

INTERNATIONAL BOURGELAT COMMITTEE

STATUTES

CHAPTER 1. NAME. REGISTERED OFFICE.

Article 1 –An Association governed by the French law of 1st July 1901 and the French Decree of 16th August 1901, having as its name the **International Bourgelat Committee**, hereafter called IBC, shall be founded by those agreeing to the present Statutes.

Article 2 – The Registered Offices of the Association shall be, in the first instance, at the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), 12, rue de Prony 75017 Paris, France. They may be transferred by a decision of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER 2. OBJECTIVE

Article 3 – The objective of the Association shall be **the inventory and preservation of the tangible and intangible scientific and cultural veterinary heritage and its mediation to the widest possible public.**

The prestigious veterinary heritage comprises the following:

- the creation of veterinary education, the veterinary profession, veterinary science and ethics, and the invention of concept of comparative biopathology by Claude Bourgelat at the end of the 18th Century;
- all the many veterinary scientific contributions to animal and human health and subsequently their welfare;
- the founding concepts and fundamental values enshrined in the veterinary profession,
- veterinarians as benefactors of humanity and veterinarians renowned for their outstanding achievements in many different spheres;
- veterinary schools and faculties, along with their libraries, museums and historic collections,
- the associations and other veterinary institutions that have been active for more than fifty years, and especially our World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), created in 1924.

CHAPTER 3. MEMBERS, ADMISSION AND EXCLUSION.

Article 4 –The Association shall be composed of members who shall be the National Committees created with the same objective as that of the IBC, but at a national level.

Article 5 –The National Committees shall be eligible for Membership, on condition they adhere to the present Statutes and pay an annual membership fee fixed by the General Assembly.

All members represented at the Constitutive Assembly of the Association shall be Founder members.

Article 6 – Qualification for membership entails:

- fulfilling the conditions defined by the Charter in the appendix,

- requesting admission from the President of the National Committee,
- being admitted by the General Assembly.

Article 7 – Membership shall cease under the following circumstances:

- by written resignation presented to the President. The resignation will take effect at the end of the year corresponding to the last membership fee paid.
- by exclusion pronounced by the General Assembly under proposal of the Executive Committee as a result of non-payment of fees for two consecutive years.
- by exclusion pronounced by the General Assembly under proposal of the Executive Committee as a result of non-compliance with the Charter.
- by exclusion as a result of a decision of two-thirds of the members present, or represented, at the General Assembly.

CHAPTER 4. FUNDING

Article 8 – The payment of membership fees shall constitute the basic funding of the Association.

Furthermore the Association may receive grants from organisations and companies and donations from individuals with a view to financing its activities and all other contributions as authorised by the law.

CHAPTER 5. ORGANISATION

Article 9 – The bodies of the Association shall be:

- The General Assembly,
- The Executive Committee,
- One or two auditors appointed by the General Assembly to the Association's accounts.

A/ THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 10 – The General Assembly shall be the supreme body of the Association. It shall have at its disposal all the powers necessary for the running and administration of the Association. It shall define the general policies of IBC.

To this effect, the General Assembly:

- appoints the President from among its members or from among internationally renowned veterinarians;
- appoints the other members of the Executive Committee (a first and a second Vice-President, a Secretary General and a Treasurer) from among its members;
- decides on the admission of new members;
- approves an annual statement of the actions undertaken;
- approves the accounts for the previous financial year;
- approves the activity programme proposed by the Executive Committee;
- fixes the level of membership fees according to the number of veterinarians in the country concerned;
- grants exceptional membership fee exemptions for members without sufficient resources;
- adopts the draft operating budget for the Association;
- adopts the rules of procedure;
- can create or deactivate Working Groups to realize any of the objectives described in Article 3. This may include Working Groups which the IBC collaborates formally with other appropriate organizations.

Article 11 –

The President or, in his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall chair the meetings of the General Assembly. These meetings are to be prepared by the Secretary General.

The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year. It may also meet at any time on the initiative of the President or at the request of a third of its members. Notification of the meeting, accompanied by the agenda must be sent out in time to arrive at least three weeks in advance.

If unable to attend a meeting, members of the General Assembly may either designate a representative or give their proxy to another member of the General Assembly, each member being allowed no more than three proxies.

A quorum requires half of the members to be present or represented. If the quorum is not reached, another meeting shall be convened within fifteen days and may then proceed irrespective of the number of members present.

The decisions of the General Assembly shall wherever possible be reached by a consensus between the members.

In the absence of a consensus, decisions shall require an absolute majority of the members present and represented, each having one vote.

Should a decision need to be taken between two sessions, the General Assembly may be consulted by electronic mail at the initiative of the President or of one of the members of the Executive Committee. The absence of a response within a period of two weeks shall be considered as tacit agreement. Decisions are then taken by an absolute majority of the members of General Assembly.

Article 12 – For modifications to the Statutes, an extra-ordinary session of the General Assembly may be called by the President or at the request of a third of its members, as laid down in Article 11. The proposed modifications shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present or those having valid representation. Except as otherwise provided, the measures that result from modifications adopted by the General Assembly take effect immediately.

B/ THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 13 - The Association shall be managed by the Executive Committee which is:

- responsible for submitting proposals to the General Assembly,
- if they are validated, implementing all the initiatives necessary in order for the objectives determined by the Association to be achieved.

In particular:

- it investigates candidatures for new members;
- it develops proposals for the action programme;
- it prepares the draft operating budget;
- it organises the management of resources for the Association;

- it coordinates the initiatives of all the partners and promotes the media coverage of all actions.

Article 14 – The mandate for the Executive Committee members shall be three years renewable.

Article 15 – The President shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee at least twice a year and when necessary. He/she shall also be responsible for drafting the Agenda.

Article 16- The Executive Committee may be consulted by electronic mail and the meetings will be preferentially held by teleconference.

Article 17 – The President shall be responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly. He represents the Association. In the case of absence of the President, he/she shall be replaced by a Vice-President.

The Secretary shall be responsible, amongst other things, for drawing up:

- the notifications for all the meetings,
- the minutes of the sessions of the General Assembly,
- the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee.

He/she shall be responsible for their distribution to the members of the Association.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for making all payments, receiving the funds of the Association and for keeping the Association's accounts.

CHAPTER 6. RULES OF PROCEDURE.

Article 18 – The Rules of Procedure shall be established by the General Assembly. They shall have as their objective the determination of any miscellaneous points not foreseen by the Statutes, particularly those relating to the internal administration of the Association.

CHAPTER 7. CONSTITUTION. DISSOLUTION.

Article 19 – The present Statutes come into effect as of their adoption by the Constitutive Assembly of 21st May, 2012, at the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), 12, rue de Prony 75017 Paris, France.

Article 20 – In case of Dissolution being pronounced by at least a two-thirds majority of members present at a General Assembly, or in case of termination of its activities for whatever reason, the assets of the Association shall be shared out among Members at a General Assembly specifically called to this effect. The devolution of the assets by the Liquidator (s) nominated by this General Assembly shall be carried out in accordance with Article 9 of French law of 1st July, 1901 and the French Decree of 16th August, 1901.

Signature of the representatives of the founder members (*original signed*).

- For Miguel Cione PARDI Committee (Brazil) : Benedito FORTES DE ARRUDA
- For HAFFANI Committee (Tunisia) : Faouzi KECHRID
- For SARKWA Committee (Kenya) : Christopher WANGA
- For Bourgelat Committee (France): Jean-François CHARY

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ANNEX**CHARTER FOR THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES**
OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOURGELAT COMMITTEE

The **International Bourgelat Committee** (IBC) has the following objective: ***the inventory and preservation of the tangible and intangible scientific and cultural veterinary heritage and its mediation to the widest possible public.*** Its purpose is to federate the national Committees which, in as many countries as possible, will set themselves the same objective. The website it develops will be called **“World Veterinary Heritage”**.

Our prestigious veterinary heritage comprises the following:

- the creation of veterinary education, the veterinary profession, veterinary science and ethics, and the invention of concept of comparative biopathology by Claude Bourgelat at the end of the 18th Century;
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- the founding concepts and fundamental values enshrined in the veterinary profession,
- veterinarians as benefactors of humanity and veterinarians renowned for their outstanding achievements in many different spheres;
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- the associations and other veterinary institutions that have been active for more than fifty years, and especially our World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), created in 1924.

A national Committee can be either an association composed of veterinary institutions and professional colleagues in the country in question, or a specific body set up within the most representative national veterinary association. **There can only be one Committee per country.**

To become a member of the IBC, it must agree to:

- adopt the name **“X Committee”**, where “X” is the name of the founder of the veterinary profession in the country in question;
- clearly state in its statutes the same objective as that of the IBC, but at a national level;
- regularly pay the membership fee fixed by the General Assembly of the IBC, based on the number of veterinarians in the country concerned, except in the case of a derogation decided by the General Assembly;
- develop a website in line with a model approved by the General Assembly and regularly update and improve the site, if possible by working closely with the country’s veterinary medical history society, if one exists;
- call the website **“Veterinary heritage of Y”**, where “Y” is the name of the country in question;
- publish the website in at least English and the language (or languages) of the country;
- authorise a reciprocal link between the national site and the international site;
- be duly represented each year at the General Assembly, which, except in exceptional circumstances, will be held at the same time and in the same place as the OIE General Session and will be conducted in English; travelling and accommodation expenses cannot be defrayed by the IBC.