

The International Nuclear Track Society (INTS)

CONSTITUTION

1.0 OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The International Nuclear Track Society (INTS) is an independent scientific organisation. Its primary objectives are to promote:

- research work on tracks of charged particles in solid materials ("nuclear tracks in solids"),
- scientific and practical applications of the nuclear track technique for human benefit,
- the growth and exchange of information on the study and application of nuclear tracks.

The activities of the INTS are those appropriate to the accomplishment of its primary objectives. They include especially:

- co-organisation of international scientific meetings, of which the biennial "International Conference on Nuclear Tracks in Solids" (ICNTS) is the most important one,
- help in establishing international co-operation,
- co-operation with other organisations that have objectives and activities relevant to those of the society.

2.0 AUTHORITY OF THE INTS, VOTING

2.1 The ultimate authority of the INTS rests in the membership at a General Assembly.

2.2 The presence of one third of the members at the General Assembly shall constitute a quorum.

2.3 Voting rights are limited to individual, honorary and affiliated members. Each voting member has one vote.

2.4 Decisions are accepted by a simple majority of the members present and voting; possible exceptions are given below in the appropriate paragraphs.

2.5 Secret voting is prescribed for the election of the officers and the members of the International Committee. The candidates receiving the most votes will be elected.

2.6 Decisions made by the Executive Committee are to be confirmed by the succeeding General Assembly. In the case that the General Assembly does not confirm them, the respective decision is null and void.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society can be on an individual or group basis.

3.1 Type of membership

- Individual members: Individual membership may be acquired by any scientist who is working in the field of nuclear tracks in solids and related areas.
- Honorary members: Individual members who have normally been members for 7 periods in total may be honoured by this type of membership. In each conference normally up to 3 honorary members can be elected.
- Affiliated members: Affiliated members can be those organisations, companies, etc., whose interests are such as to warrant a formal relationship with the INTS.
- Associated members: Associated members can be a group of scientists working in the field of nuclear tracks in solids and related areas. (A typical associated member would be a National Nuclear Track Society.)

3.2 Membership Fees

- Individual members and affiliated members have to pay a biennial membership fee.
- The membership fees shall be fixed by a decision of the General Assembly.
- They are payable on the occasion of an ICNTS or at any time directly to the Treasurer.

3.3 Commencement of membership

- Individual members: Membership will come into force after the applicant for membership has paid the membership fee for the current membership period.
- Honorary members: Five individual members and/or the Executive Committee can propose a member for this type of membership. Such membership will come into force after the General Assembly has agreed with a two thirds majority vote. The rules under 2.2 to 2.4 have to be applied accordingly.
- Associated members: Membership will come into force after the General Assembly has approved by a majority vote a written request for membership. The rules under 2.2 to 2.4 have to be applied accordingly.
- Affiliated members: Membership will come into force after the General Assembly has approved by a majority vote a written request for membership (The rules under 2.2 to

2.4 have to be applied accordingly.) and the membership fee for the current membership period has been paid.

3.4 Termination of membership

- Membership will cease automatically for any member who has failed to pay the required membership fee within one year of the date on which it is due.
- Membership will cease if five individual members and/or the Executive Committee propose a corresponding motion to which the General Assembly agrees with a two thirds majority. The rules under 2.2 to 2.4 have to be applied accordingly.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP PERIOD, TERM OF SERVICE

4.1 One membership period lasts from the opening ceremony of an ICNTS to that of the next ICNTS.

4.2 A term of service of the President, the other officers, the Executive Committee, and the International Committee is the period between two successive ICNTS's. It starts immediately after the closing ceremony of the preceding ICNTS.

5.0 MEETINGS

5.1 The General Assembly of the INTS will be held in conjunction with an ICNTS.

5.2 Following the (two thirds majority) approval by the Executive Committee, meetings may be held on other occasions when one third of members and at least one office bearer (who will chair this meeting) are present. The rules under 2.2 to 2.4 have to be applied accordingly.

5.3 Between General Assemblies balloting by mail is allowed, after a (two thirds) majority of the Executive Committee has decided to do so. The rules under 2.2 to 2.4 have to be applied accordingly.

6.0 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

-The International Committee is responsible for recommendations concerning the scientific programme of the "International Conferences on Nuclear Tracks in Solids".

-The International Committee nominates 7 of its members to serve on the Executive Committee.

The International Committee is composed of "ex officio" the officers of the Society, the Ex-President (for the term following his/her term as President) and 21 members.

The International Committee members are nominated for election by the INTS members who are called upon for this action by the President. They will be elected by the INTS

members at a General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2.2 to 2.5. Re-election is possible.

In the event of the resignation or incapacity of a member, no replacement for the remainder of the term is foreseen.

The International Committee serves for one term.

7.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Society and shall control the policies and activities of the Society, in accordance with the Constitution, with Rules of Operation that may be passed at General Assemblies and subject to the decisions of the members at a General Assembly.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the:

- officers of the Society and
- seven members.

They are nominated by the International Committee of which they must be members.

The Executive Committee shall meet prior to each General Assembly of the INTS. The President may invite the future President(s), the remaining members of the International Committee and other members to participate in that meeting. The Executive Committee may meet at other times at the discretion of the President.

Half the members of this committee (officers + members) shall constitute a quorum. Decisions have to be carried out in accordance with paragraph 2.4.

The President may ask the Executive Committee for balloting by mail.

In the event of the resignation or incapacity of a member, the International Committee shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

The Executive Committee serves for one term.

8.0 OFFICERS

The officers of the Society are the President, the Executive Vice-President(s) (up to two), the Secretary and the Treasurer. They shall be individual members of INTS.

- An elected President of INTS becomes automatically the host of a future ICNTS.
- The President chairs the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the International Committee.
- The executive Vice-President(s) will generally be responsible for implementing the policies and directives of the Executive Committee, in consultation with the President.

The executive Vice-President(s) will report on the work of the Executive Committee at each General Assembly.

- The Secretary shall be responsible for official records, for correspondence and for the preparation and distribution of INTS publications.
- The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Society in accordance with the directives of the Executive Committee, for keeping financial records and for the collection of membership fees. He will present a financial report at each regular meeting.
- The officers shall act as members of the Organising Committee of an ICNTS.

All officers shall be elected by the members at a General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2.2 to 2.5.

- Any individual, honorary and associated member can apply to host a future conference. A written nomination of a candidate for election of a future President must reach the current President one month before a General Assembly is to be held. These nomination/s must be brought to the knowledge of the members before the opening of the respective ICNTS.
- Any other officer may be nominated for election by any member of the Society and/or the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall ensure that at least one person is proposed for each position.

The President serves for the term that precedes the ICNTS of which he/she will be host. Re-election is not possible.

The other officers serve for two terms. Re-election is possible.

In the event of the resignation or incapacity of an officer, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

9.0 FINANCES

- The INTS shall carry out its activities without financial profit to the Society itself and its members.
- The INTS collects membership fees and may receive donations without any obligation to the donator.
- The INTS fund can be used as follows:
 - up to 5% is at the discretion of the President.

- up to 35% can be used to support future conference organisers. A majority decision to this effect by the Executive Committee is needed.
- up to 60% can be used to support students and/or young scientists in order to help them to participate for the first time in an ICNTS. A majority decision to this effect by the Executive Committee is needed.

10.0 RULES OF OPERATION

Additional regulations that govern the methods of operations of the Society, but which are of a less permanent nature than the provisions of the Constitution, may be approved by a majority of the members at a regular meeting.

11.0 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution can be amended by a two thirds majority of the voting members at a regular meeting.

12.0 RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The original Constitution was adopted by the General Assembly that was held in September 1985 in Roma (Italy).

The Constitution has been amended by the General Assembly held in Portoroz, September 2000.

The Constitution has been amended by the General Assembly held in Beijing, September 2006.