

Admission Guidelines

International Association for Collective Dynamics

1. Purpose of this Document

These Admission Guidelines supplement §4 of the Statutes. They regulate internal procedures and criteria for admission, membership categories, and eligibility for functions within the Association. They do not form part of the Statutes and may be amended by resolution of the Executive Board, insofar as they do not conflict with the Statutes or any rules of procedure adopted by the General Assembly.

2. Categories of Membership

The Association distinguishes between members with voting rights and members without voting rights. Reduced-fee membership is a fee category that normally does not affect voting rights.

Unless otherwise decided by the Executive Board at the time of admission, admitted members shall be voting members.

(1) Voting Members

Voting members are paying members of the Association. They are entitled to:

- participate in the General Assembly,
- exercise voting rights,
- stand for election to the Executive Board and other elected bodies,
- receive all benefits defined by the Association.

(2) Reduced-Fee Members (e.g. Students / Junior Members)

Students and early-career researchers may be admitted at a reduced membership fee. Reduced-fee members are voting members unless otherwise decided by the Executive Board.

(3) Non-Voting Members

The Executive Board may admit individuals as non-voting members where their participation primarily serves scientific exchange, advisory involvement, or support of the Association's activities without participation in its formal governance.

The Executive Board shall determine whether non-voting members are subject to membership fees.

Institutional or company memberships are not provided for.

3. Admission Procedure

- (1) Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing, including electronically, to the Executive Board.
- (2) The Executive Board decides on admission at its discretion in accordance with §4 of the Statutes.
- (3) The Executive Board may request supporting information, including a short statement of motivation or documentation of scientific or professional background.
- (4) There is no entitlement to admission.

4. Eligibility for Functions within the Association

(1) Executive Board

Members of the Executive Board must be voting members in good standing.

(2) Steering Committee

The Steering Committee may consist of both voting members and external experts, in accordance with §11 of the Statutes.

Participation in the Steering Committee does not require voting membership, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.

5. Initial Constitution of the Steering Committee

Upon establishment of the Association, the General Assembly shall elect or confirm the initial members of the Steering Committee in accordance with §7(5) of the Statutes.

The Executive Board may present a proposed list of candidates to the General Assembly for election or confirmation.

The Steering Committee shall consist of at least five (5) and not more than thirty (30) members.

6. Relationship between Executive Board and Steering Committee

In accordance with §10(3) and §11 of the Statutes:

- The Steering Committee provides strategic and scientific guidance concerning the PED and TGF conferences.
- The Executive Board decides on hosting rights of the PED and TGF conferences based on a recommendation from the Steering Committee.
- There is no entitlement to hosting rights.

The Executive Board may review the composition of the Steering Committee and, where appropriate, propose changes to the General Assembly in accordance with §11 of the Statutes. In doing so, the principles set out in §11(2), including the possible inclusion of

external experts and the consideration of geographical, professional, and gender diversity, shall be observed.

7. Monitoring of Activity

The Executive Board may review the activity of Steering Committee members on a regular basis.

In cases of prolonged inactivity, the Executive Board may propose to the General Assembly the replacement of a member.

8. Entry into Force

These Admission Guidelines enter into force upon adoption by resolution of the Executive Board.