

STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMETRICS SOCIETY

Approved by TIES Assembly on 25 July 2017

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1. NAME AND STATUS

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be The International Environmetrics Society (TIES).

It has been determined that TIES shall operate as an Association of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) in accordance with Article 7 of the ISI Statutes and Article 3 of the ISI By-laws (both documents dated 29th November 2011). This was confirmed by an electronic vote of TIES members on 19th March 2015.

- 1.2 These statutes are adopted by resolution of the General Assembly of TIES held in Bergamo on 25th July 2017.

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 The objectives of TIES shall be

- to further the development and application of statistical, mathematical and other quantitative approaches within ecological and environmental studies,
- to foster wider interdisciplinary research in the solution of environmental problems, and
- to encourage collaboration between researchers and practitioners.

- 2.2 In order to realise its objectives, TIES may:

- a. organise meetings, seminars, conferences, and related activities independently or in collaboration with other organisations;
- b. collaborate with international, national, regional, and other organisations and institutions having objectives consistent with those of TIES;
- c. publish periodicals, pamphlets, books, information circulars, etc. independently or in cooperation with other organisations;
- d. offer awards for outstanding research, development, and other contributions in the broad area of quantitative methods in the environmental and ecological sciences, at different levels; and
- e. take all other necessary action for the advancement of the objectives of TIES.

- 2.2 At all times TIES shall operate in accordance with its own Statutes and By-laws while recognising the overriding authority of the Statutes and By-laws of the ISI and the incorporation of ISI within the legal framework of the Netherlands.

3 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 There are four categories of Membership of TIES:

- a. Regular Membership shall be open to persons interested in the objectives of TIES who apply for membership and pay any prescribed dues.
- b. Student Membership shall be open to full-time or part-time students of a recognised institution (as agreed by the TIES Board) who are interested in the objectives of TIES, whose application for membership is supported by the appropriate documentation to prove their status, and who pay any prescribed dues.
- c. Honorary Membership will be conferred by acceptance of an invitation from the TIES Board in the light of a person's outstanding contribution to environmental statistics or to TIES. Honorary Members will not be required to pay dues.
- d. Institutional Members shall consist of organisations whose objectives are compatible with those of TIES and who pay any prescribed dues.

All applications for membership have to be approved by the TIES Board.

4 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

4.1 The organisational structure of TIES includes:

- a. the General Assembly composed of Regular Members, Student Members, and one designated person from each Institutional Member; and
- b. the Board of TIES composed of the Officers of TIES in accordance with Article 6.1 of the Statutes.

5 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5.1 The General Assembly shall be the highest authority of TIES, and a meeting of the General Assembly will be called at least once per year.

5.2 The responsibilities of the General Assembly shall include:

- a. discussion and approval of the annual report (including a financial report) submitted by the Board;
- b. consideration of any additional reports from Officers of TIES or of any committees or working groups appointed by the Board, and of any proposals regarding policy and programmes of TIES;
- c. amendments of the Statutes (as specified in Article 9 of the Statutes);
- d. consideration of any matters relating to membership of TIES and to appointment of Officers of TIES;
- e. all other business necessary for the promotion of the objectives of TIES.

5.3 Except as otherwise by law or by these Statutes, decisions of the General Assembly shall be made by consensus or by a simple majority of votes cast at the meeting. Each Individual Member and one designated person for each Institutional Member shall have one vote or can appoint a proxy for that one vote. In the event of a tie, the chair shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

The Board may organise an option for electronic voting prior to the meeting of the General Assembly, and these votes shall be considered equally as valid as votes in person at the meeting.

The General Assembly may also request the Board to organise a subsequent electronic vote to determine the outcome on a specific resolution. This will be open to all members who were eligible to vote at the General Assembly and the Board will report the outcome by email to the membership.

6 THE BOARD OF TIES

- 6.1 The Board of TIES is the Executive Committee of the organisation and shall consist of an elected President, President-Elect, Secretary, other elected Officers as determined in the By-laws, and the Director of the Permanent Office of the ISI (ex officio).
- 6.2 The Board shall promote the objectives of TIES and administer the affairs of TIES and, for these purposes, shall have general responsibility including power to:
 - a. establish standing and ad hoc committees and working groups of TIES;
 - b. appoint necessary staff and incur necessary expenditure for the work of TIES;
 - c. make appointments to or nominate candidates for ISI committees;
 - d. determine all matters to do with membership and membership dues;
 - e. convene meetings of the General Assembly and report on the activities of TIES; and
 - f. oversee the financial affairs of TIES.
- 6.3 The President shall represent TIES on all official occasions, shall preside over meetings of the General Assembly and the Board, and shall have general responsibility for the execution of the policies and decisions of the General Assembly.
- 6.4 The Secretary will be responsible for the records of TIES business. On all other matters, Officers will collectively take responsibility for the duties of the Board and distribute tasks between them as appropriate.
- 6.5 The Director of the Permanent Office of ISI shall provide general advice and guidance to TIES on all administrative, legal and financial affairs. The Director also shall serve as a liaison between TIES and the Permanent Office of the ISI, which shall undertake the administration of operating activities for the Board.
- 6.6 The working procedures of the Board, including the election and decision-making processes, and of any standing and ad hoc committees and working groups are specified in the By-laws.
- 6.7 It shall be the responsibility of the President and the Secretary on behalf of the Board to prepare an annual report about activities during the previous year. This report will include a financial statement covering income and expenditure and a statement of the assets and liabilities. This report shall be presented to the General Assembly.

7 BY-LAWS

- 7.1 The By-laws of TIES are established and adapted by the Board, with any major changes taken in consultation with the General Assembly. No By-law shall be in contravention with the Statutes of TIES.

8 FINANCES

- 8.1 Financial resources of TIES shall consist of membership fees, donations, and any income from other sources.
- 8.2 No financial income may be accepted without the approval of the Board.
- 8.3 The funds of TIES may be used to meet the normal operating expenses of TIES and the expenses of conferences, meetings, publications, awards and other activities of TIES.
- 8.4 Officers shall not receive any remuneration or any profit from their position as Officers either directly or indirectly. Officers may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses for travelling and other expenses incurred in discharging such office.
- 8.5 As TIES is not a legal entity in its own right, any agreement, contract, or protocol for cooperation between TIES and a third party needs approval from ISI, especially if there are financial implications or the potential for a direct influence on the operations of TIES.

9 AMENDMENT OF STATUTES

- 9.1 Proposals to amend the Statutes may be made in writing to the President by any five members of the Board or by any ten members of TIES. The President shall arrange for such proposals to be sent to all members, preferably not less than 4 weeks before the next General Assembly. If time does not permit adequate consultation, then the Board will call an additional General Assembly.

Members shall be asked to express their opinions, which may be done electronically before the General Assembly, and they may also nominate voting proxies. This consultation period ends no less than 3 days before the General Assembly, and the Board (usually represented by the Secretary) shall be notified of all nominations for proxies made within this period.

Proposed amendments to the Statutes shall be presented to the General Assembly together with the outcome of the consultation process. The Secretary will ensure that the voting proxies are exercised appropriately.

If the majority of the elected Officers on the Board have supported the amendment, the amendment to the Statutes may be ratified by a simple majority of all those voting, including by proxy, at the General Assembly. Otherwise ratification of the amendment would require a two-thirds majority of all votes cast at the General Assembly, including by proxy.

- 9.2 TIES may determine to cease to be an Association of ISI by an amendment of its Statutes passed by a General Assembly (following the procedure in Statute 9.1). However this amendment would

require agreement of two-thirds of Members who voted at the General Assembly provided at least half the Members eligible to vote exercised that right. In cases of uncertainty, the General Assembly may instruct the Board to hold a further electronic consultation of all members before reconsideration of the amendment.

If enacted, this amendment of Statutes would take precedence over any other decisions of TIES or of ISI in relation to TIES, and should be recognised as such by the Council of ISI and the Board of TIES. These bodies would also be required to negotiate and agree a plan for clearance of existing financial commitments to ISI. Residual assets would become the property of the new entity which would also become responsible for any residual liabilities to other parties.

- 9.3 The dissolution of TIES shall be treated as an amendment of its Statutes (following the procedure in Statute 9.1). However this amendment would require agreement of two-thirds of Members who voted at the General Assembly provided at least half the Members eligible to vote exercised that right.

Implementation of this amendment and resultant liquidation of assets and liabilities would depend on a plan agreed with ISI for clearance of all liabilities and for residual assets being dispersed in accordance with the objectives of TIES. Failure to agree a plan would result in another vote at a subsequent General Assembly.

APPENDIX

Attachments from the Statutes and By-laws of the International Statistical Institute

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ARTICLE 7: ASSOCIATIONS

- a) An ISI Association may be established by the General Assembly to promote the mission and objective of the ISI in particular areas of specialization or in particular geographical regions. An Association shall have:
 - its own members;
 - its own organizational structure, Statutes and By-laws.
- b) The President of the Associations shall be ex-officio member of the ISI Council (see Article 8).
- c) The Director of the ISI shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the Association.
- d) The ISI Association shall not undertake any action that contravenes the objectives and interests of the ISI.

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ARTICLE 3 : ISI ASSOCIATIONS (STATUTES ARTICLE 7)

- a) Each Association's mission and objectives must be in harmony with those of the ISI.
- b) An Association's statement of objectives, its rules of admission to and termination from membership, its statutes, and amendments to the foregoing shall be subject to approval by the ISI Council.
- c) The Associations shall provide an annual report of its activities and finances to the ISI Council.
- d) In addition to having their own programmes and conferences, the Associations shall participate in the scientific work of the ISI. In particular, the Associations shall be consulted regarding the scientific programme of the WSC.
- e) The Associations shall be supported as much as practically possible by the ISI Permanent Office.
- f) In case the activities of an Association seriously contravene the objectives or statutes of the ISI, the Executive Committee may propose to the General Assembly, after consultation with the Council, to terminate the association with the ISI. The Association concerned shall be given an opportunity to appeal to the General Assembly by providing information on reasons to reconsider the decision. The General Assembly shall make the final decision on any appeal.