



Statutes of the ICC - International Association for Cereal Science and Technology

Article I

Name, Location, and Scope of Activity

1. The Association shall bear the name "ICC - INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CEREAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (INTERNATIONALE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR GETREIDEWISSENSCHAFT UND –TECHNOLOGIE)" and shall be located in Vienna (Austria).

2. The Association shall be a non-political, non-religious and non-profit-making organisation. It shall only serve idealistic purposes in connection with research and technology transfer in the fields of cereal science and technology in accordance with art. II of the statutes.

Article II

Purposes of the Association

The purposes of the Association are to:

- a) Contribute to the advancement of cereal science and technology in all its aspects, including research and technology transfer,
- b) Study, develop and evaluate test methods in cereal science and technology and related fields,
- c) Standardise methods identified under b),
- d) Relate the results of scientific and technological research to the more efficient utilisation of cereals,
- e) Establish Internal Bodies for purposes of training and research in the field of cereal science and technology and recognition of scientific and technical expertises.

Article III

Measures for the Achievement of the Purposes of the Association

The Association shall seek to achieve its purposes by:

- a) Establishing and maintaining contacts among cereal scientists and technologists, concerning scientific and technological studies with a view to taking up, promoting and coordinating research activities,
- b) Organising programmes of lectures and discussions,
- c) Co-operation and exchange of views with specialist institutions and organisations,
- d) Publication of standards for test methods and similar documents in cereal science and technology and related fields,
- e) Any other means that may serve these purposes. Examples are:

- 1.) Participation and coordination of EU projects and other international research projects in the field of cereal technology, food safety and renewable energy;
- 2.) Provision of experts, and expert advising;
- 3.) Publishing of technical literature.

Article IV

Finance

1. The funds required for the Association shall be raised by means of subscription fees from member countries and corporate members, the amount of which shall be determined by the General Assembly, as defined in art. X.

2. Additional funds shall be raised by symposia, conferences, training workshops, publications, contributions from foundations and donations from other parties, as well as participation in incorporated companies.

Article V

Membership

1. The association has regular members (e.g. country members), extraordinary members (e.g. corporate members) and honorary members (e.g. honorary presidents).

2. Regular membership shall be open to every country wishing to become a member. In order for a country to become a member, one or more public or private institutions or representative groups in that country must be willing to promote the activities of the Association. They are called Participating Bodies.

2.1 The number of participating bodies in one and the same country shall not be limited provided that one of them assumes responsibility for paying the entire subscription fee payable by that country.

2.2 The participating body assuming responsibility for payment of the subscription fee shall appoint a National Delegate, whose tasks shall be to maintain contact with the Secretary General and with the relevant national institutions and organisations and to participate in the General Assembly.

3. Internationally active companies, enterprises, foundations, cooperatives and organisations promoting the aims of the Association, either by financial or scientific contributions, are eligible to become extraordinary members. Extraordinary members have the right to participate in the General Assembly of the Association, to issue statements, submit proposals and make motions. They shall have no active or passive right to vote for the activities of the Association. The membership fee for extraordinary members shall be determined by the General Assembly.

4. Honorary members are defined as those persons who have gained special merit in the Association (e.g. having provided outstanding services to the Association). The President shall recommend such persons who are considered eligible to the Executive Committee. After agreement any such award will be conferred by the General Assembly.

Article VI

Admission of member countries and termination of membership

1. Admission to Membership

Admission to membership shall be decided by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

2. Termination of Membership

2.1 Member countries may resign from the Association only at the end of a calendar year. For the purposes of resignation of a member country, that country's participating body responsible for payment of the country's subscription fee shall notify the Secretary General by registered letter not later than three months before the date at which the resignation shall take effect. Belated notification shall entail the resignation to take effect only at the end of the calendar year following the intended date of resignation.

2.2 If a member country fails to pay the subscription fee for 4 years, the Executive Committee shall terminate the regular membership of that country and can offer observer member status.

Article VII Rights of Member Countries

1. Regular (full) members (fully paid-up Member Countries) shall have the right to:
 - a) Vote in the General Assembly as specified in Article X,
 - b) Nominate the President and President Elect,
 - c) Submit proposals to the General Assembly,
 - d) Participate in defining the policies and programmes of the Association through its representative bodies in accordance with the working rules laid down in Articles X – XIX,
 - e) Be assisted in organising meetings or other events under the auspices of the Association.
2. No grants or other benefits shall be made available from the Association's funds.

Article VIII Duties of Member Countries

It shall be the duty of Member Countries to promote the activities of the Association to the best of their ability, to observe the statutes and decisions and to pay their subscription fees in good time.

Article IX Representative bodies and Officers of the Association

1. The representative bodies of the Association are:
 - a) General Assembly
 - b) Executive Committee
 - c) Technical Committee
 - d) Working and Study Groups
 - e) Auditors
 - f) Arbitration Committee
2. The officers of the Association are:
 - a) President
 - b) President Elect
 - c) Secretary General
 - d) Technical Director

Article X The General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall be composed of the National Delegates, Regional and Corporate Member Representatives and chaired by the President or President Elect. The ordinary General Assembly shall meet every other year.
2. The tasks of the General Assembly shall be to:
 - a) Admit member countries and extraordinary members,
 - b) Appoint the President and President Elect,
 - c) Appoint Honorary Members,
 - d) Elect up to twenty-four other members to the Executive Committee,
 - e) Elect Corporate Members and Regional Representatives,
 - f) Elect the Auditors,
 - g) Receive the Auditor's report and approve the statement of accounts prepared and submitted by the Executive Committee,

- h) Determine subscription fees and approve budgets,
- i) Approve the progress report of the Technical Committee,
- j) Adopt draft standards, standards, and other documents as guided by the Association,
- k) Amend the Statutes,
- l) Terminate memberships,
- m) Deliberate and decide upon any other items placed on the agenda,
- n) Wind up the Association.

3. In the General Assembly only National Delegates, Regional and Corporate Representative who are in good financial standing with the Association (i.e. fully paid up) shall have the right to vote. Each of them shall have one vote.

4. A National Delegate who cannot attend a meeting of the General Assembly may arrange to be represented by a deputy chosen from a member country, who shall have the right to vote on his/her behalf.

5. The General Assembly shall have a quorum if at least one third of the National Delegates entitled to vote are present or represented by deputies.

6. If at the appointed time a quorum is not present, the General Assembly shall meet 15 minutes later with the same agenda and shall be deemed to have a quorum irrespective of the number of delegates present.

7. The election of the Executive Committee and a decision to amend the statutes or to wind up the Association voluntarily shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present and entitled to vote. All other decisions shall require a simple majority of the members present and entitled to vote. In case of a tie the President shall have the casting vote.

8. Extraordinary General Assemblies may be convened

- a) By decision of the President,
- b) By decision of the General Assembly,
- c) At the written request of at least a tenth of the National Delegates. In this case the meeting shall be convened on a date within 3 months after receipt of the request.

The decisions of the General Assembly could be made in written or electronic form. For decisions in written or electronic form the needed majority has to be calculated as the total sum of the voting right of each regular member and not as the sum of the submitted votes. Decisions in written or electronic form must be subsequently approved during the next following General Assembly.

Article XI

The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of up to twenty-four members and shall include the President, the President Elect, the Past President, the Technical Director and members elected by the General Assembly, including Corporate Members and Regional Representatives. The members are elected for a six year term with the possibility for re-election.

2. The tasks of the Executive Committee shall be to:

- a) Propose the admission of member countries, extraordinary members and honorary members,
- b) Appoint the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General,
- c) Exercise financial supervision,
- d) Appoint the Technical Director,

- e) Set up Working and Study Groups, and to appoint their Chairs,
- f) Handle all matters of the Association not expressly reserved for the General Assembly.

3. The Executive Committee shall have a quorum if at least half of its members are present and shall take its decisions by a simple majority. In case of a tie the President shall have a casting vote.

4. The Executive Committee may set up Sub-Committees to assist it in the exercise of its function.

Article XII

The President and President Elect

1. The President shall chair the meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee and execute their decisions.

2. The terms of the Presidency shall be as follows:

- 2 years President Elect
- 2 years President
- 2 year Past President

3. The President shall represent the Association vis-a-vis official bodies or third parties.

4. Together with the Secretary General, the President of the Association shall confirm decisions and sign such documents as commit the Association in any way.

5. The President Elect shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and shall act in his place if the President is unable to fulfil his/her duties.

6. If the Technical Director is unable to perform his/her duties the President Elect shall take over his responsibilities until such time as another Technical Director may be appointed.

Article XIII

The Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General

1. The Secretary General shall be elected by the Executive Committee for a four-year term with the possibility of re-election.

2. The Secretary General shall have the following tasks:

- a) To act as liaison officer between the Association and national, regional and international professional organisations, and official bodies,
- b) To provide the officers of the Association and the National Delegates with all the information they may need,
- c) To supervise the management of the finances, preparation of the budget and annual financial statement in accordance with Art. 21, par. 1 VerG (Associations Act).
- d) To prepare an annual report about the activities and financial situation of the Association.

3. The Secretary General shall have the right to recruit the staff required to establish and run the office of the Association.

4. The Deputy Secretary General shall assist the Secretary General in the performance of his duties and shall act in his place if the Secretary General is unable to fulfil his/her duties.

Article XIV
The Technical Director

1. The Technical Director shall act as Chair of the Technical Committee and supervise the work of the Working and Study Groups.
2. The Technical Director shall act as liaison officer between the Executive Committee and the Chairs of Working and Study Groups.

Article XV
The Technical Committee

1. The Technical Committee shall consist of the Technical Director or in his/her absence the Vice-President and the Chairs of the Working and Study Groups.
2. The Technical Committee shall have the following tasks:
 - a) To review the progress of work in the Working and Study Groups,
 - b) To present to the Executive Committee appropriate proposals.

Article XVI
The Working and Study Groups

1. Individual Working and Study Groups shall be composed of experts willing to cooperate under the direction of a Chair in the study, development and evaluation of cereal testing methods and in advising on special problems in cereal science and technology.
2. The Chair of the Working and Study Groups shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and report to the Technical Director.

Article XVII
The Auditors

The General Assembly shall elect two Auditors for a four-year term. They shall supervise the management of the Association's finances with regard to the observance of the proper rules of accounting and the disposition of the Association's funds in accordance with the statutes, within four months from the date of the submission of the annual financial statement (balance sheet) in accordance with art. VerG (Associations Act). They shall submit an annual audit to the General Assembly. The accounting (fiscal) year is identical with the calendar year.

Article XVIII
The Arbitration Committee

1. The final decision in all disputes arising within the Association shall rest with the Arbitration Committee.
2. In the event of disputes an Arbitration Committee shall be formed by each party to a dispute electing two National Delegates to act as Arbitrators, who in turn shall elect another National Delegate to act as Chair of the Arbitration Committee.
3. If no agreement can be reached on the election of the Chair, he/she shall be elected by the Executive Committee or, if the latter is itself a party to the dispute, by the General Assembly.
4. The Arbitration Committee shall have discretionary powers and shall make their decisions to the best of their knowledge and ability. The Arbitration Committee shall decide by a simple majority. In case of a tie the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.
5. No appeal against the decision of the Arbitration Committee is possible.

Article XIX
Winding-Up of the Association

1. The voluntary winding-up of the Association shall be decided upon by an Extraordinary General Assembly specifically convened for this purpose. The decision shall be made by a two-thirds majority of all valid votes cast.
2. The Extraordinary General Assembly shall decide upon the disposal of the assets of the Association; they shall be made available for a charitable cause and the Auditors shall be entrusted with the execution of this decision.
