

STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL GLAUCOMA COMMITTEE

1. In Nara, Japan, it was decided and agreed upon by the International Council of Ophthalmology in May 1978, that the former International Glaucoma Club became the International Glaucoma Committee. This organization will have a maximum active membership of 40. Its task is to advise and to organize the open meeting of the International Glaucoma Society which will be held before each International Congress of Ophthalmology. The International Glaucoma Committee will have a closed meeting preceding the International Glaucoma Society meeting. It will be advised by the executive committee.
2. The International Glaucoma Committee is an association of ophthalmologists or other scientists concerned with the study of glaucoma. It is a non-profit-making organization. Its headquarters are at the place where the chairman is located.
3. The aims of the Committee are:
 - 3.1. To establish personal contacts and to promote exchanges of view between persons engaged in glaucoma research.
 - 3.2. To organize colloquia, symposia and congresses to this end.
 - 3.3. Especially to organize a symposium of the Committee and subsequently of the International Glaucoma Society before each International Congress of Ophthalmology.
 - 3.4. To encourage research work on glaucoma.
 - 3.5. To encourage collaborative study groups on glaucoma, if possible.
4. Members will be elected by the executive committee, whose decision is final. Membership is reviewed if a member did not attend two consecutive meetings of the International Symposium preceding two International Congresses of Ophthalmology unless the reasons for non-attendance are acceptable by the executive committee or if he indicates to the executive committee that he wants to leave or if he did not pay his annual fees for two years. There is no application for membership. Members can recommend individuals to be considered for election by the executive committee.
5. Members who retire from university employment or from active research in glaucoma, can be promoted to senior members. They can attend meetings but will not pay annual fees.
6. The executive committee, including the chairman, consists of an unequal number of persons. The task of the executive committee will be:
 - 6.1. to elect members,
 - 6.2. to prepare the International Symposium every 4 years preceding the International Congress of Ophthalmology,
 - 6.3. to maintain contact with glaucoma symposia in different countries in order to keep informed,
 - 6.4. to suggest special subjects for research in the field of glaucoma and to recommend main subjects for discussion at the next International Glaucoma Symposium.
 - 6.5. to elect the chairman by simple majority of votes at the executive committee meeting following the general assembly of each International Symposium.
7. The Committee Meeting will be for members only. Each member can bring one guest to whom the executive committee agrees if this guest is actively engaged in the work to be discussed at the meeting. Not more than 20 observers from the country in which the International Congress of Ophthalmology takes place will be admitted as an audience.
8. Papers to be discussed at the Committee Symposium preceding the International Congress of Ophthalmology must be distributed to each member, including the executive committee members and chairman, at least 6 weeks (mailing date) before the symposium starts. The language for meetings, correspondence, papers and discussions is English.

9. Efforts will be made to publish the papers and discussions of the international symposium.

10. Financial resources will be:

10.1. Gifts, grants or legacies.

10.2. An annual contribution by each member of 35 US \$ or its equivalent in DM which will be employed to cover the cost of the mail. A member of the club will be elected as treasurer for the correct administration of the finances.

11. A business meeting will be held at each committee symposium. The agenda will be mailed in due time to each member in advance, not later than 6 weeks before the meeting. Each member who is present at the meeting is entitled to vote on subjects concerning the committee or to bring suggestions in time to the notice of the executive committee so that they can be included in the agenda.

The business meeting will

11.1. elect members of the executive committee,

11.2. designate at least one member as treasurer,

11.3. designate honorary members,

11.4. decide of the expulsion of members,

11.5. decide on membership fees,

11.6. decide on modifications of the statutes of the committee,

11.7. decide on a possible affiliation of the committee to other organizations,

11.8. decide on any other points of the agenda,

11.9. decide to dissolve the committee by a 2/3 majority of members. This question has to be announced to all members at least 6 months before the meeting. Voting by registered mail is possible. The letter should be directed to the chairman and be in his hands not later than 4 weeks before the meeting. A simple majority of the members present at the meeting decides all other business.

12. At each international congress 2 executive committee members can be replaced by other members of the committee. Two consecutive re-elections are possible.

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