

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR FOUNDATION
International Ragweed Society (I.R.S.)

Date: October 2nd, 2009, 4:30 – 4:50 pm

Location: Nyon, Switzerland and per e-mail.

Participants: Christian BOHREN, Marie-Agnès CHAPGIER-LABOISSIÈRE,
Bernard CLOT, Paul COMTOIS, Levente KISS, Tamas KOMIVES,
Michel THIBAUDON.

Meeting: Chairperson: Bernard CLOT
Secretary: Michel THIBAUDON

1. List of participants

B. CLOT welcomes the participants. All the participants confirm their participation by email and will sign the original list of participants and send it by post. Seven persons took part at the General Assembly for Foundation.

2. Statutes

B. CLOT recalls briefly that the idea of creating an international association for ragweed was discussed in 2008 by today's founders after the First International Ragweed Conference in Budapest and the Colloque européen "Ambrosie: de la connaissance à l'action" in Aix-les-Bains. The project of the statutes has been submitted in advance to the participants. B. CLOT lists the articles of the statutes. T. KOMIVES suggests that the committee members should be appointed for a period of four years, corresponding to the probable time span between two consecutive Ragweed Conferences. Everybody agree and the statutes are modified accordingly. The final version of the statutes is then presented for voting.

Vote: *Against: 0*

Abstention: 0

in favor: 7

The statutes of I.R.S. (in annex) are approved unanimously. **By this act, the International Ragweed Society (I.R.S.) is officially founded.**

The official address of the association I.R.S. is:

International Ragweed Society I.R.S.
c/o Research Station Agroscope Changins-Wädenswil ACW
Christian Bohren, weed science group
Route de Duillier, P.O.Box 1012
CH - 1260 Nyon
Switzerland

The address of the association I.R.S to be used for current business is the address of the President or the one of the Secretary General.

3. Elections of the committee and auditors

According to the statutes, the assembly has to elect three or more members of the committee and two auditors.

- Election of the committee

The different possible roles were discussed by the participants and the following five persons are proposed for the committee:

Christian BOHREN (Switzerland), Bernard CLOT (Switzerland), Levente KISS (Hungary), Tamas KOMIVES (Hungary), Michel THIBAUDON (France)

Vote: *Against: 0*
Abstention: 0
in favor: 7

According to this list, the committee including 5 members is elected unanimously for the period 2009-2013.
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- Election of the auditors

Two candidates are presented: Marie-Agnès CHAPGIER-LABOISSIÈRE (France) and Paul COMTOIS (Canada)

Vote: *Against: 0*
Abstention: 0
in favor: 7

The two auditors are elected unanimously for the period 2009-2011.
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4. Membership fees :

B. CLOT presents a proposal for memberships fees.
The proposed annual membership fees are:

Individual members	10 €
Students/pensioners (>=65 years old)	a 50% reduction
Collective bodies	minimum 100 €

Vote: *Against: 0*
Abstention: 0
in favor: 7

The membership fees for 2009-2010 are unanimously approved.

5. Development of activities of the Society

For the development of the Society, the participants express their hope that the number of members increases rapidly; that some new members could soon join and reinforce the committee; and that working groups would be created and start developing activities. The participants agree with Paul COMTOIS that it will be very important to ensure adequate participation of as many as possible geographic areas concerned with ragweed . A special effort should be made to integrate in the Society persons concerned with different aspects of the problem, e.g. in agriculture, allergy, environment, politics, legislation, etc... Christian BOHREN suggested to call an Extraordinary General Assembly in Nyon on December 6th 2009 (the day before the Ragweed meeting organised by CABI in Delémont) for that purpose and to invite at this occasion a large number of possibly interested persons to take part to the meeting and/or join the Society.

These points are unanimously accepted by the members.

No other points were discussed.

The chairman closes the meeting à 4:50 PM

The Chairman
Bernard CLOT

The Secretary
Michel THIBAUDON

Annexes: List of participants, Statutes.