

cultural or professional bodies concerned with questions of refrigeration.

ARTICLE VIII

Honorary Membership

In exceptional cases, persons who have played an outstanding part in the science of refrigeration and in the industries connected with refrigeration and benefactors of the Institute may, upon the decision of the Executive Committee, receive the title of "Honorary Member" of the Institute.

ARTICLE IX

Associate Membership

1. Qualified individuals, firms and institutions taking part in the development of the science of refrigeration or of the industries connected with refrigeration, and making a periodic contribution, the amount and method of payment of which are laid down by the Management Committee, may, upon the decision of this Management Committee, be nominated as "Associate Members" of the Institute.

2. Associate Members are entitled to receive the Institute's journals, to participate in the work of the Commissions and Congresses and to consult the Institute's library in accordance with the provisions set out in the General Regulations for the application of the present Agreement.

SECTION III

ORGANS AND PROCEDURE

General Conference

ARTICLE X

Powers of the General Conference

1. The Institute is placed under the authority and control of a General Conference.

2. The General Conference has the following principal powers:

a) to issue general instructions for the procedure and work of the Institute;

b) to draw up General Regulations for the application of the present Agreement setting forth in particular the method of applying the various articles of this Agreement, the Staff Regulations and the rules of procedure of the General Conference;

c) to elect the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee;

d) to elect the President, Vice-Presidents and members of the Scientific Council.

ARTICLE XI

Composition and procedure of the General Conference

1. The General Conference is composed of representatives designated by the Member Countries or by competent associations or organisations acting in place of the Member Countries.

2. The number of representatives from each Member Country is fixed at:

- 6 for category 1
- 5 for category 2
- 4 for category 3
- 3 for category 4
- 2 for category 5
- 1 for category 6

3. Representatives who are prevented from attending a meeting are entitled to appoint as proxy one of their colleagues at the General Conference.

4. An ordinary session of the General Conference is held once every four years. It may, if it so decides or the Executive Committee requests, meet in extraordinary session.

5. Resolutions of the General Conference are passed by a two-thirds majority of the total number of representatives or substitute representatives present. However, for the election of its President, for the election of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee and for the election of the Members of the Scientific Council a simple majority of representatives or their proxies is sufficient, the President having the casting vote in the case of a tie.

6. The Director is ex-officio Secretary of the General Conference.

ARTICLE XII

President of the General Conference

1. An ordinary session of the General Conference opens with the election of its President.

2. The same President cannot be elected for more than two terms in succession.

3. If the President is prevented from presiding over a meeting, his place is taken by the President or by a Vice-President of the Executive Committee.

4. The President of the General Conference is invited to meetings of the Executive Committee, of the Scientific Council and of the Management Committee and attends such meetings in an advisory capacity.

Executive Committee

ARTICLE XIII

Powers of the Executive Committee

The executive powers of the Institute are entrusted to an Executive Committee:

a) it is the duty of the Executive Committee to enforce the instructions issued by the General Conference;

b) the Executive Committee has full control over the administration of the Institute;

c) it appoints the Director by secret ballot;

d) it approves the budget;

e) it approves agreements to be concluded with other organisations;

f) it makes all the general arrangements necessary for the running of the Institute;

g) it nominates delegates to the Management Committee;

h) moreover, in the intervals between the sessions of the General Conference it is empowered to take provisional decisions, on matters within the province of the General Conference, such provisional decisions to be submitted to the General Conference for ratification at its next session.

ARTICLE XIV

Composition and procedure of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee is composed of delegates appointed by the Member Countries or by competent association or organisation acting in place of the Member Countries, each country being represented by one person.

2. Each Member Country or competent association or organisation can also appoint a substitute delegate.

3. Each delegate on the Executive Committee has as many votes as the Member Country which he represents has representatives at the General Conference.

4. The President of the General Conference, the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Scientific Council and also the Presidents of the Commissions are invited to meetings of the