

By-Laws of the International Society of Invertebrate Reproduction (ISIR)

Satzung der Internationalen Gesellschaft für Invertebraten-Fortpflanzung (ISIR)

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§ 1

The Society is called the "International society for Invertebrate Reproduction" ("ISIR"), in German "Internationale Gesellschaft für Invertebraten-Fortpflanzung" and is based in Mainz Germany (FRG).

§ 2

As an international Society, the Society pursues, immediately and directly, goals which promote the general welfare in the sense of the section "tax-exempt activities" of the German tax law. The goal and purpose of the Society is to promote research on the subject of invertebrate reproduction and to promote scientific interaction among the members. This stated purpose is specifically achieved by the organization of international meetings, as well as through the publication of meeting reports and cooperation in the publication of a scientific journal.

§ 3

The Society has ordinary, corresponding and honorary members. Any scientist who supports the goals of the organization can become an ordinary member. Corresponding members can be named by the executive committee. They have no vote and can be maintained without the payment of dues.

Individuals who have achieved prominent reputations in research, or who have served the Society in a particularly important manner, can be named honorary members by the executive committee. Such election requires the unanimous vote of all the members of the executive committee. Honorary members are exempt from payment of dues.

§ 4

Both the secretary and the treasurer accept applications for membership. The members of the Society shall be given notice of the new members.

§ 5

Each member pays dues at an annual basis (January 1 to December 31) in an amount determined by a meeting of the membership.

§ 6

Membership ends by death, by resignation through written notification of the treasurer in the usual form prescribed for registered societies, or through revocation on the part of the Society. Cases of revocation are decided by the executive committee of the Society. Such cases must be accounted for at the membership meeting and must be brought to notice to the membership.

§ 7

In the legal sense of S 26 BGB the treasurer and the secretary represent the executive committee and are together or individually empowered to act on behalf of the Society.

§ 8

The business of the Society will be carried out by an executive committee composed of

1. the president
2. three vice presidents
3. the secretary
4. the treasurer
5. the journal editors

The expanded executive committee includes in addition

5. the congress organizer
6. the congress secretary

§ 9

The president or one of the vice presidents presides at the meeting of the membership. The president organizes meetings of the executive committee as circumstances of the Society require, or upon the request of two or more members of the executive committee. Transmission of the agenda constitutes invitation to the meetings of the executive committee. The presence of three members of the executive committee constitutes a quorum. Decisions are made by majority votes; ties are decided by the vote of the chair. The secretary conducts the business of the Society. The treasurer maintains the Society treasury. Both provide annual written reports to the membership as well as at the membership meeting, for which the secretary prepares an attendance list, which is circulated with the next written report.

§ 10

The Society does not work for its own profit, nor is its purpose primarily profit-making. Society funds can only be expended for the statutory purposes of the Society. Members shall receive neither salary nor gifts from the resources of the Society. Members have no rights or interest in the funds of the Society after expulsion or after termination or dissolution of the Society.. No individual may be compensated by the Society for activities foreign to the goals and purposes of the Society or for unduly high expenses.

§ 11

Members of the executive committee are elected at the membership meeting for three year terms. All ordinary and honorary members are entitled to vote. The executive committee will propose at least one candidate for the positions according to S 8. In so doing the entire spectrum of interests of Society members will be taken into account. Further nominations can be made from the floor at the membership meeting. Written proposals for candidates will be accepted by the Executive-Committee one month before the elections at latest. One of the existing vice presidents should be proposed for president. Elections for each position on the executive committee will be undertaken separately in a public vote. Ties will be decided by lot. Those elected must confirm their acceptance of the position. The results of the vote will be ascertained in the presence of at least two other members of the executive committee, and reported, along with the numbers of votes, directly to be assembled members.

§ 12

The newly elected executive committee will assume office at January 1 of the year following the election. Until then, the previous executive committee will remain in office. All offices have a term of three calendar years. Replacements for members of the executive committee who resign prior to the termination of their term of office will be appointed by the remaining officers from among the membership. All members of the executive committee may be reelected an unlimited number of times.

§ 13

The executive committee may appoint regional committees to promote the interests of the society in specific areas. Any member may present suggestions for such activity to the executive committee. The secretary will report to the membership concerning the composition and activities of such regional committees, which will meet during international congresses, and make recommendations to the executive committee.

§ 14

The Society sponsors an international congress every three years. Congress themes are decided by the expanded executive committee. Their preparation and sponsorship are carried out by the Congress Organizer and the Congress Secretary, who are empowered to form organizational committees. In the year between congresses, the Society makes an effort to sponsor Symposia, which may take place in association with other societies or meetings.

The Society normally organizes its congresses and symposia on the basis of invitations from members. The executive committee makes the decisions concerning time and

location of the international congresses.

§ 15

The membership meeting takes place every three years during the international congress. Under exceptional circumstances, the executive committee can call additional meetings of the membership.

The president will call together ordinary and honorary members with at least one month's notice. Minutes of the meetings will be kept which will be signed by the secretary and the presiding officer and which will be forwarded to the entire membership with the next newsletter.

§ 16

The annual financial report will be sent to the membership with a newsletter. It will be prepared by the treasurer and will be reviewed prior to submission to the membership assembly by two members appointed by the preceding membership assembly. After the report of the examiners, the financial report will be offered for approval to the membership.

§ 17

Society members will enjoy reduced fees at all ISIR-sponsored congresses and symposia. They can also subscribe to the journal published under the sponsorship of the Society at special rates as long as that sponsorship exists. The executive committee will report to the membership concerning the activities of the Society at least once a year. Members who are unable to attend the international ISIR congresses will receive the abstract volume for their information.

§ 18

The official language of the Society is English.

§ 19

Proposals for changing the by-laws must be presented in the executive committee at least two months prior to a membership meeting, and must be brought to the attention of the membership at least one month before the membership meeting. Only the membership voting together can approve changes in the by-laws. A two-thirds vote of the members present and voting is required for approval of such changes.

§ 20

Should the Society be disbanded or should the purpose of the-Society be so altered that it no longer qualifies for charity status, the property of the Society must be used for nontaxable purposes. The final meeting of the membership following disbanding the

Society will decide the disposition of the funds. A proposal for disbanding can only be offered by more than 114 of the ordinary members. The proposal will be distributed for a written vote by the president. Approval of this motion requires the positive vote of 3/4 of the ordinary members. Decisions on the future use of the property of the Society require the consent of the responsible revenue office before they may be implemented.