

RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIOACOUSTICS COUNCIL, IBAC

[Adopted at the 1st IBAC AGM, Potsdam, 20th October 1995.]

1 NAME

1.1. The name of the Council shall be THE INTERNATIONAL BIOACOUSTICS COUNCIL, which may be abbreviated to IBAC.

2 OBJECTS

2.1. To further the science of bioacoustics by the holding of conferences and symposia, the publication of scientific papers, a journal and sound recordings.

2.2. To encourage and effect liaison between amateurs and professionals working in bioacoustics.

2.3. To effect technical and terminological standardisation in bioacoustics.

2.4. To encourage students to take part in IBAC's activities.

3 MANAGEMENT

3.1. IBAC shall be governed by a Executive Committee consisting of a Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and three Committee Members, each of whom shall serve for three years with eligibility for re-election; each year being the interval between two consecutive Annual General Meetings.

3.2. One Committee Member shall retire each year; in the first and second years by ballot and, subsequently, by seniority.

3.3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint a Non-Executive President from among the senior and long-serving members of IBAC.

3.4. The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel from its number any of its Officers or Committee Members who have failed to attend two consecutive Annual General Meetings.

4 MEMBERSHIP

4.1. Members of IBAC shall be persons who are actively concerned with bioacoustics and have been formally enrolled by the Honorary Secretary.

5 SUBSCRIPTION

5.1. Members shall be required to pay an Annual Subscription of such an amount and at such times as may be proposed by the Executive Committee and accepted by the membership at an AGM.

5.2. Only fully paid up members shall be eligible to vote at IBAC's symposia.

6 OFFICE

6.1. The office of IBAC shall be at the British Library Sound Archive, Wildlife Section, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB, UK, or at any other location deemed by the Executive Committee, from time to time, to be more convenient for its members or for the organising of symposia.

7 MEETINGS

7.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held once in every calendar year, before the conclusion of an Annual Symposium.

7.2. A notice convening the Annual General Meeting, together with an Agenda listing the items to be considered, shall be circulated to all members at least twenty-eight days prior to the opening date of the Annual Symposium.

7.3. The scope of business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- i. To receive the Annual Report of the Executive Committee.
- ii. To receive and approve the Honorary Treasurer's Annual Report, Accounts and Budget and to appoint an Auditor for the following year.
- iii. To consider and elect candidates to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee.
- iv. To consider such other business as may have been brought forward by, or with the approval of, the Executive Committee.

7.4. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of votes from those present, each officer or member having one vote, except for the Chairman who shall have the casting vote in the event of an equal division.

7.5. A Quorum shall consist of half the members of the Executive Committee, including the officers, and four ordinary members.

7.6. Deliberations shall be recorded in a Minute Book, to be read by the Honorary Secretary at the next Annual General Meeting and signed, when approved, by the Chairman and Honorary Secretary.

8 SUB-COMMITTEES

8.1. The Executive Committee may appoint from time to time such Sub-Committees as may be deemed necessary. These may include members who are not Officers or Members of the Executive Committee.

8.2. Such Sub-Committees shall conform strictly to such regulations and instructions as may be imposed upon them by the Executive Committee.

8.3. Meetings and proceedings of any Sub-Committee shall be governed by the Rules regulating the Meetings of IBAC, insofar as they are applicable.

9 APPLICATION OF FUNDS

9.1. The funds of IBAC shall be applied solely toward IBAC's Objects.

10 DISSOLUTION, LIQUIDATION

10.1. IBAC shall be dissolved if, at an Annual General Meeting, a resolution shall be passed by a majority of three-fourths of those present, provided that twenty-eight days notice has been given of any such proposal.

10.2. In the event of IBAC's liquidation, the Meeting shall nominate one or more liquidators who shall enjoy the widest powers in realising IBAC's assets and discharging its debts.

10.3. Any balance accruing from such Liquidation shall be donated to an association having similar aims, which shall be designated by the Meeting.

11 ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

11.1. Alterations to the Rules may only be made at an Annual General Meeting.

Suggestion for new

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2.4. To share information by means of an informative website.

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5 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5.1 General Committee Meetings shall be held before the conclusion of the IBAC conference (normally held in alternate years).

5.2. A notice convening the General Committee Meeting, together with an Agenda listing the items to be considered, shall be circulated to all delegates inside conference packs.

5.3. If necessary, Special Committee Meetings devoted to urgent measures shall be held outside of the conference period.

5.4. The scope of business to be transacted at the General Committee Meeting shall be:

i To receive the Chairman's report on IBAC activities since the last meeting.

ii To discuss and approve two potential venues for the next IBAC conference and encourage suggestions for future venues.

iii To consider and elect candidates to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee.

iv To consider such other business as may have been brought forward by, or with the approval of, the Executive Committee.

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