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## **Statutes of the International Commission on Polar Meteorology**

### 1. Objectives of the Commission

The objectives of the International Commission on Polar Meteorology are:

- 1.1 To promote polar meteorology through the organisation of relevant symposia at appropriate meetings, including those of IUGG, IAMAS.
- 1.2 To initiate, facilitate and coordinate research programmes in this field.
- 1.3 To facilitate the publication of recent research.

### 2. Membership of the Commission

The International Commission on Polar Meteorology is one of the Commissions of the International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science.

- 2.1 Membership is open to all scientists with an interest in polar meteorology.
- 2.2 The Commission may elect new members by a simple majority vote of the members voting in the election. The members may be from adhering or non-adhering countries. Due regard should be paid to geographical representation in the composition of the Commission.
- 2.3 The terms of the Commission Members shall normally be for 8 years. The results of membership elections shall be reported to the General Assembly.
- 2.4 The Commission shall elect a President and a Secretary from among their membership. Presidents and Secretaries are appointed for a 4-year term and may be re-appointed for an additional 4 years.
- 2.5 If possible the list of members up for election and candidates for President and Secretary should be published before the General Assembly and arrangements made so that members who cannot attend can vote by email or by attending via an internet link.
- 2.6 The President may request the Bureau to sanction an election by email ballot, or by holding an extra-ordinary election at the time of a Commission meeting held outside the time of an Ordinary General Assembly, if the President feels that a satisfactory election cannot be held at an Ordinary General Assembly.

- 2.6.1 An email ballot should be held prior to the Ordinary General Assembly so that the results could be reported to that Assembly.
- 2.6.2 An extra-ordinary election at a Commission meeting outside the time of the Ordinary General Assembly should preferably be held in the year prior to or following the Assembly in question.
- 2.6.3 For elections held outside the General Assemblies, the terms of office shall last until that General Assembly which would result in the closest approximation to a full term.
- 2.6.4 The results of such extra-ordinary elections shall be reported to the Bureau and to the following Ordinary General Assembly.

### 3. Time Schedule of the Commission

- 3.1 The Commission shall meet at the Scientific and General Assemblies of IAMAS. If possible a internet link (eg Skype) should be made available for members who cannot attend the General assembly.
- 3.2 Extra-ordinary meetings of the Commission may be held as necessary, provided that the Bureau of the Association is informed beforehand.

### 4. Sub-groups

- 4.1 The Commission may, at the discretion of the President, appoint Sub-Commissions, Committees or Working Groups, to undertake special studies or to devote specialist attention to a part of the general area of concern. The members of such sub-bodies need not be members of the Commission. They will be appointed by the President of the Commission, after due consultation with members of the Commission. Findings or recommendations of such sub-bodies must be approved by the Commission before promulgation.

### 5. Voting

- 5.1 All decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a simple majority of votes of the members voting (individual votes). In case of equal votes for and against, that of the President shall decide.