

PART III: THE ORGANISATION OF ICO

ICO STATUTES

New statutes have been adopted in 1999, the motivation was to obtain a good representation of the whole optical community within ICO through the addition of the new membership category "International Organisation Member". The European Optical Society, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineer's Laser and Electro-Optic Society, the Optical Society of America, and SPIE – the International Society for Optical Engineering have been accepted for membership in the new category as early as 1999.

Original statutes adopted at Delft, 1948. Amended at Cambridge - 1956, Santa Monica - 1972, Sapporo - 1984, Garmisch Partenkirchen - 1990, Taejon- 1996.

New version adopted by ICO General Meeting, San Francisco, August 2, 1999. Approved by IUPAP, October 1999.

Modifications to be submitted to the ICO-21 General Meeting, Sydney, July 2008, are italicized.

Article 1 Objective

The objective of the International Commission for Optics (ICO) is to contribute, on an international basis, to the progress of the science of Optics and its applications. It emphasises the unity of the crossdisciplinary field of Optics.

Optics is defined as the field of science and engineering encompassing the physical phenomena and technologies associated with the generation, transmission, manipulation, detection, and utilisation of light. It extends on both sides of the visible part of the electromagnetic spectrum as far as the same concepts apply.

In particular, the ICO promotes international co-operation and facilitates the rapid exchange of information, by encouraging and furthering the organisation, on an international basis, of scientific meetings and summer schools. It emphasises actions for the education and training in Optics internationally. It undertakes special actions for the development of optics in regions where particular support is needed. It strives to improve the recognition of Optics as a field of science with a significant impact on economy. It works also for the promotion of international agreements on nomenclature, units, symbols and standards.

Article 2 Affiliation

The International Commission for Optics is an Affiliated Commission of the Union for Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) and a Scientific Associate of the International Council for Science (ICSU).

Article 3 Membership

The Commission has three categories of Members.

3a) Territorial Committee Members, that represent identified optics communities in a set of non overlapping geographical areas. A Territorial Committee Member should be listed under a name that avoids any misunderstanding about the area represented. The word "territory" does not imply any political position on the part of the Commission, which seeks to assist scientists in optics everywhere in the world to co-operate on an international level. Each Territorial Committee should receive endorsement of the appropriate authority representing science in its territory, such as an Academy of Science. In addition, it should either (a) be a subcommittee of the body representing the Member in IUPAP, (b) be recognised by the body representing the Member in IUPAP, or (c) if no such body exists be recognised by the council of IUPAP.

3b) International Organisation members. Such members are membership organisations active in the field of Optics on an international level.

3c) The Commission may also accept organisations active in optics as Associate Members. Associate Members pay no dues and have no voting privileges.

Application for all categories of membership shall be made to the Secretary of the Commission and submitted to the next General Meeting for approval. Applications in the Territorial Committee Member and Associate Member categories may be approved by the Bureau, subject to ratification at the next General Meeting of the Commission.

Article 4 Shares and votes

Each member of ICO has a specified number of shares, which determines its financial contribution as well as its number of votes at the General Meeting.

4a) Each Territorial Committee member whose territory is also a member of IUPAP has the same number of shares, N_{s1} , in ICO as it has in IUPAP. The number of votes N_{v1} , which is also the maximum number of voting delegates of the Territorial Committee Member, is determined according to the IUPAP scale, which presently reads as follows:

Category	number of shares	number of official delegates and votes
I	1	1
II	2 or 3	2
III	4 to 6	3
IV	7 to 9	4
V	10 to 15	5
VI	Over 15	6

4b) The number of shares N_{s2} of an International Organisation Member is determined in agreement with ICO during the Membership admission procedure; it may be changed following the same procedures as for membership admission. The International Organisation Members are represented by one voting representative carrying a number of votes N_{v2} proportional to the number of shares N_{s2} of the member determined in such a way that the total number of votes of all International Organisation Members cannot exceed that of all Territorial Committee Members. The exact method for determining N_{v2} is included in the Rules and Codes of Practice.

Article 5 The Bureau

The Bureau of ICO consists of the following.

- the Executive Committee, consisting of the President, the immediate Past-President, the Secretary, the Associate Secretary and the Treasurer. All members of the Executive Committee, except for the Immediate Past-President, are elected by ICO at the General Meeting.
- The IUPAP representative appointed by the Executive Council of IUPAP under Article 7b of the statutes of the Union, and any Associate Members from IUPAP Commissions.
- The other Bureau members, who are traditionally known as Vice-Presidents. Eight Vice-Presidents (at least two of whom are from industry) are elected at the General Meeting by the Territorial Committee Members; in addition, also at the General Meeting, every International Organisation Member appoints one Vice-President up to the limit of eight; if there are more than eight International Organisation Members, eight Vice-Presidents are elected at the General Meeting by the International Organisation Members.

The Bureau is responsible for the conduct of the Commission's business between General Meetings. The term of office of the Bureau is three years from October 1st in the year of the election.

The President will be elected for a term of 3 years, normally after having served 3 years as a Bureau Member. In the event the President is unable to continue his/her duties for the elected term, the Past-President (or in case he/she is unable, the Secretary) will act as interim President, or, with the concurrence of the majority of the Bureau, will appoint one of the Bureau Members as interim President.

The Secretary, Associate Secretary and Treasurer will be elected for a term of three years and will be eligible for a second and usually final term of three more years. If either is unable to continue his/her duties for the elected term, the President will, with the concurrence of the majority of the Bureau, appoint a substitute from among the current Bureau Members.

Other Bureau Members will be elected for 3 years and will be eligible for not more than one further term of three years, except as described in the above two paragraphs.

The Bureau may fill vacancies occurring in its membership during the interval period between General Meetings, except for the position of Immediate Past President.

Article 6 Finance

In addition to money that may be granted by IUPAP, the International Commission for Optics may possess funds of its own consisting of subscriptions from the Members and special donations or grants. Each member pays a number of shares. Dues are payable on the first day of

each year. Certain specific projects may be financed independently of the general resources of the Commission. The unit subscription per share is decided by the General Meeting.

Article 7 Withdrawal and Resignation

A member whose subscription is more than six years in arrears is to be regarded as having withdrawn. Any Member which has resigned is liable for the unpaid subscriptions up to the end of the year of resignation. Any Member ceasing to belong to the Commission forfeits its rights to ICO assets.

Article 8 General Meeting

The ICO is governed by its General Meeting, which consists of the Bureau (non voting) and the official delegates appointed by the Members.

The General Meeting of ICO is held every third year. The following business will be carried out at each of these General Meetings:

- (a) election of the Bureau;
- (b) examination of a Financial Statement presented by the Bureau;
- (c) agreement on a provisional budget for future years;
- (d) discussion of questions submitted by the ICO Members, the Bureau or the Executive Council of IUPAP.

Any Member, including Associate Members, as well as the ICO President can invite delegates at the General Meeting with no restriction of number. The number of voting delegates is restricted as per article 4.

The President may, with the approval of the Bureau, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and shall call such Meetings upon the request of one-third of all ICO Members.

The Draft Agenda for the General Meeting is circulated by the Secretary at least three months before the opening of the General Meeting. Subjects not on the Draft Agenda may be added at the Meeting with the consent of a single majority of the votes of Members represented at the Meeting.

A Member who is unable to send a delegate at a given General Meeting but wishes to vote on appropriate matters appearing on the Agenda may send its vote in writing to the President.

Alternately, it may give a proxy to another member of the same category. To be valid, votes made in writing and proxies must be received prior to the General Meeting.

Article 9 Other Meetings

The International Commission for Optics may sponsor or co-sponsor international conferences and give financial support (grants or guarantees), as a grant to organising committees or as a travelling grant directly to participants.

Article 10 Relation with the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics

(See also Articles 2 and 3)

The Commission will report concerning its work and its financial position to each General Assembly of the International Union for Pure and Applied Physics and will receive directives from that Assembly. Affiliation of the Commission to the Union can be terminated only by the Union at its General Assembly. In the event of disaffiliation, the special funds of the Commission are to remain its own property, but any unexpected balance of money received from IUPAP shall be returned to that body.

Article 11 Duration of the Commission

The life of the International Commission for Optics is not limited. The dissolution of the Commission may be decided by a majority of two-thirds of the votes of the Members voting at a General Meeting. In this event, the assets of ICO will be allocated by the General Meeting to one or more not-profit organisations of closely similar purposes serving the optical sciences.

Article 12 Alterations to the Statutes

Alterations in the Statutes may be proposed by the Bureau of the Commission, by one of the members, or by IUPAP. Such proposals must be received by the Secretary of the Commission at least three months before the date of the General Meeting.

Amendments or modifications may be adopted only at a General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of the Members taking part in the vote. Alterations of Statutes must be approved by IUPAP, which shall also constitute the final authority in regard to interpretation of Statutes.

Article 13 Rules and Codes of Practice

Rules for the conduct of business determine procedures for dealing with matters not specifically laid down in these Statutes. They are meant to give guidance in general terms to the Bureau and to the Members in matters such as, for example, the provision of grants from the funds of the International Commission for Optics for Symposia and Schools.

The rules and codes of practice may not contravene the Statutes of the ICO. They are proposed by the Bureau. The adoption, modification, or abolition of any rule or code of practice shall require either a majority of two-thirds of the members voting at a General Meeting of the Commission, or alternatively a majority of two-thirds of the total number of votes of all Members in a postal vote on a proposal unanimously approved by the Bureau.



RULES AND CODE OF PRACTICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR OPTICS

Adopted by the ICO–16 General Meeting, Budapest, August 1993.

Modified by the ICO–17 General Meeting, Tajeon, August 1996.

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Modified by the ICO-20 General Meeting, Changchun, August 2005.

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Article 13 of the statutes of the International Commission for Optics mentions the possibility of establishing rules and codes of practice for ICO. In its meeting in Garmisch Partenkirchen on August 5, 1990, the ICO Bureau decided to setup such rules. These rules replace those adopted earlier and published in previous ICO Green Books such as "Towards ICO-XII", May 1982, pp 69-70.

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Changes and additions decided by the Bureau, but not yet submitted to the General Assembly for approval, are italicised; the previous version, if there is one, is indicated in parentheses and barred. At the end of section 3, because of significant changes, a two column presentation has been used.

1 - Free Circulation of Scientists:

ICO adheres to the principles established by the International Council of Science (ICSU) concerning the free circulation of scientists. In particular, organisers of ICO meetings and of meetings cosponsored by ICO are requested to follow the "advice to organisers of international scientific meetings" issued by the ICSU Standing Committee on the free circulation of scientists. Note: the address of ICSU is 51, boulevard de Montmorency, 75016 Paris, France - Telephone: +33 1 45 25 03 29 - fax: +33 1 42 88 94 31, icsu@lmcp.jussieu.fr, <http://www.icsu.org>

2 - Membership:

Application

This section complements article 3 of the statutes.

The following are normally provided by a Territorial Committee applying for full membership:

- a) if the Territory is represented in IUPAP, a statement from the president of the body representing the Territory in IUPAP, that the Territorial Committee is authorised by that body to represent optical scientists and engineers of that Territory within ICO; if it is not, a motion to the same effect from a local scientific authority (Ministry, Academy, Council of Research,...);
- b) a letter of application signed by the chair person or representative of the applicant Territorial Committee, including a statement of adherence of the Territorial Committee to the ICO Statutes;
- c) a description of the organisation of the Territorial Committee, including the number of members, their designation procedure, their term of office, and the procedures that are set up to ensure a good representation of the optics community within the territory. If the Territory is not a member of IUPAP, the Territorial Committee and the ICO Secretary or Associate Secretary shall jointly take the necessary steps to request approval of the Territorial Committee by the council of IUPAP.

The application of a Territory for Associate Membership in ICO shall be made to the Secretary. It may be considered and approved by the Bureau. At the next General Meeting, the decision shall be made

- * either, subject to the desire of the applicant, to transform the associate membership into regular membership,
- * or to extend the associate membership until the next General Meeting,
- * or to terminate the associate membership.

In the case of a Territorial Committee applying for Associate Membership, item a) is required if the Territory is represented in IUPAP; item b) is always required.

The following are normally provided by an International Organisation Member applying for membership (whether as full member or as associate member, except for the number of shares, that applies only to full members):

- a) a letter of application signed by the President or its duly appointed representative, mentioning approval by the appropriate bodies in the Organisation, expressing adherence to the ICO Statutes, and including a proposition for the number of shares;
- b) a description of the operation of the Organisation, as provided for example by its bylaws, statutes, rules and codes of practice, and showing indication of its international character. This includes the requirement that at least 20% of the members are from outside the most represented country. The advice of the Territorial Committee (if any) in the most represented country will be considered.

Organisation and duties of Territorial Committees

The Territorial Committees normally have members elected or designated by some agreed procedure, with a well defined term of office; it is usually convenient for them to have a bureau or at least a chairperson; their organisation secures in all cases:

- a fair representation of the optics community in the Territory;
- approval and support of the scientific authorities of the Territory (Ministry, Academy, council of Research,...).

The ICO Bureau may at any time request information from the Territorial Committees about their organisation as described above.

Territorial committees maintain mailing lists of at least an extensive representative subset of the optics community in the territory. They will include in the mailing list any bona fide scientist with an address in their Territory and requesting to be included. They distribute at no charge to ICO any document sent to them in an appropriate quantity either by the ICO bureau or on its behalf. This applies in particular to the ICO Newsletter and to the Meetings and Schools with ICO participation.

Number of votes of International Organisation Members:

The number of votes N_{v2} of an International Organisation Member is determined according to its number of shares N_{s2} according to the following formula, rounded to the nearest integer but with a minimum of 1:

$$N_{v2} = N_{s2} \frac{\sum N_{v1}}{\max(\sum N_{s1}; \sum N_{s2})}$$

[Explanation note: e.g., assume the Territorial Committee members together have 200 shares and 100 votes (as is approximately the case in 1999). If the International Organisation Members (IOMs) together have 100 shares, they will have 50 votes (apart from round off errors). If the IOM have 200 shares, they will have 100 votes. If the IOM have 250 shares, they will still have 100 votes and no more. In fact, this is unlikely to happen in the near future, but this rule has been established in response to the concern about the Territorial Committee Members being dominated by the International Organisation Members and losing control of the ICO.]

3 - General Meetings, votes and elections:

This section complements articles 4 and 8 of the statutes, that provide for a General Meeting of ICO every three years. ICO holds a Congress every three years. The ICO Congress consists of a business part, known as the ICO General Meeting, and an International Scientific Conference part.

Sessions:

Tradition holds that General Meetings are held in two sessions with more than 24 hours between the end of the first session and the beginning of the second session.

Attendance in the General Meeting

During any session of the General Meeting, the Secretary circulates a list of attendance. Each attendant signs the attendance list, indicating

- * their capacity of ICO Bureau member, official delegate an ICO Territorial Committee, representative of an associate member, member of an ICO Committee, or observer (more than one category may apply);
- * their country or ICO territory.

According to article 4 of the statutes, the number of official delegates of ICO Territorial Committees is equal to their respective numbers of votes. The number of official delegates may in no case exceed the number of votes, but if the actual number of official delegates at a General Meeting is smaller than the number of votes, the Territorial Committee still keeps the same number of votes.

Voting procedure:

Except as indicated in articles 8 (agenda of the General Meeting), 11 (duration of the commission), 12 (alterations to statutes) and 13 (alterations of the Rules and Codes of Practice) of the statutes, decisions of the General Meeting, including elections, are by a majority of the votes of the members present and taking part.

Except for the ICO Bureau election, where secret ballot is the rule, the ICO President decides whether votes need to be made by secret ballot. A member having N votes is provided with N ballot forms; this applies to both the Territorial Committee members and the International Organisation members. The member may decide to cast identical ballots or not.

Nomination procedure:

Candidates for the ICO Bureau may be nominated by the ICO nominating Committee (see section 6 below) and/or by the Territorial Committees. No other nomination may be received. The Nominating Committee writes to the Territorial Committees at least one year before the election to request nominations for all positions in the ICO Bureau.

Endorsement of all candidates by their respective Territorial Committees is requested in all cases. In addition, Territorial Committees may endorse candidates from any Territory. At the time of the General Meeting, the delegation of the Territorial Committee to the General Assembly makes endorsements in its name.

Endorsement means that the person is considered by the endorsing Territorial Committee as a good person to stand for an ICO election and is to be understood as an intention, not an obligation, to support this candidate at the election, given the list of candidates at the time the endorsement is made.

The Nominating Committee establishes a first list of candidates that is sent to the territorial Committees along with the agenda of the General Meeting.

Nominations may be received until 24 hours before the election. After the closure of nominations, the Nominating Committee establishes a final list of candidates. In addition, each candidate provides the Nominating Committee with a short curriculum vitae and a statement on his/her policy if elected for distribution to the General Meeting.

Except as provided in this and in the next subsection, there is no official campaign for the ICO Bureau.

Elections for the ICO Bureau:

Bureau Elections are by secret ballot in all cases.

Tradition holds that:

- * during the first session of the General Meeting, the Nominating Committee presents its report and indicates the current list of candidates for the ICO Bureau offices;
- * elections are held during the second session of the General Meeting;
- * for the offices of President, Treasurer, Secretary and Associate Secretary, each candidate is given, immediately before the vote, a short prescribed time (typically between 5 and 10 minutes) to present himself and his/her policy to the General Meeting. If there is only one candidate, that procedure is optional.

The elections are conducted by the chairperson of the Nominating Committee. After each vote, the Nominating Committee counts the votes and during that time, the General Meeting may treat agenda items other than the elections.

In the case of a tie for any vote, the elder candidate is declared elected.

For any vote, if the number of candidates is equal to the number of seats, the Nominating Committee Chairperson may decide that there is no vote and declare the candidate(s) elected.

Concerning the Vice-Presidents, the idea is that eight Vice-Presidents represent the Territorial Committee Members and are elected only by the Territorial Committee Members, while a number of Vice-Presidents represent the International Organisation Members and are elected only by the International Organisation Members. Since it is not advisable to have too many members on the Bureau, the number of Vice-Presidents representing Territorial Committee Members has been set to eight, and the maximum number of Vice-Presidents representing International Organisation Members has also been set to eight.¹

The votes are held in the following order:

Executive Committee (elected by all members):

- * one vote for the President;
- * one vote for the Treasurer;
- * one vote for the Secretary;
- * one vote for the Associate Secretary.
- * Vice-Presidents elected by Territorial Committee Members (only the Territorial Committee Members vote):

- in a first vote, members vote on four (4) names; all candidates are eligible, whether they come from industry or not; if, among the first four (4) candidates ranked by

¹ The whole point of having an International Organisation Member category is to give them close contact with the ICO and therefore they are well represented in the Bureau. Nevertheless, their representation in the Bureau cannot exceed that of the Territorial Committee Members. Just like it is impossible for all Territorial Committee Members to have someone on the Bureau, it will also be impossible for all International Organization Members to have someone on the Bureau if their number exceeds eight. While this is a fair rule, it may generate difficulties and frustration if the number of International Organization Members happens to be just slightly larger than eight. If that happens, one option open to the ICO President will be to invite those International Organization Members that have no Vice-President to attend part or all of the Bureau meetings as observers.

number of votes, no one is from industry, the first three (3) are declared elected; if at least one is from industry, the first four (4) are declared elected;

- if the first vote did not lead to the election of two (2) candidates from industry, a second vote is made, where only candidates from industry are eligible; as a result of this vote, the number of candidates from industry elected is brought to two (2); in that vote, members vote on one (1) or two (2) names, depending on how many candidates should be elected;
- in a last vote, all candidates are eligible, whether they come from industry or not, and the total number of Vice-Presidents is brought to eight; in that vote, members vote on three (3) to four (4) names, depending on how many candidates should be elected.

In every vote, the ballots forms given to the voting members should indicate the number of seats to be assigned by this vote; nevertheless, ballots with a smaller number of votes are valid. On one given ballot form, no name should be written more than once and the ballot form must be explicit about that rule. If nevertheless one name is duplicated, it is counted only once. Ballots containing a number of different names larger than the number of seats to be assigned are not valid.

Tradition holds that for ICO elections, the detail of votes are not made public but are kept by the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Consequently, it is not sensible to repeat votes in order to reach an absolute majority and the applicable majority rule is always the relative majority, i.e. the candidates that have more votes are elected, whether they have reached the absolute majority or not.

Old version	Proposed new version
<p>* Vice-Presidents representing International Organisation Members: For the Vice-Presidents appointed by the International Organisation Members, prior to the General Meeting, every International Organisation Member appoints one representative. If the representative is elected on the Executive Committee or as one of the eight elected Vice-Presidents, the International Organisation Member appoints another representative at its earliest convenience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are less than eight International Organisation members, their representatives automatically become Vice-Presidents. • If there are more than eight International Organisation Members, unless a consensus 	<p>*Vice-Presidents representing International Organisation Members (IOM): For the Vice-Presidents appointed by the International Organisation Members, prior to the General Meeting, every International Organisation Member appoints one representative. If the representative is elected on the Executive Committee or as one of the eight elected Vice-Presidents, the International Organisation Member appoints another representative at its earliest convenience <i>but no later than September 30th</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are less than eight International Organisation members, their representatives automatically become Vice-Presidents. • If there are more than eight

<p>agreement is found among the International Organisation Members, the election of their eight Vice-Presidents takes place last and the candidates are automatically the appointed representatives of the International Organisation Members.</p>	<p>International Organisation Members, unless a consensus agreement is found among the International Organisation Members, the election of their eight Vice-Presidents takes place last and the candidates are automatically the appointed representatives of the International Organisation Members.</p> <p><i>The Nominating Committee contacts the International Organization Members at least six months before the GA to request the appointments.</i></p>
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4 - Classification for the participation of ICO in Meetings and Schools:

There are four categories for ICO participation in meetings and in summer (or fall, or winter, or spring) schools:

- 1 - ICO General Meetings
- 2 -Other major ICO events "; whenever appropriate, these events may receive the designation "ICO Special Meeting", "ICO Topical Meeting", "ICO School", "ICO Regional Meeting"
- 3 - ICO Cosponsored Meetings and Schools
- 4 - ICO Endorsed Meetings and Schools.

The applicable rules are given in the table on the next page.

Caption: SR: strictly required
 UR: usually required
 NR: not required
 PO: possible
 NO: usually not

Any meeting with ICO participation, classified in category 2,3 or 4 may be given by the Bureau the name of ICO Satellite Meetings if it is scheduled to take place within 15 days of an ICO General Meeting or other major ICO event..

Note on registration fees:

As a rule, ICO adheres to the IUPAP upper limit on registration fees. Even though the participation of scientists from disadvantaged areas usually requires special measures independently of the cost of registration, high registration fees tends to limit participation, in particular from students and to be a form of discrimination between scientists.

Specifically, ICO conferences submitted to IUPAP sponsorship must necessarily to follow the IUPAP limit in all cases. These are the General Meetings, Topical Meetings and other major ICO events — usually one per year. For the other events with ICO participation, registration fees higher than the limit can occasionally be accepted provided that an option exists for any scientist to request, at least six weeks in advance, application of the IUPAP limit and still be fully registered, perhaps with the exception of some social events. That option must be known to registrants.

Decision procedure:

The ICO Bureau approves all forms of ICO participation in international conferences, and authorizes the related grants:

- * the meeting and school applications are processed twice annually, with the deadlines of applications on April 15 and October 15 of each year
- * the applications must be received by ICO Secretariat by a deadline that is at least 12 months prior to the event and before the first announcement
- * when the applications are received, the ICO President, Treasurer, and Secretary or Associate Secretary get in touch by some fast procedure and issue a memo including the background information relevant to the meeting. The memo may include a proposition concerning the category of ICO meeting applicable, the opportunity to grant the sponsorship requested, and the opportunity to grant financial support
- * reply form is sent to the Bureau members; it includes the proposition
- * in any event, if the approval by the relevant Territorial Committee is not clear from the application form, the Territorial Committee is contacted at the same time as the Bureau members and it has a right of veto for 45 days after the letter has been sent; the default is that there is no veto
- * no later than one month after application deadline, the decisions are made on the basis of the replies obtained so far from the Bureau members. Only the votes received are counted, the votes not received are not considered as approvals of the proposition of the subcommittee.

<u>ICO CATEGORY</u>	<u>1-ICO General 2- Other major ICO events</u>	<u>3-ICO Cosponsored</u>	<u>4-ICO Endorsed</u>
<u>REQUIREMENTS</u>			
a) ICSU rules on free movement of scientists	SR	SR	SR
b) good scientific quality as perceived by the ICO Bureau	SR	SR	SR
c) international character (typically > 30% participants and > 50% program Committee members from outside territory)	SR	SR	SR
d) industrial participation in Committees	UR	UR	UR
e) registration fee to follow IUPAP rules	SR	UR (see text)	UR (see text)
f) timeliness very clear, novelty	SR	UR	UR

g) participation in the ICO Proceedings Donation Programme	UR	UR	NR
h) approval by Territorial Committee (if there is one)	SR	SR	SR
ICO PARTICIPATION			
h) ICO Secretary or Associate Secretary in Organising Committee	SR	UR	NR
i) ICO designates one member of Programme Committee	SR	SR	UR
j) ICO associated from the beginning (usually at least 18 months in advance)	SR	SR	NR
k) use of ICO logo	SR	UR	PO
l) grant	PO	PO	NO
m) loan (reimbursable whether deficit or benefit)	PO	PO	NO
n) participation in budget, risk and benefits	PO	PO	NO
o) support for participation of scientists from regions of the world requiring special support	PO	PO	PO
p) announcements in Newsletter	SR	SR	PO
q) distribution of documents through ICO channels	SR	PO	NO

Financial participation of ICO:

According to the table above, ICO may give a grant or a loan to meetings and schools of categories 1, 2 and 3. A special form of a grant, that can apply to all categories, is the financial support for the participation of scientists from regions of the world requiring special support. In that case, the amount is usually sent to the organisers with the instruction that they should spend it on financial support to identified scientists from such regions, inform the recipients of the support from ICO and send the list of recipients to ICO; whenever possible, the organisers should be requested to complement the ICO grant, for example by waiving the registration fees for the recipients.

Alternatively, ICO may also wish to take part where practicable in the risks or benefits of meetings and schools of categories 1, 2 and 3. That is possible, if the local law permits, in the following conditions:

- * ICO accepts a financial responsibility up to an amount of X;
- * the amount X is paid by ICO to the meeting organisers in the form of a treasury advance; it is made available to the organisers by the ICO Treasurer as soon as they request it;
- * at the closing of the account and in no case later than one year after the meeting is finished, if there is a deficit:
 - if the deficit is smaller than X, ICO will cover it in its entirety, i.e. the organisers will only have to reimburse ICO the difference;

- if the deficit is larger than X, then ICO will cover it for an amount X, i.e. no money will be reimbursed to ICO;

if there is a surplus:

- if the surplus is smaller than 4X, ICO will receive 25 % of the surplus, i.e. the organisers will reimburse ICO the amount X plus a quarter of the surplus;

- if the surplus is larger than 4X, the organisers will reimburse ICO two times X.

Depending on circumstances, slight modifications to this scheme may be made by the Bureau.

Any given Bureau may approve meeting support up to the triennial Meeting Support budget for the triennium of its term, augmented with any return from previously granted participation in risk. Loans are not counted and are limited only by the approval of the Treasurer based on the account balance. There is continuity in the ICO Bureau, therefore the Bureau may approve meetings to be held after the next Bureau elections.

5 - Relations with IUPAP:

IUPAP, at each of its General Meetings designates one Representative to ICO. The IUPAP Representative takes part in the ICO General Meeting.

ICO will normally request sponsorship by IUPAP of its General and Topical Meetings.

ICO will normally request to have associate members in some IUPAP Commissions, as appropriate to maintain close relations.

6 - ICO Committees:

List of ICO Committees:

In order to assist the General Meeting and the Bureau in their activities, ICO has established the following committees:

- * Nominating Committee
- * Long Range Planning Committee
- * Committee for the Regional Development of Optics
- * Education Committee
- * Travelling Lecturer Committee
- * ICO Prize Committee
- * ICO Galileo Galilei Award Committee
- * ICO/ICTP Gallieno Denardo Award Committee

Duties of the committees:

The specific purpose of each committee is indicated below. Committees report on their activity at each General Meeting and, as appropriate, at each meeting of the Bureau.

* The purpose of the Nominating Committee is *to coordinate the elections of the Bureau.*

- * The purpose of the Long Range Planning Committee is to propose suitable new actions for ICO, with suitable attention for the inclusion of industrial optics in ICO's activities.
- * The purpose of the Committee for the Regional Development of Optics is to find and implement actions whereby ICO can promote the transfer of optical knowledge and provide practical help to optical scientists and engineers in Developing Nations and in general, geographical areas where optics is not well developed.
- * The purpose of the Education Committee is to promote education in Optics worldwide.
- * The purpose of the Travelling Lecturer Programme Committee is indicated in section 7 below.
- * The purpose of the Standards Committee is to serve as a channel of communication for work on standards in optics, in relation with ISO.
- * The purpose of the ICO Prize Committee is indicated in section 9 below.
- * The purpose of the ICO Galileo Galilei Award Committee is indicated in section 10 below.
- * The purpose of the ICO/ICTP Gallieno Denardo Award Committee is indicated in section 11 below.

Membership of the Committees:

Each committee has a chairperson and members. The following rules apply:

- a) The chairperson of all ICO committees is always a member of the ICO Bureau.
- b) The ICO past-President is ex officio the chairperson of the Nominating Committee and the members are appointed by the chairperson.
- c) The ICO President is ex officio the chairperson of the long range planning Committee and the members are appointed by the chairperson.
- d) The ICO Treasurer is ex officio the chairperson of the Travelling Lecturer Committee.
- e) The ICO Secretary or Associate Secretary is ex officio member of all Committees except the Nominating Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee and the ICO Prize Committee.
- f) Except for the cases of rules b, c, and e above, the members are proposed by the chairperson and appointed by the Bureau. To avoid delays in the operation of Committees, the appointment of members by the Bureau can be made by mail.

7 - ICO Travelling Lecturer Programme:

ICO has established in 1988 a Travelling Lecturer Programme to promote lectures on modern aspects of optics in interested territories by scientists of international reputation with good lecturing skills. The program is aimed specially at developing nations, but is not necessarily restricted to them. As a rule, it is expected that the lecturer's local expenses will be met by the host institution and that ICO's contribution will be towards the travel costs. Scientists or host groups interested in participating in this program should write to the Treasurer of ICO with details of the proposed lecture program and ICO support requested.

Within the financial limits of the budget, an ICO Committee, with the ICO Treasurer as chairperson, decides for the ICO Travelling Lecturer grants. This Committee in principle does not meet, but works by mail and telecommunication facilities so as to secure the fastest response compatible with good operation.

8 - ICO Book:

ICO has established in 1990 a series of books: the title "International Trends in Optics" has been chosen for the series. There is one volume every three years. The ICO President, the ICO past-President or one of the ICO former Presidents acts as the editor.

The books are intended to provide an authoritative overview of research that is underway in the field of optics throughout the world. The articles should be suitable for the specialist and non-specialist alike and should provide general, readable overviews of many different aspects of optical science and engineering. They should tend to be less formal than the standard technical reviews found in journals. In addition to examining their designated topics, the authors should also discuss unsolved research problems and speculate on future directions in their fields.

The royalties typically paid to the editor and the authors are instead paid to ICO.

9 - ICO Prize:

ICO has established in 1982 the ICO Prize, to be given each year to an individual who has made a noteworthy contribution to optics, published or submitted for publication before he or she has reached the age of 40. (Specifically, the Prize winner must not have reached the age of 40 before December 31 of the year for which the Prize is awarded). The character of the work of successive Prize recipients should preferably alternate between predominantly experimental or technological and predominantly theoretical. The "noteworthy" contribution in optics is measured chiefly by its impact (past or possibly future) on the field of optics generally, opening a new subfield or significantly expanding an established subfield in research or technology.

The ICO Prize involves:

- a citation,
- a cash award of an amount established in the triennial budget of the ICO and indicated every year in the call for nominations
- travel support to attend said meeting to an amount to be determined by the Bureau²,
- waiver of registration fees at said meeting
- and the invitation to present an invited paper and receive the award at the next ICO Congress or another ICO meeting mutually agreed to by the Bureau and the award winner.³

Every year, the ICO Prize Committee issues a call for nominations that is published in the ICO Newsletter, receives the nominations and selects the recipients for approval by the Bureau at its next meeting. The award needs not be made each year if the Prize Committee so chooses. The Prize is preferably given to an individual, but it can be shared by two persons. Eligibility for the Prize is not excluded by previous prizes awarded to the individual. The selected Prize winner is

² For 2005-2008, these amounts are a cash award of US\$2000 and up to US\$1000 towards travel expenses.

³ In addition, the Carl Zeiss foundation has generously agreed to donate an Ernst Abbe medal.

then announced in the ICO Newsletter and, if possible, in one or more optics journals. The prizes are presented at each ICO General Meeting.

10 - ICO Galileo Galilei Medal:

- 10.1 - The Galileo Galilei medal of ICO is awarded for outstanding contributions to the field of optics which are achieved under comparatively unfavourable circumstances.
- 10.2.1 - The outstanding contributions in the field of optics should refer to:
 - fundamental scientific questions or problems, or
 - research or development of optical methods or devices, or
 - scientific or technical leadership in the establishment of regional optical centres.
- 10.2.2 - "Comparatively unfavourable circumstances" refers to difficult economic or social conditions or lack of access to scientific or technical facilities or sources of information.
- 10.2.3 - The outstanding contributions must be documented, if applicable, by internationally acknowledged publications. Exceptionally, reports can be considered, provided that they are made available to the Award Committee.
- 10.3 - The award is normally given to one person. Exceptionally, however, if a collective contribution is judged to be worthy of the award a team of several persons may be selected.
- 10.4 - Every year, the ICO Galileo Galilei Award Committee issues a call for nominations that is published in the ICO Newsletter, receives the nominations and selects the winner for approval by the Bureau at its next meeting. The award need not be given every year if the Bureau so chooses.
- 10.5 - The award consists of:
 a) the Galileo Galilei Medal offered by the Italian Society for Optics and Photonics
 b) a cash award of an amount determined by the Bureau
 c) assistance in travel as determine by the Bureau⁴ to present an invited paper and receive the award at the next ICO Congress or another ICO meeting mutually agreed to by the Bureau and the award winner⁵,
 d) waiver of registration fees at said meeting
 e) special attention and appropriate measures of ICO to support the future activities of the award winner.

11 – ICO/ICTP Gallieno Denardo Award for Young Researchers from Developing Countries:

Approved by ICTP, August 1999. New agreement approved by ICO and ICTP, November 2007.

⁴ For 2005-2008, these amounts are a cash award of US\$1000 and up to US\$1000 towards travel expenses.

⁵ The Società Italiana di Ottica y Fotonica (SIOF) has generously agreed to donate the Medal for a number of years.

ICO, the International Commission for Optics, and ICTP, the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, have agreed to establish a joint prize, called the ICO/ICTP Award. It is reserved for young researchers from developing countries⁶, who conduct their research in a developing country.

The award will be given to scientists less than 40 years old⁷ who are active in research in Optics and have contributed to the promotion of research activities in Optics in their own or another developing country.

The award consists of the following:

1) the ICO gives a cash amount⁸ and a diploma.

2) The ICTP invites the winner to attend a three weeks College⁹ at Trieste at the next appropriate opportunity, and to give a seminar on his/her work when appropriate. ICTP will pay for travel and living expenses.

The award will be delivered to the winner at Trieste in the presence of representatives of ICO and ICTP.

The award is given to one person every year. The winner is selected on the basis of nominations received by the Award Committee in response to a call published by both ICO and ICTP. The Award Committee consists of four members, of which two are appointed by ICO and two by ICTP for a period of three years. Among the four members, ICO appoints the Committee Chair.

The nominations must be documented by a complete curriculum vitae including a list of publications and selected reprints (no more than three) as well as a complete employment history and a description of the nominee's achievements for the promotion of research activity in developing countries.

Since February 2008 the award has the new definitions as ICO/ICTP Gallieno Denardo Award honouring the memory of the late Prof. Gallieno Denardo.

⁶ Developing Countries are defined by the list of Developing Countries of the United Nations Organisation.

⁷ Specifically, the winner must not have reached the age of 40 on December 31st of the year for which the award is given.

⁸ For 2005-2008, the amount is US\$1000.

⁹ The ICTP in Trieste organises a Winter College on Optics, or Laser Physics, or Photonics, or Quantum Optics once a year, normally three weeks in February. In the past already, several of these Winter Colleges were organised in cooperation with the ICO, while the ones in February 2006 and 2007 are being organised in cooperation with the ICO, OSA (Optical Society of America), SPIE and OWLS.

12 - ICO Proceedings Donation Programme:

Territorial Committees and scientists from countries that are preparing for ICO membership may request to receive copies of the Proceedings volumes issued on the occasion of meetings participating in the ICO Proceedings Donation Programme. At least all ICO General, Topical, Regional and Cosponsored Meetings participate in the Programme. These proceedings will be kept in a scientific library open to all researchers and engineers working in optics. The cost of printing and shipping will be born by the organisers of the meetings. The ICO Secretariat will keep the mailing list and send the appropriate mailing labels in due time to the meeting organisers. In view of the expenses involved, there will be a limit of one address per ICO Member Territory and one address per country preparing for ICO membership. In addition, it is expected that Member Territories and countries where the access to scientific literature is relatively satisfactory will refrain from requesting to benefit from the Programme.

13 - ICO Bureau Meetings:

The ICO Bureau meets typically one time per year in the years without a General Meeting, and in addition once immediately before and once immediately after every General Meeting.

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T. Skalinski	Poland	Vice-President
J. Tsujiuchi	Japan	Vice-President
W. T. Welford	Great Britain	Vice-President

1981-1984

J. Tsujiuchi	Japan	President
A. W. Lohmann	FRG	Past-President
H. J. Frankena	The Netherlands	Secretary-General
J. N. Howard	USA	Vice President & Treasurer
F. T. Arecchi	Italy	Vice President
K. Biedermann	Sweden	Vice President
S. Lowenthal	France	Vice President
T. Skalinski	Poland	Vice President
P. Varga	Hungary	Vice President

1984-1987

S. Lowenthal	France	President
J. Tsujiuchi	Japan	Past-President
H. J. Frankena	The Netherlands	Secretary-General
J. N. Howard	USA	Treasurer
H. H. Arsenault	Canada	Vice-President
K. Biedermann	Sweden	Vice-President
E. Byckling	Finland	Vice-President
J. W. Goodman	USA	Vice-President
P. Hariharan	Australia	Vice-President
M. P. Petrov	USSR	Vice-President

1987-1990

J. W. Goodman	USA	President
S. Lowenthal	France	Past-President
J. C. Dainty	Great Britain	Secretary-General
P. Hariharan	Australia	Treasurer
H. H. Arsenault	Canada	Vice-President
M-W Chang	O.E. Soc. Taipei	Vice President
A. Consortini	Italy	Vice-President
F. Lanzl	FRG	Vice-President
D. Malacara	Mexico	Vice-President

J. Perina	Czechoslovakia	Vice-President
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1990-1993

J. C. Dainty	Great Britain	President
J. W. Goodman	USA	Past-President
P. Chavel	France	Secretary-General
P. Hariharan	Australia	Treasurer
T. Asakura	Japan	Vice-President
A. Consortini	Italy	Vice-President
F. Lanzl	FRG	Vice-President
G. Lupkovicz	Hungary	Vice-President
K. Rebane	former USSR	Vice-President
G. Sincerbox	USA	Vice-President
C.H.F. Velzel	The Netherlands	Vice-President
M.J. Yzuel	Spain	Vice-President

1993-1996

A. Consortini	Italy	President
J.C. Dainty	Great Britain	Past-President
P. Chavel	France	Secretary-General
R.R. Shannon	USA	Treasurer
T. Asakura	Japan	Vice-President
K. Chalasinska-Macukov	Poland	Vice-President
S.S. Lee	Korea (Republic of)	Vice-President
F. Merkle	FRG	Vice-President
G.G. Mu	Chinese Opt. Soc.	Vice-President
G. Sincerbox	USA	Vice-President
C.H.F. Velzel	The Netherlands	Vice-President
M.J. Yzuel	Spain	Vice-President

1996-1999

T. Asakura	Japan	President
A. Consortini	Italy	Past-President
P. Chavel	France	Secretary-General
A.T. Friberg	Finland	Associate Secretary
R.R. Shannon	U.S.A	Treasurer
K. Chalasinska-Macukov	Poland	Vice-President
R. Dândikler	Switzerland	Vice-President
A.H. Guenther	U.S.A	Vice-President
M.C. Hutley	U.K.	Vice-President
S.S. Lee	Korea (Republic of)	Vice-President
F. Merkle	Germany	Vice-President
G.G. Mu	Chinese Opt. Soc.	Vice-President
J. Ojeda-Castañeda	Mexico	Vice-President

1999-2002

A.H. Guenther	USA	President
T. Asakura	Japan	Past-President
P. Chavel	France	Secretary-General
A.T. Friberg	Sweden	Associate Secretary
G.T. Sincerbox	USA	Treasurer
H.H. Arsenault	Canada	Vice-President appointed
R. Dändliker	Switzerland	Vice-President
U. Kim	Korea (Republic of)	Vice-President
J. Ojeda-Castañeda	México	Vice-President
G. C. Righini	Italy	Vice-President
C- Sheppard	Australia	Vice-President
L.L. Wang	Netherlands	Vice-President
M.L. Calvo	Spain	Vice-President
A.A.Friesem	Israel	Vice-President
D.A.B.Miller	USA	Vice-President appointed
Y. Petroff	France	Vice-President appointed
B.E.A. Saleh	USA	Vice-President appointed
T. Tschudi	Germany	Vice-President appointed

2002-2005

R. Dändliker	Switzerland	President
A. H. Guenther	USA	Past-President
M. L. Calvo	Spain	Secretary-General
A.T. Friberg	Sweden	Associate Secretary
G.T. Sincerbox	USA	Treasurer
H.H. Arsenault	Canada	Vice-President appointed
A. A. Friesem	Israel	Vice-President
N. G. Gaggioli	Argentina	Vice-President
G. Jin	China	Vice-President
B. Y. Kim	Korea	Vice-President
M. Kujawinska	Poland	Vice-President
G. C. Righini	Italy	Vice-President
A. A. Sawchuk	USA	Vice-President appointed
T. Tschudi	Germany	Vice-President appointed
G. von Bally	Germany	Vice-President appointed
A. Wagué	Senegal	Vice-President appointed
L. Wang	The Netherlands	Vice-President
A. M. Weiner	USA	Vice-President appointed
I. Yamaguchi	Japan	Vice-President
P. Chavel	France	Senior Adviser (ad personam)
Y. Petroff	France	IUPAP Executive Council Delegate

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