

REGULATIONS
OF THE EAST PALAEARCTIC SECTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR BIOLOGICAL CONTROL
OF NOXIOUS ANIMALS AND PLANTS

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Article I

Name and seat

- § 1. East Palaearctic Section (EPRS), hereinafter referred to as Section, is one of the regional sections of the International Organization for Biological Control of Noxious Animals and Plants (IOBS). The activities of the Section cover East-European countries. The Near East and Asia in the East Palaearctic zone.
- § 2. The seat of the Section and its Secretariat shall be in Moscow (USSR).

Article II

Aims and purposes of the Section

- § 1. The Section shall:
- a) promote the development of biological control and its application in integrated control programs, and international cooperation to these ends. In these Regulations the term «biological control» means the use of living organisms, their products and analogues to prevent or reduce the losses or harm caused by pest organisms;
 - b) collect, review and disseminate information on biological control;
 - c) promote national and international activities, concerning research work, coordination of joint efforts in practical application of biological control on a large scale, and the encouragement of public awareness of the economic and social importance of biological control;
 - d) arrange conferences, meetings and symposia, and take any other actions to implement the general objectives of the Section.
- § 2. The Section shall be autonomous in respect of structure, finance, activities procedure and follows the present Regulations, the Regulations of the International Organization for Biological Control of Noxious Animals and Plants, and the decisions of the Administration of the Section as well.
- § 3. The Section may consult and collaborate with other regional sections of IOBC and non-governmental international organizations concerned with biological control.
- § 4. The Section shall issue Information Bulletin, containing all the information on its activities.

Article III
Membership

- § 1. Membership of the Section shall be open to all organizations and individuals, that desire to promote the development of biological control.
- § 2. Application for membership shall be made directly to the President of the Section. The Council decides on the admission and shall determine the appropriate category of membership of each applicant.
- § 3. Organizations or individuals become members on positive decision of the Council about the admission and after payment of membership contribution.
Membership contributions should be paid before July, 1.
- § 4. There shall be four categories of membership: institutional, individual, supporting and honorary.
- Institutional membership is open to any institution, including governmental departments, academies of sciences, universities, institutes and societies, participating in biological control.
 - Individual membership is open to any individual concerned with biological control and desiring to promote the objectives of the Section.
 - Supporting membership is open to any institution or person interested in promoting the objectives of the Section.
 - Honorary membership may be conferred by the Council upon anyone, who has made outstanding contributions to biological control.

Article IV
Withdrawal of membership

- § 1. Any member may resign by giving notice to the President of the Section before June, 30 of the same year. The withdrawal shall become effective on December, 31 up to which date the contribution must be paid.
- § 2. The General Assembly of the Section may expel any member whose contribution is two years in arrears.

Article V
Budget and finances

- § 1. The budget of the Section shall be made up of the annual membership contributions and funds received from institutions and international organizations for special and publishing aims of the Section.
- § 2. Payment of annual membership contributions shall be made according to the Rules of Procedure. Membership contributions and payment procedure is determined by the General Assembly of the Section.
- § 3. The budget of the Section shall be for the functioning of the Section.

Special funds shall be derived from the budget to finance scientific research work, practical application, for publishing aims and payment of business trips of experts, if required.

§ 4. The General Secretary is responsible for the budget and reports on it to the Council and Executive Committee of the Section.

Article VI

Administrative structure

§ 1. Administrative bodies of the Section shall be:

- a) The General Assembly;
- b) The Council;
- c) The Executive Committee;
- d) The Secretariat;
- e) Standing Commissions;
- f) Other bodies that may be set up by the Council.

Article VII

The General Assembly of the Section

§ 1. The General Assembly shall comprise:

- a) members of the Section;
- b) scientific consultants, specialists and experts on various aspects of biological control.

§ 2. Any institutional member shall have one deciding vote in the General Assembly. Individual, supporting and honorary members shall have one consultative vote.

§ 3. A quorum at the General Assembly meetings shall consist of not less than half the institutional members. Proposed amendments to the Regulations shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the institutional members of the Section. Voting by postal ballot is permitted, if necessary.

§ 4. All decisions on procedure shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast by the delegates present. All decisions on matters of importance shall be taken by the absolute majority of the votes cast.

§ 5. In case of a tie, the President may cast the vote.

§ 6. The General Assembly meets every three years, if the Council so decides. The General Assembly may meet on special sessions, if the Council so decides, or if one fifth of the institutional member's of the Section requires so.

The General Assembly shall:

- a) elect for a term of three years President of the Section, Vice-President, General Secretary, members of the Council and Accounts Verification Panel;
elections are held by secret ballot. In case of a tie, a new round of elections is held;
- b) adopt the Regulations of the Section and all the amendments to the Regulations, according to the item 3;
- c) consider and approve the report of the Council on the activities of the Section for the period of three years;
- d) consider the report of the Accounts Verification Panel and adopt the budget of the Section;
- e) adopt the activities program of the Section for the period of three consecutive years;
- f) establish Standing Commissions;
- g) determine membership contributions;
- h) decide on expelling from the Section;
- i) decide on the dissolution of the Section.

Article VIII

The Council

- § 1. The Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, General Secretary of the Section, six members and two candidates, elected by secret ballot at the General Assembly for the term of three years, Members of the Council may be elected for the period not more than two consecutive terms.
In some cases, on advice of countries members of EPRS, Council of the Section may, as an exception, recommend the General Assembly to elect for a longer term. Not more than two members of the Council shall be of the same country, with the exception of the President and the General Secretary.
- § 2. The Council shall meet every two years or more often, if required.
The Council shall be responsible for:
- a) functioning of the Section, according to the program approved by the General Assembly;
 - b) considering and approving of programs of the Standing Commissions of the Section;
 - c) appointing those responsible for the activities of the Standing Commissions of the Section, determining their aims and taking all the necessary measures to provide their functioning;
 - d) the appointment of the scientific consultants, specialists and experts (see art. VII of the Regulations);
 - e) consideration and approval of the budget of the Section;

- f) consideration and approval of the Rules of Procedure of the Section;
- g) designating the persons entitled to sign on behalf of the Section;
- h) establishment of the necessary working bodies.

Article IX

The Executive Committee

- § 1. The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the President, Vice-President, the General Secretary and two members of the Council, appointed by the Council from its personnel. The Executive Committee shall:
- provide functioning of the Section according to the Council decisions;
 - submit for the approval by the Council a list of persons responsible for the functioning of Standing Commissions of the Section;
 - appoint the personnel of the Secretariat of the Section;
 - meet when necessary and according to the Rules of Procedure;
- § 2. The Executive Committee reports on its activities to the Council of the Section. The Executive Committee shall submit, when necessary, its decisions for the approval by the Council and the General Assembly.

Article X

Accounts Verification Panel

- § 1. The Accounts Verification Panel shall consist of three members and two candidates (not members of the Council), elected by the General Assembly for the term of three years.
- § 2. Members of the Accounts Verification Panel may be re-elected for a second consecutive term. Not more than one of these shall be of the same country.
- § 3. The Accounts Verification Panel shall control the financial activities of the Section. On the approval of the General Secretary, and when necessary, it may consult experts on finance.

Article XI

Standing Commissions

- § 1. Standing Commissions and other Working bodies shall be established to achieve the aims, stated in the Art. II of the Regulations.
- § 2. The general aim of Standing Commissions shall be collection and analysis of the scientific investigations data, development of recommendations on application of effective means of biological control in systems of protection of agricultural and forest plants against insect pests, diseases and weeds. Standing Commissions shall invite qualified scientists and specialists on a social basis.

§ 3. The Council shall control the activities of Standing Commissions and may send its representatives to work in these bodies.

Article XII

Status of Personnel

§ 1. Council members shall receive no payment for their services.

§ 2. Payment for the services of the Secretariat staff shall be effected at the expense of the budget of the Section, according to the legislation of the country, where the Secretariat is situated.

Article XIII

Amendments to the Regulations

§ 1. Amendments to the Regulations of the Section, proposed by the institutional members, shall receive preliminary consideration by the Council and shall be submitted to the General Assembly for the adoption.

§ 2. Proposed amendments to the Regulations with any recommendations and relevant documents shall be communicated by the Council to the members of the Section at least six months before the General Assembly.

Article XIV

Dissolution of the Section

§ 1. The General Assembly shall decide on the dissolution of the Section. This decision is taken if at least half of the institutional members require so.

§ 2. On the dissolution of the Section its assets shall be assigned according to the decision of the General Assembly.

Article XV

The present Regulations have been developed in accordance with the Statutes of the International Organization on Biological Control of Noxious Animals and Plants (IOBC), and adopted at the first session of the General Assembly of the East Palaearctic Section (EPRS), held in April, 18—22, 1977 in Moscow. The Regulations became effective on June 1, 1977.

Amendments to the Regulations have been adopted in Moscow at the third session of the General Assembly of EPRS, and became effective on May 1, 1984.

The Russian text shall be authoritative in respect of any disputes, arising from interpretation of the Regulations.

The Regulations have been deposited in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR.