CONSTITUTION

INTERNATIONAL WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY

RATIFIED February 17, 1992 Revised June 23, 2016

ARTICLE I – Name, Language and Seat

- **Section 1.** The name of the society shall be the "International Weed Science Society" (IWSS) hereinafter called the "Society."
- **Section 2**. The official language of the Society shall be English. All official documents shall be published in English. English is also the sole language of the International Weed Science Congress.
- **Section 3**. The seat of the IWSS shall be in the state of Oregon, United States of America where it is registered as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

- **Section 1.** The purpose shall be to encourage, promote, and catalyze the advancement of weed science and the development of weed control technology.
- **Section 2.** The Society is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as tax exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE III – Objectives

- **Section 1.** To encourage and assist in the development of national and regional weed science societies.
- **Section 2**. To organize the International Weed Science Congress every four years and to promote and assist the development of regional meetings, conferences and special symposia on topics of international interest.
- **Section 3.** To promote exchange and participation among individual members and weed science organizations by developing a directory of weed science personnel and projects, and publishing a Newsletter that contains news, events and issues related to weed science as well as a calendar of important weed science future events.
- **Section 4.** To encourage excellence, high standards, and creativity in weed science/technology research.

- **Section 5.** To maintain liaison with relevant national and international organizations for the purpose of identifying, monitoring, and solving existing and emerging weed problems.
- **Section 6.** To promote, encourage, and assist in the education and training of weed science students, researchers, educators, extension workers, practitioners, and the public, in weed science and technology.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

- **Section 1.** Membership shall be open to any person or organization interested in the objectives of the Society. There are three types of memberships: (1) Individual, or voting member, (2) Affiliate, and (3) Sustaining.
- **Section 2.** Individual Member. Any individual interested in participating and supporting the aims and objectives of the Society. There are two types of individual membership lifetime and annual. Active individual members can attend IWSS open meetings and general assemblies and will have the right to vote on issues pertaining to business matters of the Society. The Board of Directors, based on a unanimous vote, may award lifetime membership to individuals outside of the Society who had done exemplary service for the Society.
- **Section 3.** Affiliate Member. Any weed science Society, Association, Institute, or Department that wishes to support and participate in the functions of the Society.
- **Section 4.** Sustaining Member. Any industry or commercial organization, foundation, development bank, government department, or agricultural organization interested in the objectives of the Society and wishing to provide financial support.
- **Section 5.** Termination of membership. Membership terminates through:
 - a. death of the individual member or dissolution of affiliate, or sustaining member;
 - b. resignation by the member;
 - c. cessation or expulsion by the Board of Directors; or
 - d. failure to pay the established dues for more than two years, and after two months of being notified by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE V – Dues

- **Section 1.** Dues for different categories of membership and method of collection shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Annual membership dues can be paid any time of the year, but the term of annual membership is based on a calendar year (January 1 December 31).
- **Section 2.** In the event of the dissolution of the International Weed Science Society, the physical

assets shall be sold and after payment of all debts, monies possessed by the Society shall be given in equal amounts, without let or hindrance, to the active affiliate members of weed science societies by the Board of Directors holding office at the time of the dissolution. Documents of the dissolved Society shall be kept for ten years after the settlement by a party designated by the Board of Directors or those involved in the settlement.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of the society shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the promotion or use of propaganda, and the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Society shall not conduct any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or any corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE VI – Officers

- **Section 1.** The Officers of the Society shall be the President, Past President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each officer shall serve without financial compensation of any kind.
- **Section 2.** The election of officers shall be by individual members by postal, e-mail, or online ballot. Election shall be held in May of the Congress year.
- Section 3. Terms of office. The President, Past President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will hold office for four (4) years. These terms of office shall begin at the conclusion of the International Weed Science Congress following the election. All Officers shall be elected at the time of regular election according to the stipulations of the Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP).

ARTICLE VII - The Board of Directors

Section 1. The Society will be governed by the Board of Directors composed of the following members: Immediate Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII - By-Laws

Section 1. The Society may adopt By-Laws proposed by the Board of Directors or by member societies and approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX – Meetings

- **Section 1.**To achieve its goals and objectives, meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as may be determined by the President in consultation with the Board of Directors.
- **Section 2.** The Society shall hold a Congress every four years at a location that is voted on by the majority of members and approved by the Board of Directors. The process of selecting a future Congress site is described in the MOP Bidding for Future Congress Site.

ARTICLE X – Committees and Appointments

- **Section 1.** The President, in consultation with the Board of Directors, may appoint individuals or committees to conduct activities of the Society.
- **Section 2.** The Chair of each Committee will work with the Board of Directors in defining or redirecting the goals and objectives of the Committee to better support the goals and function of the Society. Proposed changes to Committee composition and function will be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- **Section 3.** The standing committees of the Society shall be:
 - 1. Finance
 - 2. Nominations
 - 3. Awards
 - a. Outstanding International Achievement Award
 - b. Student Awards
 - c. Lifetime Achievement Award
 - 4. Constitution, By-laws and Operating Procedures
 - 5. Newsletter Editorial

ARTICLE XI - Accounting Period

Section 1. The accounting period shall be from January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE XII – Amendments

- **Section 1.** Any group of at least five voting members of the Society may propose an Amendment of the Constitution.
- **Section 2.** The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended only by a majority vote of the membership. If it is impossible to obtain a vote from at least a majority of the voting members, the Board of Directors may act on behalf of the membership, provided such action does not affect the legal status of the Society.
- **Section 3.** The amendment shall be submitted to the voting membership, with recommendations, either at the next General Assembly, or by <u>e-</u>mail/online ballot within 30 days of the voting date.
- **Section 4.** Adoption of proposed amendments shall require a majority affirmative vote of those voting on the amendment.