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International Commission for Plant-Bee Relationships Internal Regulations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Election of Council members. Notice of the General Assembly shall be sent to all members at least two months in advance (Article 7 of the Constitution) by email. The exact indication of the place, day and hour of this Assembly shall be stated, as well as the Agenda. It shall include a reminder that all candidatures for the Council should be submitted to the President at least one month in advance in writing.

The Council, meeting before the General Assembly, shall establish a list of candidatures received. The voting forms with a list of candidates shall be distributed to members of the General Assembly two weeks before the election.

The candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected to the Council. When more than 5 persons holding the same nationality are elected, those obtaining the fewest votes shall be eliminated. In the event of equality a new election shall be held in order to decide the outcome of the vote.

In the case of vacancies on Council, Council may also solicit nominations electronically at any time from the membership (General Assembly) to allow for the constitution of a full Council. Nominations shall be circulated to the membership for election by electronic voting.

Election of Officers. The members of Council elected by the General Assembly shall meet as soon as practically possible in person or by email to elect their Executive, under the Chairmanship of the most senior member present. The Chair shall be elected by majority vote. In the event of equality, the casting vote shall be that of the most senior member of Council who is not on the ballot for an executive position. The elected Chair shall then have the Council elect 2 Vice-Chairs and a Secretary-Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP

The affiliation to ICPBR as associate or active member (Article 5 of the Constitution) may require the payment of an annual subscription if deemed necessary by Council.

Membership of ICPBR is by agreement between the applicant and Council (Statute Article 8). Yearly continuation of membership requires members to complete a short questionnaire to update email addresses and interests in serving on working groups.

WORKING GROUPS

The Council recognises or rejects the freely formed working groups. To be recognised, a working group must be introduced by its Head, who will present its members and their programme. The Council shall judge the interest of the programme on the strength of a report by the President.

The Heads of the working groups must submit a yearly report of activities.

When a working group does not submit an activities report for two consecutive years, the Council shall proceed to reorganise or dissolve it.

A Working group's programme may be on the basis of one year or several. The following activities shall be considered as eligible:

- the common realisation of a research programme in the field covered by ICPBR
- the comparison of results obtained in various countries or under various experimental conditions
- publication of bibliographical notes which involve team work
- publication of collective studies within the field covered by ICPBR
- organisation of international scientific meetings (colloquia, symposiums, conferences)
- international fact-finding studies
- collective work on analysis methods or experimental procedure
- statistical analysis of data gathered in various countries by computer
- international cartographical work, concerning the relationship between bees and plants.

This list is not limited and may be extended according to needs.

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS

The internal regulations may be amended by the Council and ratified by the General Assembly.

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