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## **1. Name**

1.1. The name of the Association shall be the **International Association of Survey Statisticians in the Netherlands (IASS\_NL)**, hereinafter called the Association. The Association shall be an Association of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) in accordance with Article 7 of the ISI Statutes and paragraph 3 of the ISI By-laws.

1.2. The name of the Association shall be automatically changed into **International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS)** immediately after the dissolution of the existing IASS established under French law is notified to the Association.

## **2. Objectives**

2.1. The objectives of the Association shall be to promote the study and development of the theory and practice of statistical censuses and surveys and associated subjects and to foster interest in these subjects among statisticians, organizations included research institutes, governments, and the general public in different countries of the world.

2.2. In order to realize its objectives the Association may :

- a) Organize meetings, seminars, conferences, research and training programs and theoretical or practical investigations independently or in collaboration with other organizations included Associations of the ISI;
- b) Collaborate with international, national, regional and other organizations and institutions having objectives similar to those of the Association;
- c) Publish periodicals, pamphlets, books, information circulars, etc., independently or in cooperation with other organizations;
- d) Make business transactions, undertake or participate in cooperated activities and take all necessary action for the promotion and advancement of the objectives of the Association.

## **3. Membership**

3.1. The membership of the Association shall be of two types without any restriction on number:

- a) Individual members;
- b) Institutional members which may be educational and scientific institutions, government and non-profit organizations, business enterprises, etc. ; each of which shall be entitled to designate a representative who may attend meetings of the Association, and participate in the Association's scientific programs of meetings with the same privileges as an individual member.

3.2. Individual members of the International Statistical Institute may become individual members of the Association by applying to the Executive Director and paying any prescribed dues. Payment of Association dues by members of the Institute shall be in accordance with the By-laws of the ISI.

3.3. Individuals or institutions who are not members of the ISI and are interested in the objectives of the Association may become members by applying to the Executive Director and paying any prescribed dues.

3.4 Membership shall be terminated either by resignation or for non payment of the dues of the Association during the preceding calendar year, or for other reasons as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

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3.5.The individual and institutional members of the IASS established under the French law at the date of its dissolution are automatically registered as individual or institutional members of the IASS\_NL unless they explicitly refuse by mail or e-mail sent to the Executive Director.

#### **4. Organs**

4.1.The organs of the Association are:

- a) The General Assembly composed of the individual members, and representatives of institutional members according to Article 3.1.b; and
- b) The Executive Committee composed of the Officers of the Association in accordance with Article 6.3.

#### **5. General Assembly**

5.1.The General Assembly shall be the highest authority of the Association and has the following responsibilities and authority:

- a) Decisions for any changes to the Statutes;
- b) Appointment and, when necessary, dismissal of members of the Executive Committee;
- c) Establishment of Associations to promote the mission and objectives of the Association in particular areas of specialization or in particular geographical regions;
- d) Approval of the annual report;
- e) Decisions relating to the dissolution of the Association; and
- f) Decisions regarding the installation and working modalities of Association Committees.

5.2.A meeting of the General Assembly shall be convened every year. There shall be a meeting of the General Assembly of the Association at each ISI biennial World Statistics Congress.

5.3.Subject to Article 5.2, the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee may decide.

5.4.Notification specifying the place and date of a General Assembly shall be sent to all members of the Association not less than two months before the date of the meeting.

5.5.The convocation for the General Assembly may be sent electronically or through postal mail. In agreement with the member, the convocation may be sent electronically in a readable and reproducible form to the address made available by the member.

5.6.Each member shall have one vote except when casting a proxy vote as part of the process for changing the statutes as described in article 11.

5.7.The decisions of the General Assembly shall be made by a simple majority of votes cast at a meeting or by electronic means except as otherwise stated by the Statutes. Electronic voting may be organized prior to the General Assembly. Votes expressed electronically shall be considered as valid as votes in person at the General Assembly.

#### **6. The Executive Committee**

6.1.The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the proper management of the affairs of the Association in accordance with the policy decisions and guidelines of the General Assembly.

6.2.The Executive Committee may appoint standing and ad hoc committees.

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6.3.The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Officers who shall be a President, a President-Elect, four Vice-Presidents, and the Director of the Permanent Office of the ISI (ex-officio) acting as the Executive Director and Treasurer. The Executive Committee may co-opt up to three further members of the Association to serve until the next election.

6.4.The term of office of all elected Officers shall be two years. Officers on retirement shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for only one further term of two years.

6.5.The Executive Committee shall have balanced representation from different geographic areas and from different specialties.

6.6.The President shall preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and shall have general responsibility for the execution of the policies and decisions of the General Assembly. In order to ensure the continuity of management of the Association, the President shall keep the President-Elect closely informed with respect to all relevant activities.

6.7.The Association shall be represented in law and otherwise by the Executive Committee, the President or by a designated Officer appointed by the Executive Committee.

6.8.In the event that the Presidency is vacant or that the President is for any other reason unable to fulfill his responsibilities, the President-Elect shall serve for the remaining term of the President or until the President shall again be able to serve, as the case may be. If the President-Elect is for any reason unable to fulfill this responsibility, one of the Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Executive Committee in his/her place.

6.9.The President-Elect shall utilize his/her term to get acquainted with the business of the Association. Upon the expiry of his/her term of office, the President-Elect will assume the duty of President for the next two year term.

6.10.The Officers shall assist the President in all important activities of the Association. In order to facilitate their work, they will be kept informed about all the important matters arising in the course of their term.

6.11.The President may designate one the Vice-Presidents as the Scientific Secretary, who shall be responsible for co-ordination of the activities involved in arranging meetings, seminars, conferences and scientific publications of the Association.

6.12.The President may designate one of the Vice-Presidents as the Vice-President for Finance, who shall be responsible for the financial policy and the financial administration of the Association, in cooperation with the ISI Permanent office.

6.13.The President may designate one of the Vice-Presidents as the Vice-President for Administrative matters; in particular, this Vice-President will be in charge of the relations with the ISI jointly with the Executive Director.

6.14.The Director of the Permanent Office of the ISI, acting as the Executive Director of the Association according to article 6.3, shall assist the President and provide general advice and guidance to the Association on administrative affairs and meeting arrangements. In particular he/she shall serve in a liaison capacity between the Association and (1) the Officers and the Permanent Office of the ISI, and (2) the Organizing Committees for the biennial ISI World Statistics Congresses and for other joint meetings with the ISI or its Associations.

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6.15. The ISI Permanent Office serving under the direction of the Executive Director shall execute the administration of operating activities.

6.16. The Director of the Permanent Office of the ISI, acting as the Treasurer, shall administer the funds, maintain the accounts and provide the financial records of the Association as specified by the Executive Committee.

6.17. If, for any reason, an office becomes vacant, a substitute officer shall be appointed, on the nomination of the President and with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee

6.18. The Executive Committee shall have power:

- a) To appoint committees, sub-committees, working groups, etc., for assigned tasks, and to delegate its powers to such committees and sub-committees or to one or more officers for assigned purpose;
- b) To extend the term of the Officers for a period not exceeding eight months pending a meeting of the General Assembly;
- c) To conduct its own business at meetings or by post or electronically as and when necessary;

## **7. Election of Officers**

7.1. Every two years the Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five members who shall be selected from among the individual members of the Association and shall all be citizens of different countries (or federations of countries).

7.2. The Executive Committee shall designate one member of the nominating committee as its chair. The Chair of the previous Nominating Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee without voting rights.

7.3. In nominating candidates the nominating committee shall give careful attention to the importance of achieving proper geographical distribution and proper balance between various specialities consistent with the objectives of the Association.

7.4. The nominating committee shall develop a list of candidates and submit this along with a report to the President at least six months before the General Assembly convened during a World Statistics Congress.

7.5. At least five months before the General Assembly convened during a World Statistics Congress, the final list of candidates shall be presented to the members for a vote.

7.6. The voting shall be organized by the Executive Director. The voting may be done by electronic means or by mail ballot.

7.7. The voting period shall be at least 6 weeks.

7.8. The results of the voting shall be laid down in a report drawn up by the Executive Director and presented to the Executive Committee at least one month before the General Assembly at the World Statistics Congress.

7.9. The President shall deliver a report on the outcome of the voting to the General Assembly.

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7.10. For each office, the candidate or candidates having received the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the candidate who has been a member of the Association the longest shall be declared elected. If the number of candidates for an office does not exceed the number of vacancies, the candidates in question shall be declared nominated without vote.

7.11. Candidates for each office receiving the largest number of votes shall be considered elected and the membership of the Association shall be notified of the results of the elections. This notification shall include the information about any ties that may have occurred.

7.12. The term of office of each Officer shall begin after the meeting of the General Assembly at which they were elected.

## **8. Seminars, Conferences, Publications**

8.1. The Executive Committee may arrange seminars, conferences, etc..., and other programs on its own responsibility or in collaboration with the other organizations at the same time as the meetings of the General Assembly of the Association or at other times in suitable places.

8.2. The Executive Committee may make arrangements to publish an official journal of the Association or to make necessary arrangements for publishing in a suitable scientific journal the proceedings and papers presented at meetings and conferences of the Association, and news and communications relating to the work of the Association.

8.3. The Executive Committee may publish, as and when necessary, reports, pamphlets, books and other publications for the promotion of the objects of the Association.

## **9. Finances**

9.1. Financial resources of the Association shall consist of membership dues, donations, contributions and income, if any, from other sources.

9.2. No donation may be accepted unless approved by the Executive Committee.

9.3. The membership dues to be paid by members, which may be different for individual and institutional members and for different countries, shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

9.4. In exceptional cases of recognized hardship the Executive Committee may waive, reduce or postpone the payment of dues for which an individual member is liable.

9.5. The Officers of the Executive Committee, except the Executive Director, shall serve without compensation.

## **10. Reporting**

10.1. The Executive Committee shall submit an annual report to the members within six months of the end of each fiscal year.

10.2. The annual report shall include the activities of the Association, a financial statement covering all income and expenditure over the preceding fiscal year and a statement of the assets and liabilities as of the last day of the three preceding years. This report will be part of the ISI annual reporting.

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10.3. This report shall be approved by the General Assembly. According to article 5.7, electronic voting may be organized prior to the General Assembly. Votes expressed electronically shall be considered as valid as votes in person at the General Assembly.

### ***11. Amendments to the Statutes***

11.1. Amendments to the Statutes shall be decided by a General Assembly meeting convened during a World Statistics Congress. Proposals for amending the Statutes may be submitted by the Executive Committee, or by individual members if they are signed by at least ten members.

11.2. The President will ask the Executive Director to transmit the proposals to the membership at least three months before the General Assembly. In case of a proposal submitted by individual members, the views of the Executive Committee shall be transmitted to the membership with the proposals. The members shall be asked to express their opinions. They may express their opinions electronically before the General Assembly. In this case the electronic votes will be cast in proxy form during the General Assembly.

11.3. The members may nominate a proxy to vote during the General Assembly, and direct that proxy how to vote. This proxy may be the Executive Director.

11.4. Opinions shall be provided and proxies nominated at least 30 days before the General Assembly. The Executive Director shall be notified of all nominations for proxies within this period.

11.5. A simple majority is required for the amendments to be successful, except in the cases provided by Article 11.6 where a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required to be successful.

11.6. The dissolution of the Association or the alteration of its name shall be treated as an amendment of its Statutes.

### ***12. Creation Process***

12.1. The members of the Executive Committee elected as Officers of the IASS established under the French Law are automatically designated as the members of the Executive Committee of the Association at its creation.

12.2. The Council of the IASS established under the French Law will serve as an Advisory Council to the Executive Committee of the Association until the General Assembly convened in 2015. This Council will be dissolved at the end of the term 2013 – 2015.

### ***13. Language***

13.1. The working language of the Association shall be English.