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Dear International Members

Subject: International member representation at WFEO Executive Council and IM dues

On behalf of the WFEO Executive Board, I am pleased to provide the following update:

WFEO International member representation at Executive Council

The issue of international member representation has been under discussion during 2018 with member consultation taking place during March-May 2018.

The review was needed as currently the six representatives of international members at the Executive Council can be changed by a decision of the Executive Council. This is not compliant with French Law, and is poor governance whereby the membership of a body (Executive Council) can be changed by the body itself (Executive Council). The proposed changes will require an amendment to the Constitution to adopt the model that was agreed at the Executive Council meeting in London.

A summary and the details of the responses received from the consultation is available on the WFEO internal web site. A total of 23 responses were received from national members (NMs) and International members (IMs).

- While recognising the contribution of the four international members that were present at the first meeting of WFEO, a clear majority agreed that all IMs should be treated equally.
- The majority agreed that the number of NM representatives at the Executive Council should be greater than the IMs, a proportion (not a majority) supported an increase in the number of IMs

Three models were proposed for representation of international members, two were the result of consultations and one was proposed by UPADI. The models are available on the WFEO website for the information of the Executive Council and were uploaded well in advance of the meeting. The model proposed by UPADI, and amended to ensure that all members are treated equally, was agreed by the Executive Council and is:

- a. Total 8 IMs on the Executive Council.
- b. 4 IMs that represent the major continents: Africa, Asia, Americas, Europe should be given permanent representation on the Executive Council. If there is more than one continental organisation, an election by the General Assembly, for that position representing the continent, will be needed.
- c. FAE and CEC to be given a permanent seat on the Executive Council
- d. 2 IMs to be elected by the General Assembly for a four-year term.

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- e. The number of NMs to be increased from 8 to 11 to maintain the percentage of NMs represented on the Executive Council.
- f. The total voting membership of the Executive Council will increase to 35:
 - a. 6 members of the Executive Board
 - b. 11 NM representatives**
 - c. 8 IM representatives**
 - d. 10 Chairs of the Standing Technical Committees and Policy Implementation Committees
- g. All IMs in good standing (i.e. dues payment up to date at time of nomination) will be eligible to nominate a representative to the Executive Council under the above criteria. The election procedures would be the same as for NM representatives.

The Constitution will need to be amended to accommodate these changes and the requirements under French Law. The vote will be taken at the General Assembly in Melbourne in 2019 and the changes will take effect following the elections at the next General Assembly in 2021.

Documentation relating to these discussions are available on the internal WFEO website. The draft minutes of the Executive Council meeting are also available.

WFEO Member Fees - International members

At the request of FEIAP and other members, the issue of member dues was discussed at the Executive Council. The WFEO Constitution requires that fees are approved by the General Assembly, therefore the Executive Council cannot make changes. A task group to review the fees has been established with Prof. Gong Ke, Eng. Seng Chuan Tan (Treasurer) and the Secretariat undertaking this review for the WFEO Executive Board. Proposed models will be advised during 2019 and there will be a period of consultation.

Meanwhile we request all international members to pay €2700 for 2018 and 2019, which is currently the fee for CEC, UPADI, FEANI and FAE. This is the lower fee in the two-level structure that was agreed in 2017. The single fee level is consistent with the view of all members that all IMs should be treated equally. A decision about any arrears arising will be made at the General Assembly in November 2019.

The Executive Council agreed that IMs that pay €2700 for 2018 and 2019 will be considered to be in good standing for the elections and to take their positions as IM representatives at the Executive Council and General Assembly in November 2019, pending the decision on the revised fee model.

Thank you for your ongoing support for WFEO.

Your sincerely,

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