

By-laws of the Netherlands Region

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The Netherlands Region (ANed) is governed by the Constitution of the International Biometric Society, the By-laws of the Council and the following Regional By-laws:

1. The Region shall endeavour to promote scientific research and applications in biology, medicine, agriculture and other related fields through quantitative, mathematical and statistical methods.
2. The region shall consist of all Regular Members, Sustaining Members, Associate Members and Student Members of the Society, who are a) residents in the Netherlands of any nationality, b) residents of other countries of Dutch nationality, or c) other persons expressing the wish to be a member of ANed. Applicants for each class of membership must be approved by the Regional Committee. Ph.D. students shall be considered as Student Members. Associate Members shall have all rights of members except those of voting in Society elections, holding elective office and receiving Biometrics. Student Members shall have all rights of membership except for those of voting in Society elections and holding elective office. Each Sustaining Member shall be entitled to designate one person to have the full prerogatives of a member.
3. The business of the Region shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of the Regional President, the Regional Secretary, the regional Treasurer, and at least two Ordinary members. The Committee has the right to set up whatever ad hoc and permanent Working Groups it considers necessary. It shall also have the right to decide the composition of those subgroups, the conduct of their business and how persons should be appointed to serve on them. Any other member of the Council of the Society who belong to the Region shall be an ex officio member of the Committee. The Committee may decide that a chairperson of a permanent Working Group shall be an ex officio Member of the Committee.
4. All Committee members are elected for a period of two years. The president is eligible for re-election only once in a serried period. All other members of the Committee are eligible for re-election twice in a serried period. A roster of resignation will be laid down by the Committee. The Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies in their number, subject to the approval of the next Annual Meeting. Any member so appointed to a casual vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of his predecessor.
5. For each year there shall be an Annual Meeting of the Region. The agenda of this Meeting shall contain the report of the Regional Secretary, the report of the Regional Treasurer, the elections for membership of the Committee, the appointment of two Auditors, the budget for the next year and any other proposals as received by the Committee at least one month before the Meeting. There shall be such other meetings as the Committee may decide. A Special Meeting shall be convened within two months of the receipt by the Regional Secretary of a request signed by not less than ten members. At least two weeks' notice shall be given of all meetings.
6. A statement of the Region's finances shall be presented to the Annual Meeting by the treasurer, after the accounts have been audited by the Auditors appointed at the previous Annual Meeting for the purpose. An Auditor shall not be an Officer of the Society or Member of the Committee.

7. Members of the Region, who have exceptional merit to the Region and its constitutional aims, may be appointed to Honorary Membership. Nominations have to be submitted by the Regional Committee to the Annual Meeting, under the condition that these do not cause the total number of Honorary Members to exceed 5% of the Regional Membership. Honorary Members shall be granted all the rights of Regular Members and a remission from subscriptions, starting the next calendar year.
8. Nominations for Committee Members are proposed by the Regional Committee. Each year the Secretary shall in writing invite the members to suggest names of persons to candidate. He shall allow at least three weeks for reply. A candidature must be signed by at least 5 members of ANed and must be accompanied by a declaration of the candidate stating his willingness to serve.
9. The subscription of each member, which becomes due subsequently on 1st January each year, shall be decided each year by the Annual Meeting after consideration of a recommendation of the budget by the Committee. From the funds so constituted the contribution to the general funds of the Society shall be paid and such other costs as the proper conduct of the Regional demands may be defrayed.
10. Nominations for Council Members are proposed by the Regional Committee. Every two year the Secretary shall in writing invite the members to suggest names of persons to candidate for membership of the Council of the Society. He shall allow at least three weeks for reply. A candidature must be signed by at least 5 members of ANed and must be accompanied by a declaration of the candidate stating his willingness to serve. The Committee shall forward nominations deemed appropriate to the Secretary of the International Biometric Society.
11. In all formal meetings, decisions are made by single majority of the votes cast, except for changes in the Regional By-laws which need two third majority. Restrictions on voting by Associate Members, Student Members and Sustaining Members, are given in article 2. Abstentions are not counted for. In case of a tie, the proposal is considered as defeated.
12. A member may be expelled only on the proposal of the Committee to the Annual Meeting. The membership of any member who is two years or more in arrears with his subscription may be terminated on a vote of the Committee. No application to rejoin the Society shall be entertained until the unpaid subscriptions have been discharged.
13. Withdrawal from membership of the Society takes effect on 1st January subsequently and has to be announced before 1st December to the Regional Committee.
14. In Regional affairs not covered by the Constitution and the By-laws, the Regional Committee decides.