



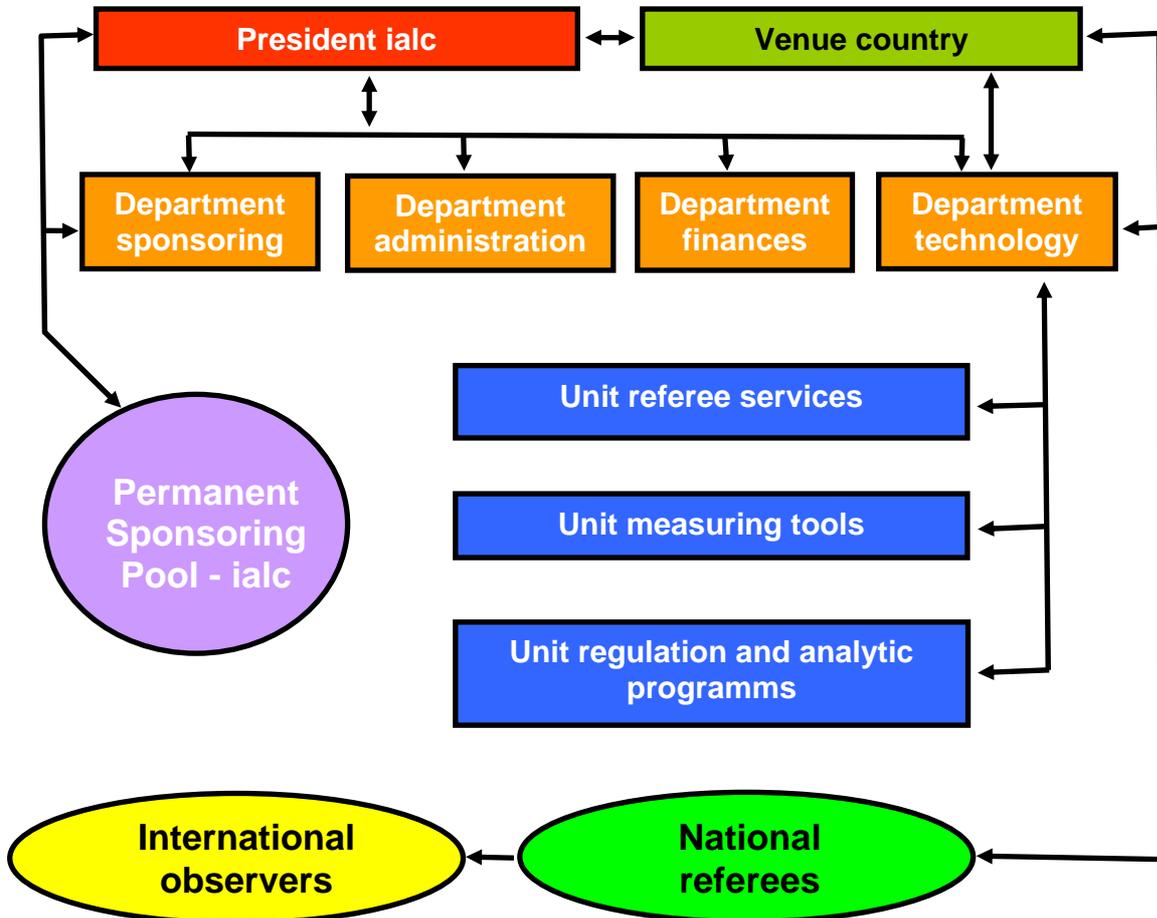
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Statutes ialc

2006

Diagram of organisation ialc

Membership meeting of the nations



I. General provisions

§ 1

The International Association Logging Championships (**ialc**) is a cross-border association of national organisations, which - in strict compliance with **ialc** competition regulations - organise logging tournaments on a national level. The **ialc** is an association registered in accordance with Swiss Law (Civil Code, Law on Associations). For all issues not covered by these Statutes, the Swiss Law on Associations shall apply. The **ialc** is based in Basel, Switzerland.

§ 2

The **ialc** is neutral in terms of politics, religion and race.
The **ialc** operates an equal gender opportunities policy.

§ 3

The purpose of the **ialc** is

- to promote sporting competitions at world logging championships.
- to ensure that these competitions are held in the true spirit of sportsmanship and in accordance with **ialc** rules and regulations;
- to appoint a country having submitted a bid to stage the World Logging Championship (held every two years);
- to represent its members in international organisations.

§ 4

The **ialc** is in exclusive, direct and selfless pursuit of purposes for the common good within the context of Swiss law on taxation. It is not primarily in pursuit of profit-making goals. The assets of the **ialc** may only be used for purposes compatible with these Statutes. The members shall not receive any share of profits or any other allowances from the **ialc**.

II. Membership

§ 5

5.1.

Membership of **ialc** shall be open to all national organisations

- having the right to set up a national team within their own individual country;
- willing to pay the set membership fee;
- firmly committed to complying with the **ialc** regulations.

5.2.

All applications for **ialc** admission must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee.

Each application shall include:

- a document bearing witness to the applicant's legal right to set up a national team;
- proof of payment of the admission fee, which entitles **ialc** membership for the first 12 months;
- the nomination of a representative, who will speak and vote on behalf of the applicant.

The Executive Committee shall review these documents. If membership applications are successful, a written confirmation of acceptance will be sent. If applications are unsuccessful, the Executive Committee shall send a letter justifying their decision. After receiving said letter from the Board of Directors, unsuccessful applicants shall have the right to appeal to the General Assembly, whose decision is final and binding.

5.3.

Each country shall be allowed only one member and one national team.

In some well-justified cases, as is the custom within other international sports associations, the **ialc** may allow certain individual regional associations to take part in championships.

5.4

Each member shall have one vote only, to be cast through its nominated speaker.

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5.5

In exchange for an entry fee equal to twice the annual membership fee, non-member organisations shall be allowed to send their national teams to take part in world championships. However, this entry fee shall be valid for one world championship only, and shall furthermore not confer voting rights or any other privileges associated with **ialc** membership.

§ 6

6.1.

ialc membership shall be deemed terminated, if national organisations:

- are disbanded;
- choose to withdraw their membership;
- are excluded from participation.

6.2.

Intentions to withdraw membership must be made in writing and sent by registered letter to the **ialc**, six months prior to the end of the **ialc** fiscal year.

On submission of such withdrawal notices, members shall lose their membership rights with immediate effect and shall not be entitled to partial reimbursement of membership fees already paid.

6.3.

Members may be excluded via a resolution of the Executive Committee, passed by a 2/3 majority of those board members present.

Excluded members shall have the right to appeal against such decisions and call a General Assembly meeting. The right to appeal must be exercised within one month of receiving confirmation of the Committee's decision. The General Assembly, with a 2/3 majority, may overturn the Executive Committee's original decision.

6.4.

The decision to exclude members may only be taken, if they should:

- grossly violate the **ialc** Statute - or act contrary to individual deliberations made by the General Assembly or Executive Committee - and continue to contravene in spite of warnings issued by the Executive Committee.

- fail to fulfil their obligations towards the **ialc**, despite deadlines set by the Executive Committee and having been threatened with exclusion. This is particularly valid in cases of non-payment of membership fees;
- behave in gross violation of the fundamental codes of conduct (both written and unwritten) governing the world of sport.

§ 7

At the request of the Executive Committee, the General Assembly may appoint individual natural persons to act as honorary members. These members shall have the right to speak at General Assembly meetings and shall be exempted from the payment of membership fees. However, honorary members shall have no voting rights.

III. Rights and duties of members

§ 8

8.1.

Members shall be entitled to be heard at General Assembly meetings through their designated speaker. Hence, they shall be allowed – through their respective speakers – to participate in debates, decide on resolutions and have the right to vote. Acting on their behalf, the speaker can submit proposals for deliberation. Team leaders and technical leaders of national teams shall be allowed to take part in the General Assembly as observers, i.e. without the right to speak or vote. Designated speakers shall be given voting rights.

8.2.

Members are obliged to,

- provide proof that they are a non-commercial entity, insofar as this is required by the Swiss Law on Taxation and national legislation.
- comply with the provisions of these Statutes and the resolutions made by the General Assembly and Executive Committee.

Should the Association become insolvent, the extent of liability of each individual member with regard to the Association shall be for a sum not exceeding the full membership fee.

IV. Financial resources

§ 9

The **ialc** shall draw resources for its expenses from:

- Membership fees;
- Annual contributions from Sponsor Pool members;
- One-off Sponsor Pool contributions;
- Contributions from free sponsors;
- Any other sources of funding to be obtained in countries hosting the World Championships, or elsewhere;
- Revenue from TV and radio rights;
- Donations.

During the foundation year of the **ialc**, annual membership fees have been set at €1,500. Thereafter, the issue of membership fees shall be dealt with in accordance with Section 10.4; subsection 4 of these Statutes (q.v.).

V. ialc governing bodies

§ 10

10.1.

The **ialc** is comprised of the following governing bodies:

- the General Assembly
- the Executive Committee

10.2.

The Ordinary General Assembly shall meet during each World Championship, normally every two years. It shall be convened in writing by the President or his/her representative, at least six weeks before it is due to be held. With regard to the statutory period for convening the meeting, the day on which the convening notice is sent, and the day on which said notice is received, shall not be taken into account. The convening notice shall be accompanied with an agenda for the meeting and a list of proposals.

10.3.

Each member organisation shall be responsible for the costs incurred by their respective delegates. The **ialc** shall bear all costs sustained by Executive Committee members and persons in directly related positions, incurred within the framework of fulfilling their respective roles. The Executive Committee has drafted a detailed cost reimbursement clause, in which this particular issue is dealt with.

10.4.

The General Assembly shall have sole jurisdiction over the following issues:

- Acceptance of reports by the Executive Committee and financial auditors;
- Relieving the Executive Committee of its liabilities;
- Approving the budget for the next two financial years;
- Setting the amount for membership fees and frequency of payment;
- Electing and removing Executive Committee members;
- Electing the president;
- Electing financial auditors;
- Adopting Statute modification proposals;
- Admitting and excluding members who wish to appeal against related Executive Committee resolutions;
- Appointment of honorary members;
- Dissolution of the Association and utilisation of its assets.

10.5.

Resolutions approved by the General Assembly must be included in the minutes for the meeting. These minutes shall be signed by the Chairman or his/her representative and minute-taker, and subsequently made available to all **ialc** members.

10.6.

The General Assembly agenda must be adopted by the Executive Committee and cover the following points:

- Verification that a quorum is present and appointment of a scrutinising Committee for the voting process;
- Statement of Accounts by the Executive Committee;
- The financial auditors' report;

- A debate on said accounts and financial auditors' report, and discharge of the Executive Committee's liabilities;
- Approval of the budget;
- Election of the Executive Committee and financial auditors;
- Proposals for Statute modifications;
- Other proposals;
- Questions and communications.

10.7.

Resolutions of the General Assembly shall be adopted by simple majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions shall not be taken into account. Statute modifications shall require a majority of at least 2/3 of the valid votes cast. Voting shall predominantly take place via secret ballot. In the case of one single proposal - and provided no delegates insist on voting by secret ballot - an open vote system can be applied. In cases where several different proposals are submitted, the proposal pooling the most votes and obtaining an absolute majority of votes cast shall be adopted.

During the first round of voting, should any of the submitted proposals fail to obtain an absolute majority of votes cast, a second round shall take place, in which the proposal gaining the most votes shall be adopted. In the event of a parity of votes, a second ballot shall be held between the proposals, for which the simple majority shall decide.

10.8.

Any Member shall be allowed to submit proposals to the General Assembly. Such proposals must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee and should arrive at the **ialc** Headquarters no later than ten weeks before the General Assembly is due to be held.

10.9.

Binding votes may be cast by the General Assembly, provided that the Assembly has been convened in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes.

10.10.

The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly if it is deemed necessary, and must do so when requested by at least one fifth of all members.

The agenda of such extraordinary meetings shall include only those items for which the meeting has been convened. The Extraordinary General Assembly must then convene within eight weeks after receipt of official notice. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for deciding on a venue for this meeting. The notice period shall take effect from the day when said notice is received by the Executive Committee. An Agenda for this meeting, including proposals, shall be sent to members at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date.

VI. Executive Committee

§ 11

11.1.

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- the President;
- three to five other members, each of whom shall be responsible for one of the following areas:
 - administration
 - accounts, sponsoring and the Technical Commission
 - a representative of the country hosting the World Championships. He/she is co-opted as an Executive Committee Member and has right of vote up until the time when the World Championships are actually held in his/her country.

The representative of the country next due to host the World Championships shall also be invited to take part in Executive Committee meetings. This representative, whilst having the right to speak, shall not have the right to vote.

Except for the president, who is elected by the general assembly, the executive committee is instituted by itself.

11.2.

Executive Committee members may not act as delegates to the General Assembly.

11.3.

The **ialc** Executive Committee is responsible for the activities of the Association, provided that these have not been assigned to other governing bodies within the Association, by virtue of these Statutes.

The Executive Committee is predominantly responsible for:

- Instituting the Executive Committee (except for the president);
- preparing General Assemblies and drawing up related agendas;
- convening the General Assembly;
- implementing resolutions adopted by the General Assembly;
- setting up a budget for each fiscal year, accounting issues, preparing annual reports;
- convening Sponsor Pool member meetings, and working together with sponsors from this pool;
- signing and terminating agreements;
- marketing and Public Relations;
- appointing countries to stage the World Logging Championships.
- assuming the overall responsibility for each World Logging Championship, in partnership with the host country;
- drafting and updating regulations governing sporting competitions;
- training and qualifying judges and measuring teams;
- developing, updating and providing measurement devices;
- appointing the Head Jury for the duration of the World Logging Championship;
- decisions on admitting / excluding members;
- appointing a tax consultant / auditor for the Association.

11.4

The President and his/her deputy both have the individual right to represent the Association.

11.5

The Foundation Executive Committee shall be elected for a two-year period. Thereafter, Executive Committee members shall be elected for a four-year period. Should any Committee member resign during an elected period, the Committee can appoint a replacement to stand in for the departed member, until said period has ended. If the President or his/her deputy should decide to resign, a suitable replacement shall be chosen from among Executive Committee members.

11.6

The Executive Committee shall meet whenever necessary and, as a minimum, on a twice-yearly basis. A quorum shall be constituted from those Executive Committee members present. Resolutions may also be taken by written ballot - via a circulatory

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letter sent to members - provided that no objections are raised by more than two members.

11.7.

The Executive Committee shall decide by a simple majority vote. In the event of a parity of votes, the Chairman shall have the deciding vote.

11.8.

For the everyday running of the **ialc**, the President may delegate duties to an appointed office, or set up a secretariat and appoint an office manager.

11.9.

The **ialc**'s financial statements will be reviewed by two honorary auditors, who shall be elected by the General Assembly for a four-year period.

VII. Fiscal year

§ 12

The **ialc** fiscal year shall run from January 1st to December 31st (corresponding to one calendar year).

VIII. Dissolution

§ 13

13.1.

Dissolution of the **ialc** shall require a 75% majority vote of members present at the General Assembly.

13.2.

In the event of dissolution of the **ialc**, its assets shall be put into a blocked account for a ten-year period, to be used for the creation of a new association having the same purpose as the **ialc**. If no such association is formed during this ten-year period, said assets shall pass to a public service organisation, which shall use them directly for the social good, within the framework of helping young people.

IX. Entry into force

§ 14

This Statute shall enter into force with the passing of the resolution by the Executive Committee during the 2006 World Championships in Estland and will replace the Statute from the 16th of September 2004.

Ötepää, 19. August 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Fischer'.

The President:

Max Fischer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Johan van Rhenen'.

The Actuary:

Johan van Rhenen
