



Section 8

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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NUMBER 8.1 INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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POLICY

The Vice President--International Activities will be the INFORMS National Representative to the International Federation of Operational Research Societies (IFORS).

PROCEDURES

Membership

The committee consists of the Chair and 4~6 additional members, plus the IFORS NORAM Vice President (ex-officio). Members serve two year terms staggered such that at least 1~2 new members are added each year. The Vice President of International Activities serves as Chair and Board Liaison. A member of the International Activities Committee shall be designated as liaison to the OR/MS Today Committee, Meeting Committee, Membership Committee, Section/Society Committee and Chapter/Fora Committee.

The members are nominated or discussed by the committee and approved by the INFORMS Executive Committee. The nominated member candidates should have at least 3 years of INFORMS membership by the date of being a committee member.

In order to better represent the geographical regions and activities, there will be at least one representative from each region: Central/South America, Asia-Pacific, Europe/Middle East, and Africa, and no more than one member from the same country.

Functions

1. Committee chair will be responsible for:
 - communicating international issues to the Board;
 - providing suggestions to the INFORMS President for possible candidates for IFORS NORAM VP (3 of every 4 3-year terms)
 - Coordinates the INFORMS votes on IFORS proposals/ballots with the INFORMS Board or Executive Committee.

2. Each committee member will be assigned to be responsible for at least one of the following international activities:
 - Encourages (as appropriate) joint activities between INFORMS and IFORS as well as regional groups.
 - Coordinates with the INFORMS meeting committee for INFORMS international conferences and IFORS Triennial conference.
 - Coordinates with the INFORMS membership committee to represent international members on INFORMS issues.
 - Coordinates INFORMS relationships with IFORS regional groups (i.e. EURO, ALIO, APORS).

- Coordinate with INFORMS Section/Society Committee and Chapter/Fora Committee about international chapters and section-sponsored international conferences.
- Coordinates with the editor of ORMS Today on special yearly international issue.
- Evaluates and encourages web material aimed at an international audience
- Recommends products and services aimed at non-US based members.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2, General Procedures

INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 9.7, OR/MS Today Committee