

# **The International Society for Plant Molecular Farming**

## Rules and Regulations

1. The name is "The International Society for Plant Molecular Farming" (ISPMF)
2. The objective of the Society is to promote and support excellence in research, scholarship and practice in Plant Molecular Farming. Plant Molecular Farming is defined as the production of valuable proteins and other compounds through the use of plant biotechnology.

The Society represents the views of its members. As a learned scientific society, it is an evidence-based organization. To meet its objective, the SMF undertakes the following:

- Running innovative events in research, public engagement and education
- Promoting and disseminating research and good practice in Plant Molecular Farming
- Enabling contacts for product development
- Working with its members to develop the benefits of membership and the relevance of the Society
- Promoting opportunities and benefits of Plant Molecular Farming
- Working with other societies

### 3. Membership eligibility

Membership is open to anybody and is subject to an annual membership fee. Members may join as individuals, or as institutional or commercial members. Reduced membership fees are payable by students and members from a Developing Country.

After 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, application for membership will require a proposer from the existing membership of the Society.

Resignation of membership will be accepted at any stage, but no refund of membership fees will be reimbursed.

The managing committee will reserve the right to suspend or expel members if it is agreed that they have contravened the objective of the Society.

### 4. Payment of subscriptions

Subscriptions will be due in advance of the year of membership. Members whose subscriptions are unpaid 3 months after the due date will be removed.

### 5. Composition of the managing committee

President  
Secretary  
Treasurer / Membership Secretary  
2 Communications Officers  
Website manager  
Biennial meeting organiser  
Society awards manager

### 6. Management of the Society's affairs

The Society's financial affairs are managed by the Managing Committee. Authority is designated to the treasurer who is the signatory to the bank account.

Under normal circumstances, the Society will not request credit or overdrawing facilities. Any such request cannot be made without agreement of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

## 7. General meetings

The Society will hold a general meeting annually. This will comprise a scientific meeting that is open to all interested parties, and the AGM that is open to Society members only.

Alterations to the rules and regulations can be proposed at the AGM. In urgent circumstances, a rule and regulation change request can be made to the President outside of the AGM, who will forward the proposal to the Managing Committee, if appropriate.

Alterations to the rules and regulations will be made by the Managing Committee subject to a 75:25 majority vote.

## 8. Dissolution of the Society

The Society's status and financial position will be reviewed annually by the Managing Committee. Proposals to dissolve the Society will be considered by the Committee, and a decision to dissolve will only be agreed by unanimous vote.

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