

INTERNATIONAL BIOMETRIC SOCIETY — NORDIC-BALTIC REGION (IBS-NBR)

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(after the merge of the Nordic Region (founded January 1, 1982) and the Baltic Group)

BY-LAWS

The *Nordic-Baltic Region* (NBR) is governed by the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and the By-Laws of the *International Biometric Society* (IBS) and the following rules:

1. The IBS-NBR consists of the members of the IBS resident in the Nordic and Baltic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia. Membership is also open to Nordic and Baltic scientists resident in other countries.
2. The daily business of the NBR is conducted by the *Regional Executive Committee* (REC) consisting of the Regional President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
3. The REC shall consult the *Regional Council* (RC) consisting of the REC, the past president, the members of the General Council of IBS who belong to the Region, and up to 7 ordinary members to ensure that each of the 8 countries of the Region is represented in the RC.
4. The RC is elected for a period of 2 years which is automatically prolonged for 2 years unless at least two members of the RC propose a new election after 2 years. The past president serves as member for the 2 first years only.
5. The REC shall alternate between the Nordic and Baltic countries in the following order: Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway/Iceland, and the Baltic countries as one group.
6. The nomination committee consists of the members of the RC. The Secretary should receive nominations by August 1 and the Secretary will distribute ballot forms at the earliest feasible time. The election results will be based on the count of ballots returned by November 1. Nominees will be notified of the results of the election by November 15. Terms of newly elected officers shall start on January 1 following their election.

7. In the event that the President, Secretary or Treasurer cannot serve a full term, the President shall appoint a substitute to serve pre-emptively until the next election. Ordinary members of the RC will not be substituted if 5 or more ordinary members of the Committee are available.
8. The Region shall organize a Nordic-Baltic Biometric Conference every second year. The REC shall appoint a *Local Organizing Committee* (LOC) and a *Scientific Program Committee* (SPC) for this conference which shall alternate between the Nordic and Baltic countries in the following order: Finland, Sweden, Norway/Iceland, Denmark and the Baltic countries group.
9. The Region will guarantee for a limited deficit for the regional conferences, the amount is decided by the REC for each conference, and a surplus of the conference shall be transferred to NBR's bank account.
10. Only Members may attend the regional conferences. Annual Membership Fee for the current calendar year shall be collected from an individual who is not a Member as a part of the Registration Fee for the Conference. Thus all participants attending the Conference are Members of the Society until 31 December.
11. A meeting of the RC should be arranged at every regular regional conference.
12. The REC appoints a correspondent from the Region for the Biometric Bulletin for the same period (4 years).