Czech Republic. Ivan Chvatík, Director of the Jan Patočka Archive, Prague is authorized to sign official documents on behalf of the O.P.O. until it is decided otherwise by the committee.

Ivan Chvatík Lester Embree

Assembly Conveners