

Resolution on Internal Regulations of the Union

The 33rd IUPAP General Assembly resolves to modify the Articles II.5.5, II.6.2 and II.6.6 of the Union's Internal Regulations to resolve some inconsistencies and adapt to the most recent modifications of the Articles of the Union, in particular, the introduction of the category of Associate Territorial Member. The modified articles with the changes indicated in boldfaced typesetting read:

TITLE II COMMISSIONS

Article 5 Membership

5. *Commissions may have important links to other **IUPAP Commissions or Working Groups**, scientific unions or international organizations. To maintain these links, each Commission may propose to the Executive Council **the nomination of members of these groups** as associated members to the Commission. **IUPAP Associate Territorial Members can also submit nominations of associated members to Commissions at the time of or immediately after the General Assembly during which the new composition of Commissions is decided. It may also happen that proposals of associated members to Commission arise during the discussion about the election of regular Commission members. The Executive Council will consider these proposals and appoint associated members to the Commissions before the GA immediately following the one at which regular Commission members are elected.** Associated members do not vote at Commission meetings, are not eligible for travel funds **and their term ends simultaneously with that of regular Commission members.***

Article 6 Terms of Office

2. *Chairs may not be re-elected to any position on **any** Commission beyond their term as Chair, and Vice Chairs/Secretaries may not be re-elected to the same positions nor be re-elected as an ordinary member – except in extraordinary circumstances, and, in such circumstances, special approval by the General Assembly is required. **Ordinary members may be elected two consecutive times, subject to the limitations stated in Article 6.6 below.***

6. *The sum of the terms served as **regular Commission members or Commission officers** shall not exceed three, whether or not those terms are consecutive and **whether or not the service was given in the same or in a different Commission. The terms of service in all capacities of Associated Commission members who are eventually elected as regular Commission members or officers shall not exceed four terms.***

With these changes the Article II.5.5 and the full Article II.6 will read:

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1. All elections are for a term of three years.
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3. For the purpose of calculating the rotation periods defined in Article 6.2 above, when a member is appointed following the resignation of another member, if they serve more than half of the term they are regarded as having served a term, and if they serve less than half the term they are regarded as not having served a term.
4. Ordinary members of a Commission, who have served two terms and have been absent from the Commission for two terms, may be re-elected for no more than one further term.
5. Normally the Secretary, the Vice-Chair and the Chair are to be chosen from among those who have served at least one term on the Commission.
6. The sum of the terms served, whether as regular Commission member or officer, shall not exceed three, whether or not those terms are consecutive and whether or not the service was given in the same or in a different Commission. The terms of service in all capacities of Associated Commission members who are eventually elected as regular Commission members or officers shall not exceed four terms.
7. The General Assembly may grant exceptions to the provisions of Article 6 for those Commissions that undertake long-term projects or where continuity is particularly important.

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