

# THE STANDING ORDERS

## Clause 1. Europe

The term 'Europe' is deemed to refer to a geographical area. When full members take up permanent residence outside Europe, their full membership shall lapse automatically. They may elect to continue as affiliate members.

## Clause 2. Procedure for the Admission of New Full and Affiliate Members

The Association's total full membership will normally not increase by more than 10 per cent (above replacements) per year. Affiliate membership shall not exceed 20% of the full membership. A candidate for membership will be proposed by a full member of the Association, and the proposal must be supported by at least two other full members, who will act as referees.

The Secretary will refer such a proposal to the Executive Committee, or to a sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee, for the purpose of deciding upon the admission of new members.

If the Executive Committee, or its sub-committee, considers that a candidate satisfies the requirements for membership, his or her name shall be notified to all full members. The candidate will become a member of the Association one month later, unless a minimum of three full members object to the admission in writing within this period. The Executive Committee has the right to overrule by a unanimous majority a veto by three or more full members.

In a case where either the Committee or a minimum of three full members object to admission, the applicant will not be eligible to attend the next members' meeting, but his candidature can be submitted to the members' meeting for admission by a majority vote.

The annual fee for affiliate members will be set at 80% of the annual fee for full members. The fee for full members is at present 96 €. The Treasurer can decide on reducing or waiving the fees because of economical difficulties or currency restrictions on an individual basis. The membership fee incorporates subscription to the *European Journal of Social Psychology*. The fee for retired members of 20 years or more good standing in the Association will be set at 50% of the normal fee.

## Clause 3. Postgraduate Members

Postgraduate students working on a doctoral thesis in social psychology at a European University can become postgraduate affiliates of the Association. The procedure of admission is equivalent to that for full and affiliate members. The annual fee for postgraduate affiliates will be set at 50% of the annual fee for full members. The fee incorporates subscription to the *European Journal of Social Psychology*. Postgraduate affiliates may attend and participate in members' meetings, but not necessarily at the same conditions as full members. Postgraduate affiliate status expires when the postgraduate affiliate obtains a doctoral degree or, in any case, after a period of four years.

## Clause 4. Procedure for the Election of Members of the Executive Committee

At least four months before the members' meeting, the Executive Committee will ask the full members for nominations to vacancies.

Nominations by at least two members must be sent to the Secretary not later than three months before the members' meeting.

If insufficient nominations are made (i.e. at least two more than the number of vacancies) the Executive Committee will add its own nominations.

Full members will receive a ballot form by post not later than one month before the members' meeting.

Full members unable to attend the members' meeting can return the ballot paper in a sealed envelope to the Administrative Secretary not later than one week before the start of the members' meeting.

At the election, the Administrative Secretary will hand over the sealed envelopes from absent full members to the scrutineers.

The voting will be by secret ballot and candidates who receive the largest number of votes will be declared elected, subject to the restriction that no more than two candidates from one nation can serve on the Executive Committee. In case of ties, a second ballot confined to the members' meeting will be conducted.

The Executive Committee shall consist of seven full members. The period of office of members of the Executive Committee is defined in terms of intervals, which refer to periods between two members' ordinary meetings.

Members are elected to serve for two consecutive intervals which should not be longer than three years each. No member may serve for two consecutive intervals as President of the Association.