

Affiliated Commissions

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Article 6B: The General Assembly may:

- (iii) Recognize, as an "**Affiliated Commission**", an international group of scientists, constituted as an independent body, whose field does not coincide with that of an IUPAP Commission.

From the website (taken from the previous webpage):

It occasionally happens that an international committee or organization of physicists decides to join with the Commissions of IUPAP. It may do so as a specialized Commission, in which case its organization and administration follow the pattern of the others and it may receive sponsorship and grants for its international conferences.

If its own administrative structure is well developed, it may become instead an Affiliated Commission. Such Commissions may have their own members and dues structures, statutes and assemblies. They endorse and assist in implementing IUPAP principles concerning, for example, the free circulation of scientists and participate in joint activities.

IUPAP delegates members to the governing board or council, and approves the constitution or statutes. Affiliated Commissions report their activities to the IUPAP General Assemblies, and their financial statements to the Executive Council.

Article 5. Membership (current, in IUPAP's articles)

A. IUPAP Membership may be of three types:

- (i) Territorial Members
- (ii) Personal Members
- (iii) Corporate Associate Members

"Personal Members", Ex-Officio, of IUPAP are the Chairs of the Commissions or the Affiliated Commissions (see Article 6 (B) (ii)). **These members have voting rights (one vote each) and are exempted from paying membership dues.**

The Chairs of ACs have one voting right at IUPAP's GAs.

TITLE I GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Article 2. Agenda (Current, IUPAP's regulations)

2.1. All Commissions, Affiliated Commissions, Working Groups and Liaisons Committees with other organizations shall make a written report to the General Assembly. The Executive Council shall provide opportunities for participants at the General Assembly to ask question on these reports and shall designate any that are to make an oral presentation.

The chairs of ACs participate of EC&CC meetings in the same capacity as the chairs of IUPAP commissions.



List of Affiliated Commissions

AC1: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR OPTICS

AC2: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON GENERAL RELATIVITY AND GRAVITATION

AC3: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR ACOUSTICS

AC4: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON MEDICAL PHYSICS

AC5: AFFILIATED COMMISSION OF PHYSICS STUDENTS

AC6: AFFILIATED COMMISSION ON THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF PHYSICS

ICO (AC1) and ICA (AC3) are members of ISC (with the same category as IUPAP).

AC5 and AC6, approved at the 30th GA in October 2021, are slightly different.

In the budget, we allocate the same yearly amount/affiliated commission as for commissions (and WGs).

Most of them give ECSPs (AC1 quit giving them in 2019).

Conferences that apply for IUPAP's support or endorsement can choose an AC to channel their application (which is then analyzed by the AC).

Some ACs have (IUPAP) "flagship" conferences.

Regarding rights and duties, ACs are treated in the same way as Commissions; but IUPAP members have no saying whatsoever on their composition, decisions, etc