



Yearly Policy 2026-2027

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Focus Points

- ❖ Enriching membership
- ❖ Building on resilience
- ❖ Encouraging involvement

Preface

Ibn Battuta is an association that fosters connections and involvement among her diverse group of members. Throughout her long and rich history, the Association has maintained an environment where members can develop and feel at home alongside their studies. The Board establishes a Yearly Policy based on current developments, in line with the Core Values and Long-term Goals in the Strategic Policy.

Firstly, the Board sees added value in enriching membership. The Association has a stable, enthusiastic group of members that contributes to the Association in many ways. Therefore, the Board finds it important to increase what the Association has to offer for her members. By expanding and adding on initiatives, the experience of being a member will be enhanced.

Additionally, as the Association continues to grow in members and number of initiatives, her internal procedures have become more complex. Over time, administrative and financial responsibilities have expanded with the increasing size of the Association. To remain well prepared for the future, it is important to document and evaluate current structures, activities and procedures, and adapt them where needed.

Finally, encouraging involvement remains essential. The Board aims to broaden the ways in which members can connect to each other within the Association. In recent years, maintaining student engagement has become a more challenging topic. Therefore, it is important to offer varied and accessible ways for members to become involved.

Together, these Focus Points aim to strengthen Ibn Battuta as an active, inclusive and resilient association that continues to provide value and community to all her members.



Enriching membership

Ibn Battuta is an association that highly values her enthusiastic members. The membership experience within the Association will be enriched by a new set of initiatives. These initiatives focus on enabling interaction, while being motivating and exciting for members. This Focus Point encourages engagement with the Association and between members.

Renewed Ibn Battuta app

A new, more user-friendly version of the Ibn Battuta app will be developed. Since the Congressus app is discontinued, this is an opportunity to renew and expand the app. This will be done by rebuilding the entire app and making it more distinct from the website. The new app will function as a more prominent interaction point between members and the Association.

Merchandise shop

The Board establishes a continuous, on-demand merchandise shop for the Association. This will contribute to a stronger sense of connection among members. The shop will include a range of Ibn Battuta branded items with sustainable labels. Members will get the opportunity to give input on the items and designs.

Charity Committee

The Board will reform the current Sustainability and Society Committee into the Charity Committee. As the Sustainability and Society Committee currently plays less of a role in promoting sustainability, the Board sees an opportunity to add value to the committee through shifting the focus to charity. This committee will focus on raising money for charity through events and other initiatives.

Green Office ambassadors

A Green Office embassy will be established within Ibn Battuta to replace the current Sustainability and Society Ambassadors. The role of the current Ambassadors will be transformed to better fulfill its intended purpose. Therefore, the Board sees opportunity in improving on the implementation of sustainability within the Association. The Board will set up an embassy with one ambassador in each committee with an appointed chairman who coordinates with the Green Office.

Revised Committee Competition

The Committee Competition will be revised by introducing new and more varied challenges throughout the year. An attractive Committee Competition increases engagement within committees. A physical ranking board will be visible in the Coffee Room and updated weekly. In addition to the current rankings, the ranking board will display the winners of the competition.



Building on resilience

To ensure the Association remains highly adaptive, resilient and prepared for the future, the Board will look critically at her internal operations and structures. Administrative and financial responsibilities will be spread to ensure better adaptiveness. The Board aims to streamline the internal processes and distribute responsibility more effectively.

Governance structures

The Board will involve the Association's advisory bodies more closely and efficiently. A strong relationship between the Board and her advisory bodies is of high value for oversight and sharing of knowledge. Clear agreements and a framework regarding the relationships between the Board and her advisory bodies will be developed. Furthermore, a yearly overview of fixed meetings will be set up, including the status of the budget and the progress on the Yearly Policy.

Financial framework

The Association will further professionalize her financial administration to strengthen resilience. As financial responsibilities have become more complex, it is important to evaluate current procedures and adapt them where needed. This will be done by developing clear guidelines that optimize workflows and ensure a common understanding of financial procedures and responsibilities.

Faculty merger

The Board will formalize agreements between the Association and the Faculty, to preserve agreements currently in place. Meetings between the Faculty and Board are scheduled to discuss agreements, norms and values relevant to the relationship between the Association and the Faculty. Resulting from these meetings, formal agreements will be drafted where needed. Furthermore, priorities of the Association concerning the merger will be documented.

Activity impact analysis

The Board will do a data analysis of activities organized by the Association. This will be used to look for ways to improve activities and determine their position in the Year Planning. Relevant data includes the characteristics of the attendance, the used promotion channels, costs of the activity, external influences and the opinion of members.

Vice function training

The Board will increase focus on the training of vice functions within the Board. This will improve the ability to take over tasks during periods of higher pressure or unexpected absence. The knowledge of vital function-specific tasks will be taught to the vice functionary over the summer. The status of these tasks will be shared with the vice functionary and they will be kept up to date through regular meetings throughout the Association Year.



Encouraging involvement

By increasing opportunities for involvement, the Board strives to maintain an engaging and inclusive association for members. This will be done by facilitating varied ways for members to interact within and connect to the Association. As stronger involvement of non-active members remains valuable, it is important to explore new ways to attract them through diverse initiatives.

Clubs

Clubs will be introduced to the Association, to help bring members together based on shared interests and hobbies. Especially for non-active members, this gives an opportunity to become more engaged in the Association and meet new people. The Board will start up the first clubs and actively promote them. Moreover, clubs will be open to all members, while members will also have the opportunity to initiate their own clubs.

Investing in sports

The Board will increase the focus on sports. This encourages a broader range of members to partake in activities. This will be done by scaling up existing initiatives as well as introducing more sports activities.

Restructuring committee promotion

The Board will restructure and standardize promotion for committee openings, to more effectively make use of promotion methods as there is potential to better approach applicants. A promotion strategy for each committee opening will be developed. Additionally, the current promotion methods will be expanded.

**Additional point***Friends & Family Day*

The Board will organize a Friends & Family Day. This offers a new way for members to introduce the Association and their study field to their friends and family. An afternoon program will be set up consisting of both informative and social elements.