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CONSTITUTION
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EUROPEAN WEED RESEARCH SOCIETY

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Article I NAME, SEAT and FORMATION, LEGAL STATUS

1. Name and Seat
The name of the organization is „European Weed Research Society“. The seat is Wageningen (The Netherlands). The secretariat may be located elsewhere.
2. Formation
The European Weed Research Society was ratified on dissolution of the European Weed Research Council (1975) at which time the assets, liabilities and patrimony of the Council were transferred to the Society and for which a Constitution was drawn up and adopted.
3. Legal Status
The Society is registered in accordance with the Dutch law from which it derives all rights as a legal entity. The implementation of the Constitution is determined by Dutch law.

Article II CONSTITUTION

The legal version of this Constitution is in Dutch. It is also available in English.

Article III DEFINITIONS

1. Europe
Countries having all or part of their territory in Europe, including countries surrounding and islands in the Mediterranean Sea.
2. Weed
Any plant or vegetation, interfering with the objectives or requirements of people.
3. Weed research
The activity of obtaining knowledge about weeds.
4. Weed control technology
The application of knowledge for the solution of weed problems.

Article IV OBJECT

The object of the Society is to promote and encourage weed research and control technology in Europe for the benefit of the community as a whole. The Society shall not engage in any form of political activity.

Article V ACTIVITIES

To fulfil the object, the Society shall:

1. Assist communication between individuals and organizations;
2. Advise, collaborate and maintain liaison with relevant national and international organizations;
3. Identify problems of weeds, weed research and weed control technology and stimulate research or other activities aimed at overcoming such problems;
4. Organize meetings, symposia and conferences;
5. Collect and disseminate information;

6. Encourage and assist education and training in weed research and weed control technology and promote weed control practices;
7. Undertake any other lawful activity in pursuance of the object of the Society;
8. Remain a learned society without the object of financial gain.

Article VI MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Society shall consist of:
 - a) Ordinary Members:
any individual in Europe or elsewhere interested in the objectives of the Society and having declared their membership to the Secretary or the Membership Officer.
 - b) Student Members:
any student interested in the object of the Society and having declared her/his membership to the Membership Officer. On the 1st of November every year, an application form for another membership year must be submitted, together with a statement and confirmation by her/his academic supervisor or institute, that the applicant is a BSc, MSc, or PhD student. If the form is not delivered in November the membership status will automatically change to an Ordinary Membership per 1st of January of the following year.
 - c) Honorary Members:
distinguished persons will be proposed by the Board and elected for life by majority vote of the General Assembly. Honorary Members should be persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the object of the Society and have retired from fulltime professional work. The number of Honorary Members shall not exceed 10 at any one time.
 - d) Sustaining Members:
organizations or individuals willing to provide financial support for the Society at or above a level set by the General Assembly and having declared their membership to the Secretary or the Membership Officer.
 - e) Affiliated Member Organizations:
any national or international non-commercial organization in Europe or elsewhere interested in weed research and wishing to co-operate in and be kept informed of the affairs of the Society and having declared their membership to the Secretary or the Membership Officer.
2. Rates of subscription for all categories of membership shall be determined by the Board and put to vote in the General Assembly.
3. Privileges
 - I Ordinary and Student Members
 - a) To attend and vote at the General Assembly thereby participating in policy making for the Society and its activities.
 - b) To participate in the affairs of the Society and where appropriate to become member of the Board and other committees. Officers of the Society must be resident in Europe.
 - c) To elect the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Scientific Secretary.
 - d) To elect National Representatives for their own country.
 - e) To receive the audited report of the Society's finances presented by the Board and approved by the General Assembly.
 - f) To submit proposals to the Board and/or the General Assembly.
 - g) To receive and comment on reports on the activities of the Society and its Committees.
 - h) To receive the *Newsletter* and other information relevant to the aims of the Society.
 - i) To receive a personal copy of the Society's journal *WEED RESEARCH* free of charge or at a reduced price, as decided by the Board annually.

- j) To attend at reduced charges events organized by the Society and to have priority where there is a restricted attendance.

II Honorary Members

- a) To be exempt from membership dues.
- b) To receive a complimentary copy of each issue of the journal *WEED RESEARCH*.
- c) Other privileges as under 3 I of this Article.

III Sustaining Members

- a) To participate in the affairs of the Society.
- b) Other privileges as under 3 I a and c-i of this Article.
- c) In the case of an organization, a representative shall be nominated.

IV Affiliated Member Organizations

- a) To nominate a representative to attend the General Assembly who shall not be eligible to vote.
- b) To participate in the affairs of the Society.
- c) Other privileges as under 3 I f-i of this Article.

Article VII ORGANIZATION

The organization of the Society shall be based on the following bodies:

1. General Assembly: the official meeting of members of the Society.
2. Board: the members of the Society having the responsibility delegated by the General Assembly to control the finance and administration and to implement the policy of the Society. The Board shall report on the activities and on the finances of the Society to the General Assembly.
3. Scientific Committee: a Standing Committee having the responsibility to promote, implement and co-ordinate the scientific programme of the Society accepted by the Board.
4. Working Groups: groups of persons, organizing scientific activities in a specific area of research.
5. Ad hoc Committees: committees set up temporarily in order to undertake specific tasks.
6. Standing Committees: permanent committees of the Society appointed by the Board.
7. The Editorial Board of the Society's journal *WEED RESEARCH*.
8. National Representatives: the representatives of the different European countries shall provide the contact between the members in their countries and the Board, to promote activities of the Society.

Article VIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Competences and obligations

The competences and obligations of the General Assembly are:

- a) To receive and discuss the annual report submitted by the Board on the Society's activities and finances and to approve the audited financial report;
- b) To receive, discuss and approve the budget for the following year as submitted by the Board;
- c) To delegate responsibility to and approve the work of the Board and the Scientific Committee, and the Standing Committees, and to approve or not the work of the mentioned committees;
- d) To suspend and/or dismiss members of the Board if reasons occur;
- e) To make decisions concerning the Society's constitution and politics. Motions concerned with proposals to change the Society's constitution and policy must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than 6 weeks before the date of a General Assembly;
- f) To approve the decisions of the Board as under Article IX 1. c;
- g) To confirm or reject the recommendation of the Board for Honorary Memberships;
- h) To approve membership-fees, recommended by the Board;

- i) To approve the content and the production of the Society's journal *WEED RESEARCH*.
2. Membership
The General Assembly shall consist of:
 - (i) Ordinary Members,
 - (ii) Student Members,
 - (iii) Honorary Members,
 - (iv) Sustaining Members' Representatives,
 - (v) Affiliated Member Organizations' Representatives.All of the above, except (iv), shall be eligible to vote.
3. Meetings
The General Assembly must hold at least 1 meeting each year, preferably on the occasion of a conference. The date of the next meeting shall be approved by the General Assembly. The invitations to the meetings shall be sent out to every member eligible to vote.
The Secretary shall notify all members of the agenda of the General Assembly 6 weeks in advance.
On specific issues of policy notified in advance of a meeting, a member unable to attend may send in his/her decision in writing or notify the Secretary of a proxy to exercise his vote on his behalf. The proxy must be in possession of the Secretary 3 weeks in advance of the meeting of the General Assembly. A member is allowed to execute the proxies of several members.
An extraordinary meeting shall be called within 3 months upon the written request of not less than 10% of the members eligible to vote.
4. Reporting
A report of the General Assembly shall be published in the Society's *Newsletter*. The minutes of the General Assembly shall be signed by the President and the Secretary.
5. Voting
The voting in the General Assembly takes place by the majority of the valid votes, represented either in person or by proxy, unless the Constitution asks for other majorities as under Article XVII and XVIII.

Article IX BOARD

1. Duties and competence
The duties and competence of the Board are:
 - a) To conduct on behalf of the General Assembly the affairs of the Society and to promote, co-ordinate and advise on activities of the Society and to supervise the work of the secretariat, through which it normally will act;
 - b) To have the power to incur expenditures budgeted by the General Assembly;
 - c) To decide, subject to approval by the General Assembly,
 - 1) to enter into contracts in order to acquire, alienate or encumber registered goods and
 - 2) to effect agreements by which the Society shall bind itself as surety or shall commit itself as joint and several debtor, or shall warrant performance by a third party, or shall provide security for a debt of a third party.In the absence of intended approval from a third party against the Society or from the Society against a third party, any of these agreements can be appealed to the Board and General Assembly;
 - d) To delegate responsibilities to and approve the work of the Scientific Committee, Standing Committees and Ad hoc Committees;

- e) To establish Committees, or to appoint individuals necessary to fulfil the objectives of the Society, to authorise their activities, to nominate chairpersons, to receive and approve their reports;
- f) To appoint the Chairperson of the Editorial Board of the Society's journal *WEED RESEARCH*;
- g) To appoint the Membership Officer;
- h) To co-opt Additional Members to serve on the Board;
- i) To appoint 2 auditors, who shall be resident in the country in which the Treasurer holds office and where the Main Account is held;
- j) To submit proposals to the General Assembly and to report about the Society's activities to the General Assembly;
- k) To consider proposals made by Members at the General Assembly and on other occasions concerning the policy and activities of the Society;
- l) To prepare annually the audited financial report of the Society and to submit it to the General Assembly;
- m) To propose membership-fees to the General Assembly;
- n) To recommend to the General Assembly nominations for Honorary Membership;
- o) To appoint and dismiss staff.

2. Membership

The Board shall consist of the following members, all of whom shall be Members of the Society and shall be eligible to vote:

- a) The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Scientific Secretary, who shall be called the Officers of the Board, elected in their function by the Membership eligible to vote. These officers form the Executive Committee and they are responsible for day-to-day management.
- b) Immediate Past-President.
- c) The Chairperson of the Editorial Board of the Society's journal *WEED RESEARCH* who shall be appointed by the elected members of the Board.
- d) The Membership Officer who shall be appointed by the elected members of the Board.
- e) 4 Additional Members, being co-opted National Representatives.

3. Terms of Office

The President, Vice-President and Immediate Past-President may not hold office for more than 2 consecutive years. On retirement of the President, the Vice-President shall succeed to the presidency. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume his duties.

The Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Scientific Secretary (of the Scientific Committee) shall hold office for 4 years and shall be eligible for re-election.

The 4 Additional Members shall hold office for 4 years. The office period of the Additional Members shall be arranged such, that 2 of these positions change alternately every 2nd year.

4. Meetings

The Board shall hold at least 1 meeting each year.

The President shall call an Extraordinary Meeting at any time upon the written request of not less than 5 members of the Board.

5. Reporting

The annual report of the Board shall be published after approval by the General Assembly in the Society's *Newsletter*.

6. Quorum

The presence of a majority of members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. On specific issues notified in advance of a meeting, the agreement or otherwise in writing of a member unable to attend a meeting shall be eligible to contribute a vote. In the event of meetings at which less than a quorum is present, provisional decisions will be circulated to all members and ratified only if a majority of members record their approval in writing.

7. Representation

The President together with the Treasurer, or the President together with the Secretary, shall represent the Society in law and otherwise. If for any reason the President is unable to act he shall be replaced by the Vice-President.

Article X STANDING COMMITTEES and AD HOC COMMITTEES

The Board acting on behalf of the Society shall appoint Standing Committees or Ad hoc Committees as are considered necessary to conduct the business of the Society. The Chairpersons of these Committees shall be appointed by the Board.

Each Committee shall be set up for a specific task and shall disband once the task has been completed. No time limit is set. In consultation with the Board each Committee shall invite members to participate and prepare its terms of reference, programme of work and budget, which shall be approved by the Board. The Committees shall conduct their own business and hold meetings when and where they deem it desirable. Each Committee shall report to the Board annually.

Article XI SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

1. Tasks

The tasks of the Scientific Committee are:

- a) To promote, implement and co-ordinate the scientific programme of the Society;
- b) To ensure that research interests of the different European countries are represented;
- c) To formulate proposals for the scientific activities, to be approved by the Board;
- d) To formulate budgets to accomplish the activities, to be approved by the Board;
- e) To organize conferences, meetings or symposia, supported by the Working Groups, to be approved by the Board;
- f) After approval by the Board, the Scientific Committee shall conduct its own business.

To fulfil these functions Working Groups shall be established. The themes of these Working Groups will be selected by the Officers of the Scientific Committee in agreement with the Board.

2. Membership

The Scientific Committee shall consist of President, Vice-President, Scientific Secretary of the Society, and the co-ordinators of the Working Groups the latter of whom shall be appointed by the Board. The President, Vice-President and Scientific Secretary of the Society shall be called the Officers of the Scientific Committee. These officers shall represent the Scientific Committee. The Vice-President of the Society shall be the Chairperson of the Scientific Committee.

3. Terms of Office

The Chairperson shall hold office for 2 years. The Scientific Secretary shall hold office for 4 years and shall be eligible for re-election.

The co-ordinator of a Working Group shall be appointed for 3 years by the Board and shall be eligible for reappointment following nomination by the Scientific Committee.

4. Meetings
The Officers of the Scientific Committee shall hold regular meetings as required by the Committee members.
5. Quorum
Proposals by the Scientific Committee to the Board are taken by majority of votes. If there is no consensus, all proposals of concern are submitted to the Board for approval.
6. Reports
The Scientific Committee shall report on its activities annually to the Board and to the General Assembly.

Article XII WORKING GROUPS

The Scientific Committee may propose Working Groups to the Board at any time.

The co-ordinator of a Working Group shall be nominated by the Scientific Committee (and be appointed by the Board [Article XI, 3.]).

The budget of a Working Group must be approved by the Board. Membership shall be at the discretion of the co-ordinator.

Each Working Group shall be set up for a specific task and shall disband once the task has been completed. No time limit is set but it shall be a condition of the continuing existence of each Working Group that a report of the financial and scientific activities is submitted to the Board annually after having been presented and discussed at the first meeting of the Scientific Committee held in each year.

Article XIII EDITORIAL BOARD of the journal *WEED RESEARCH*

The Editorial Board, as a Standing Committee, shall be responsible to the Board for the policy and production of the Society's journal. It shall consist of the Chairperson, who shall be appointed by the Board, the Editor-in-Chief and the Editors of the journal. No limit shall be set to the number of Editors who shall be selected on the basis of their standing in the field of weed research and technology, their proficiency in the English language and their willingness to edit scientific contributions and serve on the Editorial Board on behalf of the Society.

The Chairperson shall call a meeting of the Editorial Board at his discretion but not less than once every second year and shall submit a report annually to the Board.

Financial arrangements for production of the journal shall be made by the Board in consultation with the Chairperson of the Editorial Board and the publishers.

Article XIV NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

European countries with at least a certain number of Members eligible to vote, shall be entitled to have its own National Representative. The decisive number shall be determined by the General Assembly on proposal of the Board, and described in a Bye-Law.

1. Functions
The functions of the National Representatives are:
 - a) To promote, co-ordinate and advise on the activities of the Society and to act as contacts between the Members in their countries and the Society.
 - b) To be eligible for co-optation as Additional Member on the Board.

- c) To keep in touch with the Board through the Secretariat, to report about any activities.
- d) To recruit new members interested to work and interact with the Society.
- e) To involve actively the national Members in the activities of the Society.
- f) To correspond new research ideas and trends.
- g) To propose candidates for auditors of the Main Account.
- h) To ensure that the editor of the *Newsletter* is informed of all meetings in their countries and to prepare reports, if appropriate, about such meetings to be published in the *Newsletter*.

2. Meetings

A meeting of the National Representatives shall be organized at the occasion of each Symposium to discuss current trends in the research area of the Society. Requests for additional meetings within the period between two Symposia must be approved by the Board.

The Immediate Past-President of the Society shall be the Chairperson of the meetings.

Article XV ELECTION and APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE and VOTING

1. President and Vice-President

- a) In February of every other year (biennial election) a call for nominations shall be sent to all voting members who shall have the privilege of submitting to the Secretary 1 nomination for the office of Vice-President. Nominations must be received within 6 weeks of dispatch of the call circular to all voting members. The Secretary shall ask the nominees to express their willingness to serve. If for any reason the Vice-President in post is unable automatically to advance to the presidency, the Executive Committee shall, adopting the same procedure, send out a call for nominations also for the post of the President.
- b) The 4 names receiving the highest number of nominations and who have complied with Article VI 3. (I) b) of this Constitution, shall be placed on the ballot in alphabetical sequence. In case of a tie all the nominees concerned will be on the ballot.
- c) The ballots shall be sent out in May and the election terminated in June. The balloting shall be conducted by postal and/or electronic mail. The ballots shall be opened and counted at the close of the election by the Secretary and 2 members of the Society appointed by the President. Should there be no Secretary in post, another member of the Board shall be appointed by the President to serve *ad interim*.
- d) In the event of a tie-vote, a re-election shall take place with the same candidates at the next General Assembly.
- e) In case there is only 1 nomination or only 1 nominee is willing to serve, the nomination is equivalent to an election, and the candidate is elected. This decision shall be published in the next issue of the *Newsletter*. Opposition, within 2 months, of the majority of the members to the decision, initiates a new election procedure.

2. Secretary and Treasurer

In February, every 4th year, a call for nominations shall be sent out to all voting Members to submit to the Secretary 1 nomination each for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall ask the nominees to express their willingness to serve. The balloting procedure then to be followed shall comply with Article XV 1. b-e.

3. Scientific Secretary

Every 4 years, at the direction of the Board, the Scientific Secretary in post may be invited to serve 1 further term. Should no reappointment be possible, a call for nominations shall be sent out to all members to submit to the Secretary 1 nomination for the office of the Scientific Secretary. Nominations must be received within 6 weeks of dispatch of the call circular to all voting members.

The Secretary shall ask the nominees to express their willingness to serve. The balloting procedure then to be followed shall comply with Article XV 1. b-e.

4. Additional Members on the Board

- a) In February every 2nd year a call for nominations shall be sent out from the Secretary to the National Representatives. Nominations must be received within 6 weeks of dispatch of the call circular. The Secretary will then approach those nominees receiving the most votes and ascertain, where this is not already known, their willingness to serve.
- b) Up to 4 willing nominees, who receive the highest number of nominations, shall be proposed to the Board. Should the total of nominees be fewer than 4, the actual number of nominees shall appear in the proposal. The Board co-opts by majority of vote 2 of the nominees as Additional Members on the Board.

5. Auditors of the Main Account

The Board shall appoint 2 auditors, who must not be members of the Board. The appointment shall be every 4 years in coincidence with the (re-)election of the Treasurer on proposal of the respective National Representative. Auditors are not eligible for re-appointment.

6. National Representatives

The nomination of candidates and the election of a National Representative by the Members of his / her country shall be conducted by the Secretary every 4 years on occasion of the election of the Vice-President. The Representatives shall be eligible for re-election for 1 further term.

7. Resignation of members of the Board between elections

If for any reason an elected person in post is unable to serve for the whole term of office, the candidate of the respective election, having received the next highest number of votes, shall replace him / her for the rest of the term. In the event of that person not accepting the position, the procedure will continue to the person with next most votes. If another candidate is not available to replace an out-going office-holder, the Executive Committee shall co-opt a suitable member of the Society to fulfil this role until the next election.

Article XVI FISCAL YEAR, PROPERTY and FUNDS

1. The fiscal year of the Society shall be the calendar year, 1 January to 31 December.
2. Finance for administration of the Society and to promote its aims will be derived primarily from membership fees, donations, grants, sales of publications and income arising from events organized by the Society.
The income and property of the Society, however derived, shall be applied exclusively towards the promotion of the Object of the Society.
No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to members of the Society or to organizations which they represent, except in good faith as reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Society in return for any services actually rendered to the Society.
Funds donated for specific objectives shall not be diverted to other purposes without the expressed permission of the donor.
3. An audit of each International Account shall be made annually by a 2-man local Panel, appointed as under Article IX 1. f. The Panel's report shall be sent to the Treasurer, together with the final balance of the International Account.

4. The audit of the Main Account of the Society shall be conducted at the office of the Treasurer by 2 auditors, elected by the Membership eligible to vote, who may ask the assistance of a chartered accountant. After approval by the Board and the General Assembly the final report shall be published in the *Newsletter*.

All expenditure on behalf of the Society shall be allowed only in accordance with the annual budget approved by the General Assembly. Other supplementary expenditure shall only be possible by permission, in writing, of the Treasurer and the President and shall be explained at the following meeting of the Board and General Assembly.

The hard copies of the accounts of the Society must be retained for 10 years.

5. Any properties and funds of the Society shall be vested in the Foundation for the Financial Interests of the European Weed Research Society (Stichting Geldelijke Belangen van de European Weed Research Society) seated at Wageningen and registered in Arnhem, The Netherlands.

Article XVII ALTERATION of the CONSTITUTION

Any proposal for altering the Constitution shall be made in writing to the Board. The Board shall have the power to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption or rejection of any proposed alterations to the Constitution. No alteration shall be made to the Constitution by reason whereby the legal status of the Society shall be altered. Alterations to the Constitution, which must accord with the above conditions, shall require ratification by a majority vote of the General Assembly. In the General Assembly at least two-third of the members eligible to vote must be represented either in person or by proxy.

In the event of a General Assembly at which less than the quorum mentioned above is present, then in a following General Assembly the proposed Alterations to the Constitution can be executed after ratification by a majority vote of the General Assembly, independent of the number of members eligible to vote represented in person or by proxy.

Before implementation a new legal document, drafted by a Dutch Notary, is required (Article I 3.).

Article XVIII DISSOLUTION of the SOCIETY

The Society can be dissolved by the General Assembly. Application of Article XVII is compulsory in this event.

In the event of dissolution, all properties and funds remaining shall be donated to European associations, societies or other institutions whose objects are charitable and are concerned with promoting the exchange of scientific information. Such institution shall prohibit the distribution of income or property derived from the Society amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Society under Article XVI.

Article XIX BYE-LAWS

1. The General Assembly may set up Bye-Laws concerning all other subjects of which regulations appear to be appropriate.
2. Acceptance or alteration of Bye-Laws proposed by the Board can occur by a majority vote of the General Assembly.
3. The regulations of the Bye-Laws must not contain any regulation that deviates from the Constitution or the Dutch law.

Article XX FINAL REGULATION

In the case of any omission in the regulations, in the Constitution or in the Bye-Laws and in case of any doubt the Board shall decide in accordance with the Dutch law.

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BYE-LAWS

Bye-Laws - accepted by the 26th General Assembly at BASLE, 1999-06-30:

1. Membership and payment of membership dues

(ref. Article VIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1. h))

Membership is dependent on payment in full of the appropriate subscription for the current year. Members renewing their membership must do so before 31 March.

Members whose dues are unpaid on 31 March are charged with 10% increase of the fee, and are requested to pay before 30 June. If there is no payment on 30 June the member will be informed before 30 September that his / her address will be suspended from the register on 31 December of the current subscription year.

2. Currency

(ref. Article VIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1. h); Article IX BOARD 5.)

The amount of the subscription of each year shall be quoted in terms of Euros (EUR), but may be paid in any currency of equivalent value negotiable in the country in which an official International Account of the Society is situated. The fees calculated according to the exchange rate obtained on 1 December of the year before for the different International Accounts will be announced yearly in a Letter of Invoice before 31 January.

Financial Reports of the Society shall be published in Euro (EUR).

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3. Student Membership

(ref. Article VI MEMBERSHIP 1. b))

After receipt of the yearly Invoice in January, a student applying for the status of Student Member for the current year must submit a statement by her/his academic supervisor or institute (form will be provided by the Treasurer), that the applicant is a BSc, MSc, or PhD student for the current year of membership. If the form is not delivered before 31 March of the membership year of concern, the membership will be suspended until the statement has been received by the Treasurer. The membership will be re-activated after receipt of the above mentioned statement.

In case the student wants to change his/her status into an Ordinary Membership he/she must inform the Treasurer of his decision, and he/she is obliged to pay the fee for the Ordinary Membership within 4 weeks after his/her announcement to the Treasurer. There will be no reimbursement of the fee already paid for the current year but it will be offset against the fee amount of an Ordinary Membership.

4. Threshold for the election procedure of National Representatives

(ref. Article XV ELECTION and APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE and VOTING 6.)

Each European country with at least 5 members shall be entitled to have its own National Representative.

EWRS Organization

General Assembly

Ordinary & Student Members

Honorary Members

Sustaining Members' Representatives

Affiliated Member Organisations' Representatives

Board

Executive Committee	President	Standing Committees
	Vice-President	Ad hoc Committees
	Secretary	Newsletter Committee
	Treasurer	Financial Committee
	Scientific Secretary	Scientific Committee, <i>Working Groups</i>
	Chairman of the Editorial Board <i>WEED RESEARCH</i>	Editorial Board <i>WEED RESEARCH</i>
	Membership Officer	
	Immediate Past-President	
	4 Additional Members (<i>co-opted National Representatives</i>)	

National Representatives