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- b) Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority. In the event of a tied vote, the proposal shall be referred to the Council for further consideration.
- c) Each Ordinary Member shall have one vote. Ordinary Members shall notify the Secretariat at the start of a General Assembly of the names of any representative exercising the right to vote on their behalf.
- d) The Chairman of the General Assembly shall not have the right to vote.
- e) It shall be incumbent on the Secretariat to draft the Report containing the decisions taken, the results of the voting, and the official statements of any representatives having the right to vote. The Report shall be signed by the Chair and the Secretary of the General Assembly and shall be forwarded to Ordinary Members within three months.

VI. THE COUNCIL

Art. 12

- a) The Council shall consist of the President as chairman and ten members, each of whom shall be from a different country.
- b) The President shall be elected for a term of four years.
- c) The Council shall elect from among its members two Vice-Presidents of the Association.
- d) Members of the Council shall be elected normally for a four-year term. Upon expiry of a member's term of office the Assembly shall appoint a replacement. Council members shall relinquish their office upon reaching the age of 68.
- e) Outgoing Presidents of the Council and Council members may not be reelected before three years have elapsed since their earlier term of office.
- f) Council meetings shall be convened at not less than five days' prior notice by the President or his/her deputy or by three Council members.
- g) Decisions of the Council shall be validly taken by simple majority, provided that not less than six members in office are present. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

Art. 13

The Council shall:

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- 1) manage the day-to-day business of the Association;
- 2) consider proposals put to it by the Commissions;
- 3) prepare annual General Assemblies and other events of the Association;
- 4) implement the decisions of the General Assembly;
- 5) appoint the General Secretary of the Association;
- 6) determine the publications policy;
- 7) draw up the overall programme of activities of the Association for placing before the General Assembly;
- 8) draw up the Budget and make preparations for the following fiscal year and for the following three fiscal years;
- 9) draw up the Report on the activities of the Association and the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the previous financial year;
- 10) collaborate with international organisations operating in the animal production field;
- 11) secure compliance with the by-laws and be responsible for drafting amendments to the Statutes as may be required;
- 12) open agencies elsewhere in Italy or in other countries;
- 13) place before the General Assembly the countries that are proposed to be admitted as ordinary members;
- 14) place before the General Assembly the names of persons whom it is proposed to elect to honorary membership;
- 15) determine conditions for admission of Individual Members of the Association.;
- 16) decide on the recipients of the Leroy Fellowship and Distinguished Service Awards.

VII. THE PRESIDENT

Art. 14

The President shall be the legal representative of the Association and may sue and be sued in its name. The President shall convene and take the chair at General Assemblies and at meetings of the Council and ensure that their decisions are implemented.

The President if indisposed shall be replaced, with all functions and powers given in the Statutes, by the first Vice-President elected or, if unavailable, by the other Vice-President, seniority in the two cases to be determined by the order of appointment as Vice-President or, where no distinction is made at the time of appointment, by reference to their age.

The President shall represent the Association in all civil acts and shall sign on behalf of the Association and represent it vis-à-vis third parties, whether at law or in administrative matters, and may appoint proxies for any act or class of acts.

The President shall in particular be vested with powers to receive payment of any moneys

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remitted to the Association and issue receipts therefore; and to open and close current accounts with banks or with the Post Office; and to perform financial or payment operations.

All obligations assumed by the Association shall require the signature of the President or any proxies or of both the President and any proxy.

VIII. THE SECRETARIAT

Art. 15

- a) The Secretariat of the Association shall perform such duties as are assigned to it by the Council and conduct day-to-day business.
- b) The Secretariat's functions shall be determined by the Council in the by-laws.

IX. THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

Art. 16

- a) The Board of Auditors shall consist of two members. An alternate member shall also be appointed.
- b) The Board of Auditors shall have a term of office of three years, renewable for not more than three years, and shall remain in office following the expiry of such term for the time necessary for them to complete outstanding business.
- c) The Board of Auditors shall each year audit the accounts for the Financial Year and place their written Report before the General Assembly; and shall move the approval of the year's accounts.

X. COMMISSIONS

Art. 17

- a) The Commissions shall, either independently or jointly with other Commissions, deal with specific matters of a scientific or technical nature having to do with animal production. They may be given special assignments.
- b) The Commissions and their subsidiary organs shall be convened by the respective presidents through the good offices of the host country to the annual meeting.
- c) Commissions shall normally hold their meetings at the same time as such annual meetings.



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XI. ANNUAL MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS

Art. 18

- a) The organisation of annual meetings, symposia and seminars shall be included in the annual programme of activities of the Association.
- b) All experts who are involved in their respective countries with animal production matters may take part in the various meetings of the Association, except in the case of events where participation is restricted.
- c) Save where otherwise agreed, host countries to annual meetings, symposia and seminars shall be responsible for organising these. All expenses entailed in the preparation and holding of such events shall be borne by the host country except where otherwise agreed.

XII. OPERATING FUND; ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 19

- a) The Operating Fund shall consist of:
 - 1) members and “individual members” annual dues;
 - 2) any surplus from miscellaneous activities that is not otherwise to be allocated to the Reserve;
 - 3) any moneys authorised or granted by ministries, public boards or private individuals not otherwise allocated to specific undertakings or activities;
 - 4) interest on assets.
- b) the Association’s financial year shall run from 1 January to 31 December;
- c) the Association’s assets shall consist of:
 - 1) any surplus accruing from the conduct of business that the General Assembly may allocate to the Reserve;
 - 2) all and any movable and immovable property accruing to the Association by way of purchase or donation or under any other title.
- d) the Association shall meet its liabilities exclusively out of its own assets;
- e) the Council shall each year draw up a Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 31 December together with the Budget to be placed before the General Assembly and the programme of activities for the following year.

The Association may not distribute, whether directly or indirectly, any profits or surplus of whatever description, reserve funds or capital during the life of the Association, save



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where such distribution is required by law or otherwise is made in favour of such similar non-profit organisations of social usefulness. The Association shall allocate any profits or operational surpluses to the performance of its institutional activities and those directly related thereto.

Art. 20

- a) The services of members of the Council, of Commissions and the Auditors shall be rendered without charge.
- b) Per diem and travel allowances may be paid to the members of the Council and to the Auditors as provided for in the by-laws.
- c) Similar allowances shall be payable at the discretion of the Council for specific services.

XIII. COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Art. 21

- a) International organisations having an interest in the activities of the Association may appoint representatives as observers at the meetings of the Association subject to reciprocity.
- b) The delegation appointed by FAO shall attend meetings of the General Assembly and of the Council *ex officio* with consultative status.

XIV. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Art. 22

Amendments to the by-laws shall be the responsibility of the Council.

XV. AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES; WINDING-UP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 23

- a) Any amendment to the Statutes or the winding-up of the Association shall be a matter for the exclusive decision of a General Assembly and shall require a two-thirds majority of Ordinary Members present or represented.
- b) Any proposal for amending the Statutes or for the winding-up of the Association shall be notified in writing to Ordinary Members not less than two months prior to the date of the General Assembly.

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c) In the event of winding-up for whatever cause, the Association shall make over its assets to non-profit organisations or those of social usefulness, or to public utility following consultation with the Authority contemplated in section 3 (190) of the law of 23 December 1996, No. 662, save where another destination for such assets is statutorily required.

XVI. APPLICABLE LAW

Art. 24

Any matters not provided for in these Statutes shall be governed by the rules on non-commercial bodies contained in the Civil Code of Italy.