



# THE INTERNATIONAL FARM MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be The International Farm Management Association (IFMA).

### 2. Status

IFMA is a not for profit organisation. No surplus shall be distributed to members, or Council, but shall be used to advance the objects of the Association.

IFMA is non-discriminatory as regards gender, colour, race, religion or beliefs.

### 3. Mission Statement

To provide a forum for farmers, researchers, advisors, consultants and administrators from around the world for the exchange of knowledge and innovative strategies on the changing role of management in agricultural production and related businesses.

This will be achieved through congresses, journals, papers, newsletters, the IFMA website and communication between members.

### 4. Membership of the Association

Membership of the Association shall consist of individuals or groups of individuals who pay the appropriate membership fee, which shall be determined by the Council, and which shall be in the following four forms:

- a) A 2 year (or between congresses) Full Member purchased / renewed at the time of Congress Registration.
- b) A 1 year Full Member purchased online with annual renewal date on the day of purchase.
- c) A 1 year Corporate Membership for up to 3 Full Members purchased online with annual renewal on the day of purchase

FOR VOTING PURPOSES - an eligible member will be a 'Full Member' who has:

EITHER participated in the previous IFMA Congress having paid the Full (or Corporate) Member membership fee to cover the period between the two congresses,

OR who has attended an IFMA Congress in the past and who has continuously maintained his or her Full Member status by paying the membership fee on or near the renewal date since his or her last attendance at a Congress.

To vote a MEMBER must be present in person at a General Meeting.

### 5. Organisation

#### (1) Executive Committee

- (a) IFMA shall be administered by an Executive Committee, which shall be elected by Council at a formally constituted meeting held during the early part of an International Congress.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President of the Association, the Vice Presidents and the Hon. Secretary/ Treasurer. The Patron(s) and the immediate past President of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.
- (c) The President of the Association shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Secretary of the Association shall be the Secretary of the Executive Committee.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall act for the Council between meetings of the Council and its acts shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

- (e) The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint a Congress Committee to act on its behalf in planning and organising a Congress at a time and place determined by the Council.
- (f) The Executive Committee may co-opt members to Council between General Meetings.

## **(2) Council**

The Council of the Association shall consist of :-

- (a) The Executive Committee
- (b) One elected member from each national or regional group attending the Congress who shall act as a Council member and international correspondent. The number and regional areas for Council representation shall be determined by Council and be presented for ratification to the General Meeting. National / Regional Council members shall be elected in the General Meeting, and shall serve from the close of a Congress until the close of the following Congress.
- (c) IFMA appointee to the "International Journal of Agricultural Management" Editorial Board.
- (d) A representative of a Congress Organising Committee will be invited to sit on Council from the time a Congress is formally confirmed by Council until the 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting following a Congress.

## **(3) Remuneration**

No member of the Executive Committee and Council shall be remunerated for their services to the Association.

## **6. General Meetings**

General Meetings of the Association shall be held during each International Congress and notice of such meetings shall be listed in the Congress programme. An Agenda for the meeting shall be made available to Congress participants at registration or as soon as practical thereafter.

The business to be conducted at the General Meeting shall be:

1. To receive the report of the Executive Committee.
2. To receive a report on the Financial Affairs of the Association.
3. To elect Council Members.
4. To conduct any other business relevant and appropriate to the Association.

## **7. Amendment to Constitution**

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of eligible members at a General Meeting. Amendments shall be proposed in writing by Council or at least ten members, and shall be included in the Agenda for the General Meeting.

## **8. Dissolution**

In the event of the Association being dissolved by a majority vote of eligible members at a properly convened General Meeting, or for any other reason, the Assets of the Association shall be distributed to an organisation(s) having similar Charitable Objects to IFMA.

No member or officer of the Association shall benefit directly from any such distribution.