

Federation of European Biochemical Societies

These Statutes were signed at the First Meeting, London, 23 March 1964

Statutes of The Federation

1 Purpose of the Federation

The Federation exists to promote the science of biochemistry, and in particular to encourage close contacts between European biochemists by arranging meetings, exchanging information, and promoting contacts between the members of the Constituent Societies.

2 Administration and Membership

(a) The Federation shall consist of [redacted] biochemical Societies of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland. All members of the Constituent Societies are *ipso facto* members of the Federation with equal privileges. *and Bulgaria.*

(b) The affairs of the Federation shall be conducted by a Council. The Council may empower a Constituent Society to act on its behalf.

(c) Each Constituent Society shall nominate one delegate or a deputy to the Council of the Federation. The delegate shall be reappointed biennially by the Society.

(d) The Administration of the Federation shall be vested in turn in the Constituent (Host) Society which has charge of the arrangements for the next General Meeting of the Federation. The Host Society shall be appointed by a simple majority vote of the Council at the previous General Meeting.

(e) The Council shall meet at each General Meeting of the Federation and at such other times as may be necessary.

(f) The Chairman of the Council shall be the delegate of the Host Society, and his Society shall nominate up to two *ex officio* members of the Council to serve as Secretary and Treasurer

respectively. Such *ex officio* members shall be without voting powers.

(g) Any Constituent Society is free to withdraw from the Federation at a meeting of the Council provided notice of such a withdrawal has been communicated to the Chairman at least one month before the Council Meeting.

3 Meetings of the Federation

(a) A General Meeting of the Federation shall be held at least every two years at a place chosen by the Host Society.

(b) A General Meeting of the Federation shall provide opportunities for the presentation of original communications, demonstrations, and symposia.

The detailed arrangements for the Meeting shall be at the entire discretion of the Host Society.

(c) A registration fee shall be charged equally to all members attending the Federation meeting. The meeting will also be open to non-members.

(d) Any profits accruing from the Federation Meeting shall be the property of the Host Society, to defray the expenses incurred in administering the Federation.

4 Exchange of Information

(a) Each Constituent Society shall send to a nominated officer of all other Constituent Societies the same circulars that it sends to its own members.

(b) It shall be the duty of each Constituent Society to publicize the activities of the other Constituent Societies so as to encourage contacts between biochemists in the different European countries, and on request to circulate to its members information of the next Federation Meeting.

5 Attendance at Domestic Meetings

Any member of the Federation may, on making proper application, be admitted to an open meeting of a Constituent Society other than his own, on the same terms as if he were a member of that Society, although permission to present a paper shall be at the discretion of the Society holding the meeting.

6 Date of Inception of the Federation

The Federation shall come into being not later than 1 January 1964.

7 Dissolution of the Federation

The Federation and its status may be dissolved at any time at a meeting of the Council at which two-thirds of the delegates are present and at which a two-thirds majority of the delegates vote in favour of the proposal. The proposal must be notified to the Constituent Societies at least one month before the Council meetings and shall be signed by at least one-third of the delegates.

8 Statutes of the Federation

The statutes of the Federation may be amended, deleted, or augmented at any Council meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that at least two-thirds of the delegates are present.

9 Address of the Federation

The official address of the Federation shall be that of the Secretary of the Federation.

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