



# **BY-LAWS OF THE IAHR DIVISION FOR INNOVATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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## **1. Preamble**

The present By-Laws of the IAHR Technical Divisions shall govern uniformly the conduct of the Division for Innovation and Professional Development formed under the auspices of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research. These By-Laws are adopted in accordance with the IAHR Constitution and By-Laws and are effective from 8<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

## **2. Name**

These By-Laws will apply to the Division for Innovation and Professional Development of the Association

## **3. Aim**

For the realisation of its objectives the Division shall have, by decree of Council, under its jurisdiction a number of Committees, Working Groups, and support and development functions for Institute Members and for Student Chapters. These are listed on the homepage of the Association.

The structure and functioning of the Committees is described in the "By-Laws of the IAHR Committees".

**The Division shall, through its Committees, Working Groups and other functions, aim to:**

- a. promote innovative, high impact and visibility actions of IAHR;
- b. promote strategic initiatives that effectively contribute to the solution of global problems in its field;
- c. explore and encourage emerging fields;
- d. enlarge the IAHR membership, including Institute members and student members;
- e. support the professional development of the scientific, engineering and management competence of IAHR members;
- f. advance, in collaboration with the Secretariat, publicity and promotion of IAHR activities to media, government agencies and sister organizations.

**The Division shall seek to accomplish its objectives by:**

- a) developing a Strategic Plan for the Association, monitoring its progress and updating it at regular intervals;
- b) co-operating with and co-ordinating with other Technical and Regional Divisions and Committees and with organisations outside IAHR;
- c) convening a "Think Tank" Meeting at the World Congress to stimulate new ideas and innovation;
- d) contributing articles on strategic initiatives to the IAHR Hydrolink magazine;
- e) promoting and guiding organisation and conduct of continuing education activities;
- f) driving membership development in co-ordination with the IAHR Secretariat.

All activities of the Division will be carried out with the close support of the Executive Director and Secretariat staff.

## **4. Organisation**

The executive direction of the Division shall reside in the Division Coordinating Group (DCG), consisting of an IAHR Vice President as Chair, a Division Secretary, and the Chairs of the Leadership Teams of the Committees within the Division, as well as representatives of working Groups and other functions as decided by the Chair,



and the Executive Director (ex officio). The IAHR Council shall appoint the Chair of the DCG from among the Vice-Presidents within the IAHR Executive Committee, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The Division Secretary will be appointed by the Executive Committee, taking account of, but not limited to, nominations received from the Leadership Teams of all Committees and Groups within the Division, also on a biennial basis, and endorsed by Council.

The term of office of the Chair of the DCG shall be two years from the beginning of the month following election. The Chair is eligible for a second consecutive term. Council may deviate from this rule in the interests of IAHR and within the constraints of the elections of the officers of the IAHR Executive Committee as defined by the Constitution.

**The Division Coordinating Group shall have the following responsibilities:**

It is the responsibility of the Division leadership to work with the other Divisions and the Secretariat to:

- instil a continuing spirit of innovation in all the activities of the Association;
- represent and champion all non-technical activities in the Executive Committee;
- recommend the creation of new Committees and Working Groups, the hatching of such groups – either within IPD or one of the Technical Divisions, and the discontinuing of unsuccessful initiatives.

**Special responsibilities of the Division Chair in this respect are:**

Stimulating new ventures of the Association to broaden and deepen its reach – including the convening of an IAHR “Think Tank” Meeting during the World Congress, including analysis and championing of the recommendations.

**Special Responsibilities of the Division Secretary**

The Division Secretary will assist the Vice-President in the liaison with the Committees within the Division.

**5. Conduct of business**

The Division Coordinating Group shall hold an annual business meeting. In odd calendar years, the meeting shall take place at the location of the IAHR World Congress. In the intervening years, it may take place at the location of a designated IAHR conference or in form of a virtual meeting over the internet. The scheduling and preparation of an agenda shall be the duty of the Chair in consultation with the other DCG members. The presence of three members of the DCG shall constitute a quorum. All actions shall be by majority vote of DCG members present and voting, including the Chair. The DCG may invite non-members to attend its meeting for particular purposes. The non-members shall not have voting privileges.

In the absence of a quorum, the recommendations of those present shall be circulated to all members of the DCG for approval by e-mail ballot or equivalent communication channels. All actions determined by ballot shall be by majority vote of the full DCG membership.

**6. Adoption and amendments**

These By-Laws shall come into effect upon approval by IAHR Council.

When revision of these uniform By-Laws is warranted, a proposal for amendment, requiring approval of two-thirds of the members of the Division Executive Committee shall be presented to the IAHR Executive Committee. When there is sufficient adhesion in the opinion of the IAHR Executive Committee the proposal will be presented to the Council for approval.