

Notification of the proposals concerning the Operational Guidelines and Rules

Based on the approval by the Steering Committee of the World Anthropological Union (WAU), the following amendments to the current [Operational Guidelines and Rules \(OGRs\)](#) of the [Constitution of the World Anthropological Union](#) will be proposed at the Constituency Meeting of the World Anthropological Union to be held at the IUAES Congress in Poznan, Poland, on 30th August 2019. Also proposed will be the change of the term “Inter-Congress” to “Congress”, while the name “World Congress” will be maintained.

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[Amendments of the WAU OGRs regarding IUAES Commissions]

[CREATING COMMISSIONS]

IV.Membership application and termination rules

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4. Proposals for the establishment of IUAES Commissions shall be directed to the Secretary-General of the IUAES chamber and must be supported by at least fifteen, preferably more paid-up members (Individual or Group/Corporate Members) of WAU from diverse geographical regions of the world.
 - a) The Secretary-General will transmit applications to the Executive Committee in the IUAES chamber for preliminary approval by a sixty percent majority vote.
 - b) Once such preliminary approval occurs, the Secretary-General will communicate this electronically to all members of the IUAES General Assembly and call for objections. If fewer than ten objections are received within a month, an Interim Commission, entitled to initiate Commission activities, will be formed pending full approval by a sixty percent majority of the next meeting of the IUAES General Assembly. If ten or more objections are received, approval will be held over until the next meeting of the IUAES General Assembly where a sixty percent majority will be required.
 - c) The total number of IUAES Commissions is limited only by a need to preclude major overlap.

- d) All IUAES Executive Committee decisions with respect to the establishment, termination and other major aspects of IUAES Commission activities shall be subject to ratification by the IUAES General Assembly.

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[LEADING COMMISSIONS]

VI. Governance and electoral procedures

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2. IUAES Chamber: General Assembly, Council of Commissions and Executive Committee

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- d) The *Council of Commissions* is constituted as a body within the General Assembly and represents all the IUAES Commissions which collectively are at the core of the chamber's academic activities. The Council of Commissions (hereafter CoC) is a forum for discussion and coordination of all IUAES Commission activities and all issues arising therefrom. The CoC constitutes an advisory body with representation on the Executive Committee of the IUAES chamber within WAU and on the WAU SC.
- i. The CoC comprises the chairs and deputy chairs, or alternately up to two co-chairs, of all recognised and current IUAES Commissions, all of whom must themselves be paid-up Individual or Honorary Members of the WAU.
 - ii. The CoC elects a Head and Deputy Head at a meeting of the CoC, chaired for purposes of that election by the incumbent Secretary-General, immediately prior to the meeting of the IUAES General Assembly at each IUAES World Congress.
 - All CoC members of Commissions in good standing can be nominated or can self-nominate for election as CoC Head or Deputy Head, and their nominations must be submitted to the incumbent Head of the CoC and the Secretary-General at least seven days before the election date.
 - Election of the Head and Deputy Head is by simple majority vote, but with the following provisos:
 - (i) only one nomination may be made by each Commission
 - (ii) those elected should come from different world geographical regions
 - (iii) each Commission is entitled to exactly two votes, normally one vote cast by the incumbent Commission chair and the other by the incumbent Commission deputy chair, regardless of the number of Commission leaders (for instance no Deputy Chair or multiple Co-Chairs).
 - The Head and Deputy Head's terms of office will be the period between IUAES World Congresses and each may be elected for one further consecutive term of office. Beyond two consecutive terms a Head or Deputy Head must wait at least one term to be re-eligible for either leadership position. A maximum of three

consecutive terms is allowed for holding a combination of Head or Deputy Head positions.

- (i) The quorum for the CoC's elective meeting is over half (50%+1) of its current members, but members who are absent may be included in the quorum count if they submit their vote or proxy in writing to the Secretary-General prior to the meeting. If a quorum is not reached at the physical meeting despite these provisions, the Secretary-General will arrange an electronic vote.
 - (ii) In all instances where a vote is taken, each Commission may cast two votes, those votes normally being cast by the incumbent chair and the incumbent deputy chair of the Commission.
- iii. In the event that the Head and/or Deputy Head of the CoC resigns, becomes incapacitated for reasons of long-term ill health, dies, or is removed from office, s/he will be replaced by an interim appointee until the next World Congress election. To achieve that goal, a call for nominations must be issued to all members of the CoC within seven days and an election held within three months. The vote will be conducted electronically unless a Meeting of the CoC is due to be held within three months of the call for nominations for a replacement having been issued.
- iv. The Head and Deputy Head of the CoC shall, immediately after being elected, become full voting members of the Executive Committee of the IUAES for the duration of their term as Head or Deputy Head, and can make representations to the IUAES General Assembly, verbally at its meetings or electronically at any time.
- v. The Head of the CoC shall, through the Secretary-General, also be entitled to make proposals directly to the IUAES chamber's General Assembly (that is: the Head of CoC will not have to obtain support from ten Individual or any Group/Corporate Members of WAU for such proposals).
- vi. Day-to-day interactions within the CoC can be conducted with the help of an email list and/or a list-server, which is to be kept up-to-date by the Head and Deputy Head of the CoC with assistance from the Secretary-General or the WAU membership administrator; or through a similar medium of communication.
- vii. Guided by the Secretary-General, the Head of the CoC shall be responsible for monitoring the activities of all IUAES Commissions, including obtaining and making available to all members of the WAU, in Newsletters and/or the WAU website or other electronic communication medium, annual reports on those activities.
- viii. In instances where an IUAES Commission is proven to have become inactive to the point of being defunct, the CoC shall recommend to the Executive Committee its removal from the list of approved IUAES Commissions. A decision to terminate such removal must have sixty percent majority support in the Executive Committee.

[DISBANDING COMMISSIONS]

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e) *IUAES Commissions*

- i. Activities of IUAES Commissions include the organisation of publications, symposia, conferences, conference panels, and panels at IUAES World Congresses and Congresses.
- ii. Each IUAES Commission is responsible for maintaining a list of members and is required to elect one Chair and one Deputy Chair for a term (renewable for one such term). A term is defined by the EC election cycle, roughly consisting of four to five years. Elections must be conducted in a democratic fashion, by simple majority vote of the members of that Commission, and with all Commission members eligible to self-nominate for election to these offices. Election reports must be submitted to the Council of Commissions by the deadline to ensure proper election procedures were followed. The time in service as a Chair or Deputy Chair elected to a newly established Commission mid-term do not count toward the two-term guideline for leadership.
- iii. Each IUAES Commission, once established, will continue to be recognised as such for as long as it continues to demonstrate to the Council of Commissions and the EC that it is functional through its activities, reports and Council participation. Such activities include contributing a panel to an IUAES World Congress or IUAES Congress, or to another major conference (so long as the panel is designated as an IUAES-Commission sponsored), and to do that at least once in every three consecutive years. Such reports include but are not limited to Election Reports, Annual Reports, and IUAES Funds Received Reports. When called upon, the elected Chair and Deputy Chair or their delegated representative(s) are required to engage in active participation in Council of Commission meetings (in-person and online) and in projects and task forces of the Council of Commissions. An IUAES Commission which fails to demonstrate functionality through its activities, reports and Council participation is deemed inactive and its status as an IUAES Commission will be revoked after a four-step review:
 1. Evaluation by the EC as “inactive.”
 2. Referral to the Council of Commissions wherein the Commission can provide an objection for review to be received by certain deadline.
 3. Formal decision on the abolition of the Commission by the EC.
 4. Ratification at the next General Assembly.

[Amendments of the WAU OGRs regarding the WCAA Advisory Board and the WCAA Organising Committee]

[RENOVATING THE WCAA ADVISORY BOARD]

3. *WCAA Chamber: Membership and Organising Committee*

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- e) Previous delegates of associational members on the World Council who wish to volunteer may continue to serve the WCAA chamber as members of a WCAA chamber *Advisory Board* for a period of four years. This period could, by decision of the OC, be extended for one or more further four-year periods.
- i. The incumbent OC Chairperson (or a delegated OC member) will invite such persons to join that Advisory Board at the time those persons step down as members' delegates on the World Council or when their present four-year period of Advisory Board membership comes to an end.
 - ii. Each incumbent OC Chairperson will, at the end of their tenure as Chairperson, automatically and without explicit invitation, become a member of the Advisory Board for a four-year period. Such persons' subsequent membership of the Advisory Board is renewable in the same way as for other Advisory Board members.
 - At the time that this clause comes into effect, the Chairpersons of the previous two OCs will be entitled, without explicit invitation, to become members of the Advisory Board.
 - iii. The Advisory Board may be consulted by the Organising Committee as and when appropriate, and the opinions of its members reported to the Council.

[PREVENTING ELECTION OF EXECUTIVES WITH DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP]

VI. Governance and electoral procedures

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2. IUAES Chamber: General Assembly, Council of Commissions and Executive Committee

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- vii. Nominations of candidates for Executive Committee positions must reach the Executive Committee (through the Secretary-General) at least 90 days before an IUAES World Congress and, if insufficient nominations are received by then, the Executive Committee will make further nominations with the consent of those persons it nominates.
 - The Executive Committee may vote, with a minimum sixty percent majority, to delegate this task to a designated nomination committee comprising at least three Executive Committee members who are themselves ineligible for re-election or three previous Executive Committee members who are not standing for election.
 - No persons who, at the time of elections for the IUAES Executive Committee, have been elected to serve as members on the then incumbent WCAA chamber's Organising Committee may be elected to the IUAES chamber's Executive Committee.

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- viii. A new Deputy Chairperson and two ordinary members of the Organising Committee (see clause VI.4.d.(i).(c)) will be elected by, and from among the International Delegates in the WCAA's biennial meetings or alternatively through an electronic vote that begins within seven days after such a meeting and for which voting must have been completed within a further seven days.
 - (a) No persons who are, at the time of an elective World Council meeting, elected members of the IUAES chamber's Executive Committee may be elected as members of the WCAA chamber's Organising Committee.
 - (b) Where there is a single candidate for a particular office, a sixty percent majority vote is required for election to office.
 - (c) Where there are two or more candidates, a simple majority is required for election to office.
 - (d) In cases where there are three or more candidates and none gains a simple majority of the votes cast, there will be a run-off vote between the two candidates who have obtained the highest number of votes.
 - (e) If there is a tie, the incumbent Chairperson will have a deciding vote.