

**CIEC Statutes**  
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**Article 1**

The International Scientific Centre of Fertilisers - Centre International des Engrais Chimiques - (C.I.E.C.), founded in 1932 and 1933 at the first International scientific conferences for fertilisers in Rome and Amsterdam, continues its activities according to these revised and supplemented statutes, as a non-profit international scientific organisation (in the following referred to as CIEC) in the field of:

- plant nutrition and nutrient cycles in various land use systems for plant food, commercial and energy plant products,
- soil testing for plant nutrient needs and fertiliser demand,
- technology, evaluation and application of fertilisers (mineral and organic),

in order to promote the stimulation and development of scientific investigations and research of the soil-water-plant system.

**Article 2**

The official seat of the Society is the main office of the presidency. In juridical affairs the Society is represented by the President or the Secretary General or any other member of the Presidium nominated by the President.

**Article 3**

CIEC, as an association of scientists, scientific institutions, fertiliser industries and agricultural consulting services, is a centre for international studies and activities with the following aims:

- a) to establish relations and co-operation with other organisations (national and international) and persons interested in the problems of science, technology, production, distribution and application of all types of fertilisers and fertilising materials,
- b) to promote and organise international meetings like congresses, conferences, symposia and exhibitions, in particular concern of fertilisers as means for improving yield, crop quality, soil fertility and sustainable management of land use systems,
- c) to study problems dealing with the utilisation of natural nutrient resources under various ecological and climatic conditions,
- d) to study the effects of fertilisation and fertiliser application on the natural environment,
- e) to carry out activities in the field of recycling of nutrients by waste processing, upgrading and evaluation of waste-processed fertilising materials (composts etc.),
- f) to promote research on soil testing and plant analysis methods, the assessment of nutrient demand on soil, water and plants,
- g) to promote methods and initiatives for calibration and control of nutrient content and formulas in fertilisers by legal measures,
- h) to undertake all other kinds of activities connected with the aforementioned objectives of the Society.

**Article 4**

The membership of CIEC is open to every person and institution engaged or interested in the objectives and aims of the Society as outlined in Article 3.

Membership in CIEC is on invitation only, requires at least the recommendation of two established CIEC members and the unanimously acceptance by the Assembly of Members. Except for the President and Honorary President, the membership shall lapse if the member will not attend the CIEC Symposia personally or is being represented by a deputy. In any case, the President will take the final decision, considering the

reasons of the absence. A member can be expelled by the Assembly of Members (at 50 % quorum and simple majority) if the rules and regulations of the Society have been violated.

#### **Article 5**

Honorary Membership will be conferred by the Society on persons who have retired from active posts in CIEC. They will be elected by the Assembly of Members. The Presidium will recommend to the Assembly of Members persons to be elected as Honorary Members (including Honorary Presidents). Special Meritorious Members will also be elected by the Assembly of Members. This kind of membership is reserved to those persons who have contributed in an outstanding way to the activities and benefit of the Society. A post-humours election is possible. The Presidium will recommend deserving persons to the Assembly of Members to be elected as Special Meritorious Members.

#### **Article 6**

The organs of the International Scientific Centre of Fertilisers are:

1. The Assembly of Members
2. The Presidium

#### **Article 7**

The Assembly of Members consists of all members. The Assembly of Members will determine the programme of work to be performed by the Presidium until the convening of the next Assembly of Members. The Assembly of Members will be convened at regular intervals, at least every 4 years and in connection with a World Congress of CIEC.

An extraordinary Assembly of Members (AM) shall be convened at any time, preferable during CIEC Symposia.

The Assembly of Members elects the President and the delegates of the General Committee. All elections and appointments made by the Assembly of Members are terminated until the next AM. Re-elections and re-appointments are possible. Honorary Members (including the Honorary President) and Special Meritorious Members are also elected by the Assembly of Members .

The AM will be presented with a report of the Secretary General on the activities of the Society during the past election period and a report of the representative of the Advisory Council.

#### **Article 8**

The Presidium shall carry out the tasks and resolutions assigned by the Assembly of Members or in any other way being in agreement with the statutes. The Presidium consists of:

1. The President and the Honorary President
2. The Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General
3. The five Vice Presidents

The President bears the full responsibility for all activities based on the tasks assigned to the Presidium by the General Committee.

The staff officers shall support him at their best according to the functions delegated to them by election. Due to this responsibility the President represents the Society in the public and on International conferences or in negotiations with other institutions or organisations.

The President shall direct and supervise the activities within the Presidium regarding the execution of the working programme. He shall give advice and initiatives to the staff officers.

He shall make all decisions which he deems appropriate for achieving the purpose of the Society as defined by the statutes.

All vital questions and/or transactions of business should be discussed in Presidium meetings and decided by oral and/or postal vote. Each election within the Presidium needs a quorum of 50 % and shall be valid by simple majority of the voters.

In case that the President is not able to serve during his term of office he shall be succeeded by the Senior (a function, not age) Deputy President and in case of the Senior Deputy President becoming unable to serve by the Junior Deputy President -but in total not longer than one year. The President may delegate his authority for a limited time to another staff officer of his choice.

In case of disputes dissonance or quarrelling within the Presidium the President shall have the final decision.

The Honorary President operates as adviser and will be in permanent contact with the CIEC President, General Secretariat and Presidium Members of CIEC.

The Vice Presidents shall operate in their own responsibility but in agreement with the President.

The General Secretariat is the main office and the seat of the Society for juridical matters.

The General Secretariat shall carry out all activities in administrative affairs decided upon by the Presidium and the President.

Together with the President of CIEC it holds a bank account which operates for all financial activities of CIEC. This account is reported to every Assembly of Members and controlled by two of the Vice Presidents nominated by the Assembly of Members.

It shall put into practice all objectives which deem appropriate for activating the purposes of the Society as defined by the Statutes.

Head of the General Secretariat is the Secretary General who is assisted by a Deputy Secretary General. Both are ordained by the President in agreement with the Assembly of Members.

The Secretary General shall compile a yearly report about the activities of the Society and the work programme until the next Assembly of Members.

The Deputy Secretary General assists the Secretary General and succeeds the Secretary General in the case of his resignation or inability to serve.

#### **Article 9**

The National CIEC Branches (NCB) are CIEC organs which shall support the tasks of the Presidium on a national base. In this function the NCB is the centre of the country members with the responsibility to inform these members on the CIEC headquarters activities and to distribute to them circulars, general announcements and other publications.

Each NCB is a collective member of the Society by obligation and nominates a delegate for election to the General Committee. The NCB may organise its structure by its own. The staff should consist at least of a Chairman of the "Branch" and a "Branch Secretary".

Both should be elected by the members of the Branch according to the Branch rules.

The heading of all CIEC letters, written by the President or representatives of his office, should be in accordance with the CIEC regulations in matters of correspondence and approved by the General Secretariat. The same should be applied to all other CIEC documents drawn up by the national office.

### **Article 10**

Voting. Each election procedure comprises oral voting as well as postal votes. In the latter case, votes should be at the disposition of the electing body at the latest one day before election, and sent in a sealed envelope.

A secret paper ballot shall be made on request of any member. In this case the voting body shall appoint scrutiny's.

With the exception of the Assembly of Members, all organs of the Society need a 50 % quorum for election, and within the group the simple majority of the votes.

### **Article 11**

In case of dissolution of CIEC, the assets remaining after liquidation of all financial obligations shall be allocated to institutions interested in the progress of agriculture according to the decisions made by the Assembly of Members.

### **Article 12**

More detailed regulations about the work of the CIEC organs is determined by the decrees of CIEC which are approved by the Assembly of Members of CIEC.

### **Article 13**

The official language of CIEC is English. On conferences (congresses, symposia etc.) the preferable working language will be English, while it will be the only language for proceedings and papers.

Goslar, May 20, 2011

The Committee for the Statutes

signed by