



Revision of the WFTO-Europe Bylaws

AGM – 26 May 2015, Milan

Background: As a consequence of the WFTO membership alignment process, the Bylaws of WFTO-Europe now needs to be revised in order to fully align WFTO-E policy and procedures to WFTO Global, with regard in particular to the distinction between provisional and “registered” members (those who have already gone through the Guarantee System). As already anticipated in the last AGM, WFTO-Europe does not have so far this distinction and all members (either provisional or registered) exercise the same right to vote. According to our current Bylaws, the only criteria for all of the members are: to have paid the membership fee of the year before the AGM and have a valid SAR. This situation is not aligned with WFTO Global Constitution and moreover creates confusion amongst the members due to the two different procedures followed by the two organisations. Hence, this document aims at proposing 3 main amendments of the Bylaws, as consolidated in 2010, to completely align our policy to WFTO Global. In sum, whether the following amendments will be approved by the AGM in May 2015, only European registered members, as mentioned by the Global Constitution, that have paid their annual membership fee, will be entitled to vote.

(FYI: in the list of documents, you will also find the current version of the Bylaws (doc.11b) as well as the WFTO Global constitution as reference (11c))

Procedure:

Below you will find a **summary of all the changes proposed**, with a short explanation of the reason underpinning that modification.

N.	Article	Amendment		Reason
		Before	After	
1	Art. I Footnote n. 1	Effective (or registered) member means members with membership fees paid due the year before the AGM. Since all members of WFTO-Europe must also be members of WFTO Global, regular members of WFTO-Europe must have also paid their WFTO Global annual fee.	Effective (registered) members are all the WFTO (Global) registered members whose headquarters is located in Europe and whose Global and Regional annual fee is paid, in accordance with the art. 2 of the WFTO Global Constitution.	WFTO-Europe alignment to WFTO with regard to the effective members (those who have the right to vote)



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2	Art. III	<p>1. European members of WFTO Global are invited to become registered as WFTO-Europe members simply applying in written to the WFTO-Europe Board (see format for WFTO-Europe membership registration attached and accepting the conditions for this membership, according to the WFTO-Europe constitution including the payment of the membership fee for WFTO-Europe. The list of all the registered members will be communicated at the start of the General Assembly.</p> <p>2. The following are invited to attend the General Assembly:</p> <p>a) Registered members of WFTO-Europe. b) All the European members of WFTO Global, even if not registered with WFTO-Europe yet. c) Guests invited by the WFTO-Europe Board.</p>	<p><i>1. Deleted</i></p> <p>1. The following are invited to attend the General Assembly:</p> <p>a) Registered members of WFTO-Europe. b) WFTO (Global) provisional members and associates whose headquarter is located in Europe. c) Guests invited by the WFTO-Europe Board.</p>	<p>WFTO-Europe alignment to WFTO</p> <p>1. WFTO-E does not follow anymore this procedure.</p>
3	Art. IV	<p>2. Only active WFTO-Europe members (i.e. members that paid their membership fee due to the year before the AGM) will be authorized to vote. This regulation has to be clearly communicated to all registered WFTO- Europe members at the moment of the official invitation to the AGM.</p>	<p><i>2. Deleted</i></p>	<p>WFTO-Europe alignment to WFTO</p>