Revision to the Constitution and By-Laws

Following the decisions taken by Council at its meeting in Geneva on 1-2 April 1982 regarding changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, the relevant clauses now read as follows:

Constitution

ARTICLE 4 (Membership)

The following individuals, legal persons or bodies may become Ordinary Members of the Society:

a) individuals who have shown by their contribution to European science, by their professional activity or otherwise, to the Council's satisfaction, that they can further the cause and object of the Society;

b) societies, groups or laboratories organized or existing under the laws of the State of their incorporation or of their seat and which, in the Council's opinion, make a significant contribution to European science;

c) individuals who are members of a society or group which has been accepted as an Ordinary Member of EPS and who fulfill the conditions laid down in the foregoing paragraph provided such individual membership in EPS is not prohibited by the Constitution or by-laws of their society or group;

d) individuals who are members of a society or group which is not an Ordinary Member, Category 4b) but has been approved by Council as a Collaborating Society.

(A Collaborating Society will normally be located outside Europe.)

ARTICLE 16

The Council shall be composed in the following way:

a) delegates or representatives appointed by participating societies, groups or laboratories mentioned in Article 4, paragraph b),

b) delegates or representatives elected in accordance with the by-laws by individual members of categories a), c) and d) mentioned in Article 4,

c) all chairmen of Divisions.

(Details of the relation between number of representatives and number of members are omitted as no changes have been made.)

By-Laws

RULE 1

Individuals applying for ordinary membership shall do so on the standard application form, which shall be signed by two Individual Ordinary Members, by two fellows, or by two members of the governing body of a society, group or laboratory which is an Ordinary Member of the Society or a Collaborating Society.

RULE 19

Representatives on the Council of the Individual Ordinary Members — Constitution Article 4a), c) and d) — shall be elected by ballot from a list, provided by the Secretariat, of all nominations signed by at least three Individual Ordinary Members or Fellows...

(Further administrative details which are unchanged are omitted.)

RULE 35

Ordinary Members shall pay annual fees as follows:

a) Individual Ordinary Members, Constitution Article 4a) 14 units/1OM1

c) Individual Ordinary Members, Constitution Article 4c) 4 units/1OM

d) Individual Ordinary Members, Constitution Article 4d), Such number of units as decided by who are thus also members of a Collaborating Society, Council for each Collaborating Society.2

(Details of the scales applying to 4b) are unchanged and are omitted.)

1) Council approved by a large majority the raising of the unit fee from Sw.Fr. 9. — to Sw.Fr. 10. — to come into effect after 31 December 1982, when the Executive Committee considered that inflation in Switzerland and/or the price of many publications and conference fees. An annual subscription to EPS from Individual Members who belong to one of the EPS member societies is : Sw.Fr. 36. — ; for independent members: Sw.Fr. 126. — .

2) Council unanimously agreed that the American Physical Society should be given the status of Collaborating Society and set the annual fee for members of APS at 5 units (for 1982, Sw.Fr. 45. — or $25. — ).

RULE 36

Fellows shall pay as Individual Ordinary Members, Rule 35a), c) or d).

Atomic and Molecular Physics

Council approved the change of title of the former Atomic Physics Division to Atomic and Molecular Physics Division to take immediate effect. The change was recommended to Council at its meeting in Istanbul by the Chairman of the Division.