

BYE-LAWS OF IOBC/wprs

Members

1. New institutional and honorary members will be affiliated with the IOBC/wprs by a simple majority of votes of the Council members; affiliation of individual and supporting members will be decided by the Executive Committee.

Contributions

2. The minimum annual contributions are 2000 Euros for institutional members. The minimum annual contributions for supporting members and for individual members will be established by the Executive Committee.
3. Payment of member contributions shall normally be at the beginning of each calendar year.

Charges

4. Financial transactions shall normally require the signature of the Treasurer, or the President or the Secretary-General
5. The President and the Secretary General of the Regional Section may have at their disposal a representational credit amount, which shall not exceed 1000 Euros per annum. Moreover, the President can, at his discretion, allow reimbursement of expenses incurred by other members of the Executive Committee.

Contributions to IOBC Global

6. The membership contributions of the Section to IOBC Global (see internal statutes of the IOBC) shall be paid at the end of each year, according to the number of contributions established for IOBC/wprs.

Treasurer

7. A financial balance shall be submitted by the Treasurer to the General Assembly of IOBC/wprs. At each meeting of the IOBC/wprs Council, the budget situation shall be presented for approval.
8. One of the three members of the Auditing Committee (Art. XIV of Statutes) is nominated for President of this Committee by the Council. Before the General Assembly, he shall receive the financial report from the Treasurer of the Regional Section as well as the corresponding account documents.

Nominations

9. For elections to the next Council and Auditing Committee, the current Council as well as every voting member can propose candidates. The candidates shall not be considered further unless they are supported by at least two voting members, and notified to the Secretary-General at least four months in advance of the General Assembly. The candidates should be IOBC-wprs members and actively engaged in Plant Protection at the time of the election.
10. The candidate list for the new Council shall be determined by the current Council and sent to the voting members at least two months before the General Assembly.
11. If an eligible candidate for Council does not obtain a simple majority of votes cast, the General Assembly shall elect another candidate
12. The poll in the General Assembly shall be carried out by two non-voting participants, appointed by the President in agreement with the General Assembly.
13. Any member unable to participate can appoint another member to vote instead, provided this is notified to the Secretary General before the votes are cast in the General Assembly.

Technical bodies

14. Expert Groups, Commissions, Working Groups, Study Groups, etc. (ART. XV of the statutes) shall be composed of scientists and other professional members of the IOBC/wprs and coming from at least three different countries.
15. A Commission is an expert group, which either defines long term programmes for the development of biological and integrated control strategies, or else establishes an adequate system to satisfy services requested by the Regional Section members.
16. A Working Group is related to a particular research area. Its aim is to promote exchange of information and results within this area. Each working group is headed by a convenor nominated after an election procedure as described in the convenor's handbook. A convenor shall be nominated initially for a period of five years, or six years for working groups having meeting every three years, renewable for a further period of five years, or three years respectively, after which this mandate cannot be renewed. The activities of the Working Group shall be supervised by the Council assisted by its Liaison Officer.
17. A Study Group must be regarded as a potential emerging working group. It shall produce a report after one or two years' work.

Financial allocations

18. Funds requested by the Commissions, Working Groups or Study Groups shall be allocated by the treasurer in accordance to the budget established by the Council. The use of allocated funds shall be used according to the guidance of the Executive Committee.

Reports

19. The Commissions and the Working Groups shall submit an annual report including a financial report to the Secretary-General. Groups shall report their activities to every General Assembly.

Publications

20. Every member of the Regional Section shall have access to the IOBC/wprs website and /or printed information according to the membership category.

Archive

21. An archive for important IOBC (wprs and global) documents was established in 2006 at Agroscope ACW (Wädenswil, Switzerland). Its maintenance is regulated by an agreement between IOBC/wprs and Agroscope ACW.

Official languages

22. Both French and English are official languages of IOBC/wprs

Amendment to the bye-laws

23. Any modification to the present bye-laws may be proposed by any voting member.

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