

Proposed changes to the EFI Constitution

There will be a vote within the General Assembly in Nantes to accept or reject the following proposed changes. The full Constitution is available on the EFI website.

No	Constitution	Current	Proposed change
1.	Remove gender specific references	chairman himself he	chair themselves
2.	Article 2 (Seat) Correction of the seat.	E.T.S	E.F.S
3.	Article 3 (Aims) Removed the word 'young' as there should be no re-striction on the age of the scientists that EFI supports.	To provide a forum for exchange of scientific in-formation and to reinforce the skills and knowledge of young scientists and others working in the field	To provide a forum for exchange of scientific information and to rein-force the skills and knowledge of scientists and others working in the field
4.	Article 6 (Role) Removed the word 'period-ic' as it is meaningless without a definition of fre-quency.	To examine and approve the Activity Report and Periodic Accounts pre-pared and submitted by the Executive Committee in accordance with Arti-cles 8 and 21;	To examine and approve the Activity Report and Accounts prepared and submitted by the Execu-tive Committee in ac-cordance with Articles 8 and 21;
5.	Article 8 (Officers) (Execu-tive Committee) Removed the word 'normally' as it is superfluous and added 'five' as there are five officers every 2 of 3 years and six of-ficers every 1 of 3 years (due to presence of the President Elect). Deleted sentence 'One rep-resentative from the Council of Europe is also a member de jure of the Executive Commit-tee, but has no vote.' as this does not reflect the current composition of the Executive Committee.	The Executive Committee normally consists of five or six officers and six council-lors. One representative from the Council of Europe is also a member de jure of the Executive Committee, but has no vote. The Offic-ers include a President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Secretary and Deputy Secretary, who are elected in accordance with Article 20, para 3 from among the members of the General Assembly.	The Executive Committee consists of five or six offic-ers and six councillors. The Officers include a Presi-dent, President-Elect, Treasurer, Deputy Treasur-er, Secretary and Deputy Secretary, who are elected in accordance with Article 20, para 3 from among the members of the General Assembly.
6.	Article 9 (Actions) It is the Executive Commit-tee as a whole, not just the officers, that are responsi-ble for carrying out the ac-tions agreed by the General Assembly.	The officers carry out the express instructions....	The Executive Committee (officers and councillors) carry out the express in-structions...
7.	Article 17 (Procedural mo-tions) The French to English trans-lation has been amended (i.e. no change to the origi-nal French language consti-tution required)	Suspension of the sitting Adjournment of decision on the item in hand Postponement of a deci-sion on the substance of a proposal specified date	Suspension of the session Adjournment of decision on the matter under dis-cussion Postponement of a deci-sion on the substance of a proposal until a specific date

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8.	<p>Article 21 (Management and financial control)</p> <p>This point has been deleted as the description of the preparation of the annual accounts is described adequately in points 1 to 7 of Article 21. i.e. the accounts are prepared and reviewed by the EC (points 2 and 3 of Article 21) reviewed annually by an independent auditor (point 4 of Article 21) and are presented to the General Assembly (points 5, 6, 7 of Article 21).</p>	<p>8. In the event of a general legal obligation to draw up annual accounts based on the legal financial year, the officers of EFI shall ensure that the necessary documents are prepared, submitted to an independent auditor and made available if requested to all members of the General Assembly.</p>	Deleted

1. Suspension of the 'sitting' changed to Suspension of the 'session'
2. Adjournment of decision on the 'item in hand' changed to 'matter under discussion'
3. Postponement of a decision on the substance of a proposal 'specified date' changed to 'until a specific date'

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