



CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this organisation shall be the International Plant Propagators' Society, European Region.

It is a fully affiliated chapter of the International Plant Propagators' Society, Inc. of the United States of America.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

The purposes of this organisation are to secure recognition for the propagator as a professional, to provide for the dissemination of knowledge through the proper channels and to provide helpful guidance and assistance to plant propagators.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I:

Membership shall conform with the requirements specified in the Constitution of the International Plant Propagators' Society Inc., and to any additional requirements which may be adopted by majority vote of the members of the International Plant Propagators' Society, European Region at any regular meeting, provided that any such requirements do not abrogate in any way the stringency of the requirements contained in the Constitution of the International Plant Propagators' Society Inc.. Membership shall be open to residents of Great Britain and Ireland, and of any other country.

SECTION II:

Membership shall be available only to those people who are studying or actively employed in plant propagation or engaged in teaching, research or extension in the subject.

It shall be the duty of a member to attend meetings and participate when practically possible in Regional activities, and to contribute within the Society. The right to vote at a business meeting of the Region is restricted to the members of the Region. The Executive Committee of the Region may, at its discretion, remove a member from its rolls due to failure to comply with its conditions or other conditions pertaining to the Society.

Applications for membership as Active Members should be supported by evidence of a strong desire to share freely such knowledge and experience as may have been gained. Evidence showing this desire to share may take any of the following forms:

- a) published articles and papers,
- b) lectures, or
- c) direct personal discussion with other members.

Applications shall be considered by the Executive Committee of European Region whose decision shall be binding.

At General Meetings of the Region each Member of the Region shall have one vote.

SECTION III:

Membership shall consist of the following:

a) ACTIVE MEMBERS

Any person actively employed or engaged in propagating plants or activities associated with such or employed or engaged in teaching, extension, or research in plant propagation.

b) PRIVILEGED MEMBERS

Individuals who have actively participated in the Society for ten (10) or more years and who have retired from their previous engagement related to plant propagation. Privileged members are encouraged but not required to participate as outlined in Section II of this Article.

The Committee of the Region shall establish procedures for election to Privileged Membership.

c) HONORARY MEMBERS

A special category of membership for individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of plant propagation. The Committee of the Region shall establish the criteria and procedures for election to Honorary Membership. Individual membership shall be processed by the Regions and shall commence on January first following election.

Article 4: ELECTED OFFICERS and ADMINISTRATOR

SECTION I: ELECTED OFFICERS

The Elected Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Editor, International Director and International Alternate Director. Elected Officers will also include an Honorary Secretary if this post is required by the Executive Committee.

The duties of the Treasurer and Hon. Secretary may be combined as a joint office if the members at an Annual General Meeting of the Region agree. If these duties are combined the individual shall be entitled to a single vote at meetings of the Executive Committee.

The President and Vice-President shall not serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

The Elected Officers shall serve without remuneration except for the Treasurer and Editor (and Hon. Secretary if applicable). These posts may be voted an honorarium at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

All officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Region and must be fully paid-up members of the Region at the time of their nomination and for the duration of their period of office. Nominations may only be accepted from fully paid-up members of the Region.

SECTION II: ADMINISTRATOR

If the Executive Committee decides it does not require an Honorary Secretary then an Administrator may be employed.

An employed Administrator may not necessarily be a member of the Society. The post is not entitled to a vote at meetings of the Executive Committee.

Recruitment and line management of an Administrator is the responsibility of the President on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Terms and conditions of employment are by mutual agreement between the post-holder and the Executive Committee. The position is not subject to election by the membership but shall be reviewed regularly by the Executive Committee.

For practical purposes the Administrator may be known as the Secretary of the Region.

ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A Committee shall be charged with the management and control of the affairs and property of the organisation, and shall authorise and approve all contracts and expenditures of the organisation. The Executive Committee shall comprise Officers as detailed in Article 4.

The Executive Committee shall also include a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of nine (9) additional members appointed to serve a maximum of three (3) years, to run consecutively to any term as an Officer of the Committee. Such members may stand for re-election at the end of their first term of office.

Four (4) members will constitute a quorum in meetings of the Executive Committee.

Nominations for committee membership may only be accepted from fully paid-up members of the International Plant Propagators' Society, European Region. However, the Committee shall have the authority to fill vacancies occurring in elective offices between meetings and co-opt as necessary. Such

co-opted members shall not have the right to vote at meetings of the Executive Committee

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

The International Plant Propagators' Society, European Region shall meet not less frequently than annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. The Secretary or Administrator must give at least 60 days' notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Region.

The Executive Committee shall meet during the annual meeting of the Region. Additional meetings of the Committee may be called by the President or upon petition of any three (3) members of the Executive Committee; a two (2) week notice of any such meeting must be given by the Secretary or Administrator to Executive Committee members.