

May 11, 2017

Dear Members of the IUAES,

Based on the decision made in September 2016 (http://www.iuaes.org/fomalised_%20collaboration.pdf), a vote was taken at the Inter-Congress in Ottawa regarding the procedure for the consultation and eventual ratification of the Operational Guidelines and Rules and of the Constitution of WAU (<http://www.iuaes.org/statement/170427.pdf>). The result of the voting was as follow:

Number of paid up IUAES members in good standing as of 5 May 2017: 818
Number needed to reach the quorum: $818/2+1=410$ (IUAES Statutes Art.8.a.4)
Number of the members who received the voting paper: 650

The vote was thus quorate. As indicated on the voting paper, all un-submitted voting papers were counted as technical abstentions. Excluding these abstentions, the result was as follows:

Yes: 92.7%
No: 3.6%
Formal abstention: 3.6%

The following proposal was therefore approved by a two thirds majority of the IUAES General Assembly (IUAES Statutes Art.1.c).

The gradual and incremental process for consultation and eventual ratification of the Operational Guidelines and Rules and of the Constitution of WAU:

- A full draft of the Operational Guidelines and Rules (OGRs) will be circulated for open consultation;
- revision of this draft (and the WAU Constitution) in response to members' proposals will be the responsibility of a Review Committee;
- the Review Committee will be open to members to join;
- the Operational Guidelines and Rules and the WAU Constitution will be adopted upon recommendation of a two thirds majority of that Review Committee;
- following the eventual approval of the final text of the Operational Guidelines and Rules by the Review Committee, the WAU Constitution and Operational Guidelines and Rules will both be considered fully ratified and will succeed the IUAES Statutes and WCAA Constitution.

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A full draft of the Operational Guidelines and Rules (OGRs) and the WAU Constitution is available at:

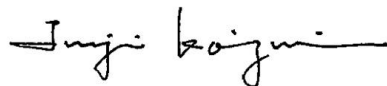
http://www.iuaes.org/downloads/WAU_draft_guidelines.pdf
http://www.iuaes.org/downloads/WAU_draft_constitution.pdf

We now start the deliberation on the formation of the Review Committee for the Operational Guidelines and Rules and the WAU Constitution. Those IUAES members who wish to join the Review Committee should contact the IUAES Secretary-General, Prof Junji Koizumi ([koizumi\[at\]hus.osaka-u.ac.jp](mailto:koizumi[at]hus.osaka-u.ac.jp)), by **Friday 9 June 2017**.

Sincerely, on behalf of the IUAES Executive Committee,



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IUAES Secretary- General