

# CONSTITUTION OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR PRIMATOLOGY

Art. I. The name of the society is the "European Federation for Primatology" (E.F.P.) Its date of establishment is the December 17, 1993

## I PURPOSES AND MEMBERSHIP

Art. II. Purposes:

The purpose of the society shall be:

- to coordinate actions related to primatology between the different European societies. Such coordination will include:
  - circulation of information between the different national primatological societies and groups of primatologists.
  - meetings of the different national societies, specialist groups and other workshops.
  - scientific activities, research and educational projects relevant to primatology
- to promote rational management of captive primates and to make primate subjects and study sites available to a maximum of students and researchers.
- to provide the Council of Europe and other European institutions with experts on all issues related to primatology.
- to participate, through the Council of Europe, in decisions relevant to primate trade and primate captive breeding.
- to promote the establishment of national societies of primatologists, national groups and European specialist groups of primatologists.

Art. III. The duration of the Federation is unlimited. The seat of the Federation is: Station Biologique. Université de Rennes I. 35380 Paimpont, France.

Art. IV. The journal FOLIA PRIMATOLOGICA, published by S. Karger AG is the official organ of the Federation.

Art. V. Membership

The Federation group European national societies of primatology and official groups of primatologists.

The Federation shall consist of affiliated primatological societies and groups along with associated groups, such as specialist groups.

The members of these societies and groups, affiliated to the Federation are, *ex officio*, members of the Federation, provided that they are in good standing in their societies.

Application for affiliation of a society or a group to the Federation should be addressed to the current President of the Federation by an appointed representative of that society or group. Applications will be examined by the executive council of the Federation.

European specialist groups may apply for association to the Federation using the same procedure as a national society or group.

Art. VI. Membership may be terminated upon:

- receipt by the President of the Federation of the written resignation of the society or group.
- decisions by the Executive Council, following deliberation and proper hearing that actions liable to inflict damage to the general reputation of the Federation have been made by a society or a group.

## II. OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Art. VII. Executive Council

The Executive Council consists of the representatives of the affiliated European national societies and of the affiliated national primatological groups. These representatives are appointed by their respective societies or groups in accordance with the bylaws of those societies or groups. If a representative is not able to attend a Federation Council meeting, the Federation Council may accept a temporary representative appointed by the society or group.

- Officers.

The Executive Council elects, among Council members, a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

The term of the President and the Treasurer is two (2) years. They are eligible for re-election.

The term of the Secretary is four (4) years and (s)he is eligible for re-election. The Secretary is nominated to the President of the International Primatological Society for appointment as the Regional Secretary for Europe of the I.P.S.

Art. VIII. The Executive Council shall meet at least once a year at the annual meeting of one of the national primatological societies or at a European or worldwide primatological meeting (for example when one national society organizes a European primatological meeting or at the biennial meeting of the I.P.S.).

At least two-thirds (2/3) of the representatives should be present at any Council meeting (either physically or by proxy) for decisions to be valid. A simple majority is required for votes. In the event of a tie, the President vote is decisive.

Minutes shall be taken at each meeting. Minutes should be signed by the President and the Secretary.

The executive council may invite specialist group representatives to participate in any Executive Council meeting as non-voting representatives. The executive council may invite any person to attend in an advisory capacity.

Art. IX. An annual report will be sent to each Council member. Each Council member should then report to the society or group (s)he represents.

## III. FINANCES

Art. X. The financial resources of the Federation shall include:

- Dues from affiliated Societies and Groups. The amount of dues shall be in proportion to the total membership of each society and group. The pro rata contribution shall be proposed each year by the Executive Council. The pro rata contribution shall be approved by a simple majority of the affiliated Societies and Groups.

- Special funds from European States or European Union.

- Gifts and donations from individuals and organizations

The acceptance of special funds, gifts and donations should not be discriminatory.

Art. XI. A financial reserve will be established in order to promote or support special actions. At the end of each year, a fraction of the surplus resources that is not necessary for the regular operation of the Federation will be transferred to this reserve.

Art. XII. Expenditure is under the President's jurisdiction. The Federation is represented in court and in all undertakings of civil life by the President. The President of the Federation shall be in full possession of his(her) civil rights.

#### IV. AMENDMENTS AND DISSOLUTION

Art. XIII. Amendments to the Constitution or changes in the Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Council. The changes will be approved by a simple majority of the affiliated Societies and Groups.

Art. XIV. The agreement of three quarters (75%) of the affiliated Societies and Groups is required to propose the dissolution of the Federation. A special meeting of the Council is required with the exclusive purpose of the dissolution. A majority vote of two thirds (67%) shall be required for the dissolution to be pronounced.

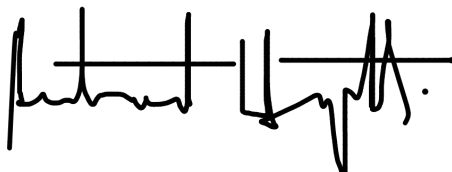
Art. XV. Upon dissolution of the Federation, the Executive Council shall appoint one or several commissioners in order to dispose of all assets of the Federation. After the payment of all liabilities, the remaining resources shall be distributed to the affiliated Societies and Groups in proportion to their membership.

#### V. BYLAWS

Art. XVI. Bylaws for the Federation may be enacted by the Executive Council.

The President

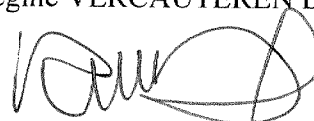
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The General Secretary

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