

Statutes and By-Laws of the
FEDERATION OF ASIAN-OCEANIAN NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETIES

STATUTES

ARTICLE I
Name and Seat

1. The incorporated Federation shall be known as FEDERATION OF ASIAN-OCEANIAN NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETIES, and will be abbreviated as FAONS. It is hereafter referred to as the Federation.
2. The seat of the Federation for routine business is the office of the Secretary of the Federation.

ARTICLE II
Purposes

The purpose of the Federation is to promote the advancement of neuroscience research and education in the Asian Oceanian regions, which include Asian countries, Australia, New Zealand and Islands in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. The Federation shall aim also at contributing to the advancement of neuroscience worldwide.

ARTICLE III
Activities

The Federation shall conduct the following activities in order to fulfill the purposes stated in Article II.

1. Organization of the regional congresses of neuroscience.
2. Publication of scientific publication in neuroscience.
3. Affiliation to the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) as a corporate member, and participation in its activities.
4. Other activities appropriate and conducive to the accomplishment of the above stated purposes.

ARTICLE IV
Membership

The Federation shall consist of four categories of members: Constituent Members, Associate Members, Honorary Members, and Supporting Members.

BY-LAWS

SECTION A **MEMBERSHIP**

ARTICLE I **Constituent Members**

The Federation shall consist of a number of organized neuroscience societies in the Asian-Oceanian regions. Admission of constituent members shall be approved by the Council. Constituent members must pay membership dues determined by the Council.

ARTICLE II **Associate Members**

In countries or territories within the regions defined in the Statute ARTICLE II, where no organized neuroscience societies exist, a group of neuroscientists may be an associate member of the Federation. Admission of associate members requires approval by the Council. Associate members must pay membership dues determined by the Council.

ARTICLE III **Honorary Members**

Individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Federation and / or achieved eminence in neuroscience may be elected honorary members by the Council. Honorary members have no representation in the Council and are exempt from the payment of membership dues. Honorary members are welcome to attend the Council meetings as observers.

ARTICLE IV **Supporting Members**

Individuals, commercial companies, foundations or any other bodies who wish to support financially in the activities of the Federation can be named supporting members on recommendation of the Council.

ARTICLE V **Resignation**

Members of the Federation may submit their resignation by letter to the Secretariat at any time. Resignation shall become effective three months after receipt of one said letter. Members may resign or be requested by the Executive Committee to resign at any time for proper cause.

SECTION B
ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE VI
Council

The Council consists of Councilors and the Executive Committee. Each constituent member society can nominate one councilor from among its own society members. The Council shall have the responsibilities of determining the direction and plan of the Federation and executing the activities of the Federation. The Council shall meet at least every two years. The term of membership of Council is to be from the last day of one Congress to the last day of the next Congress.

ARTICLE VII
Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Past, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. These are officers of the Federation. They shall be elected by the Council by a two thirds majority. The President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Council by a two thirds majority from nominations received from the Nominating Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year. If possible, this meeting should be held in association with a major neuroscience congress to minimize travel expenses. Alternatively, a tele- or video-conference could be held. The Executive shall have the power to act for the Federation between meetings of the Council, but shall be subject to the decisions and directions of the Council.

ARTICLE VIII
President, President-Past, President-Elect, Honorary President

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Federation and shall chair the Council meetings. After election, the President-Elect shall be a member of the Executive Committee until three months after the next FAONS meeting and then shall become the President. The President shall be responsible for ensuring the organization of the next FAONS meeting after a period of two to four years, the interval to be at Council's discretion. The term of the President starts three months after a meeting and ends three months after the FAONS meeting for which he/she is responsible. For the next term of the Council, he/she will act as the President-Past. An Honorary President may be appointed by the Council and is welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings as an observer.

ARTICLE IX
Secretary

The Secretary shall assist the President and shall be responsible for taking the minutes of all Council meetings and for all liaisons with members of the Federation and other organizations on matters relating to the purposes and activities of the Federation. The Secretary has the power to propose the site of the Secretariat Office and open it with the consent of the council. An Executive Secretary based at the site of the Secretariat Office may be elected by a two-thirds majority of Council to assist in the running of the Secretariat

Office. The term of the Secretary and the Executive Secretary shall be from the day after a FAONS meeting until the end of the next FAONS meeting. The Secretary may be reelected for a maximum of two additional terms.

ARTICLE X

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the power to open bank accounts for the Federation and to be the signatory on such accounts. The term of the Treasurer is the period between the meetings with the possibility of renewal for a maximum of two additional terms.

SECTION C COMMITTEES

ARTICLE XI

Nominating Committee

The Council shall set a Nominating Committee consisting of four members, preferably selected from different countries or regions, one of whom shall be designated by the Council to serve as Chairman. The members of this committee shall serve for four years, or until their successors are appointed by the Council. The Nominating Committee shall search candidates to the posts of officers of the Federation when requested by the Council, and shall report to the Council.

ARTICLE XII

Congress Program Committee

A Congress Program Committee shall be set forth for each regional congress of the Federation. The Chairman of this Committee shall be appointed by the Council on recommendation from the President-Elect who organizes that congress. The Congress Program Committee should include experts in the subfields of neuroscience such as molecular, cellular, developmental, system, behavior, cognitive, computational, and clinical neuroscience. It should consist of no more than 10 members excluding the chairman, and 5 of the members should be appointed by the Council from among individual members of the constituent member societies of the Federation other than the host society. The Secretary can be an additional ex officio member of the Committee.

ARTICLE XIII

Additional Committee

The Executive Committee may appoint committees, such as,

- Admission Committee
- Fund-Raising Committee
- Planning Committee
- Committee on Education

- Committee for Relations with IBRO and other international organizations

SECTION D
MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

ARTICLE XIV
Amendments

Amendments of the STATUTES or BY-LAWS may be proposed in writing to the President who will then appoint an ad hoc committee to consider and make recommendations on the changes. They may then be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Council.

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