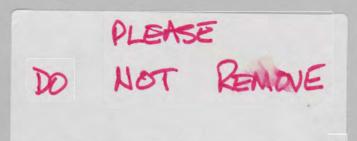
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### MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

A spirit of collaboration is flourishing throughout the world to meet the challenge of increasing the food supplies in developing countries and to resolve the diverse demands on the agricultural sector in industrialised nations. The outstanding success of the AgEng Conferences started in Cambridge in 1984, along with increasing participation of the Commission Internationale du Génie Rural in activities in Europe, have demonstrated the strong desire for mutual contact and exchange among agricultural engineers throughout Europe.

In recognition of the need to communicate knowledge and experience, to foster mutual understanding and to promote professionalism among National Societies of agricultural engineers in Europe as well as among individuals, the members of the AgEng Working Party in consultation with their relevant national bodies have agreed to establish the European Society of Agricultural Engineers and pledged their support to the aims which follow.

### **PURPOSE**

The aim of the Society is to enhance, within a Pan European framework, the capability and achievements of both the Agricultural Engineering profession and the industries which it serves by:

- stimulating opportunities for the advancement of engineering science and practice in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, amenity and landscape, aquaculture and fresh food processing;
- fostering progressive attitudes to promote the role of the Agricultural Engineer in the relevant industries:
- setting and maintaining professional standards which strengthen the prestige of Agricultural Engineering;
- encouraging communication and multi-national collaboration between Agricultural Engineers engaged in manufacturing, commerce, research, education and extension;
- developing mutual understanding and cooperative relationships among the participating societies and individual Members in different countries;
- promoting information exchange among Members through conferences, publications and seminars on specialist topics;
- assisting individual Members to develop their professional knowledge and ability;
- securing professional recognition for engineers in agriculture and allied industries;
- helping member societies and affiliated organisations to promote their professional activities:
- seeking interdisciplinary technological cooperation with other International and European organisations in the Public and Private Sectors;
- participating within the worldwide structure and activities of the Commission Internationale du Génie Rural.

### **ACTIVITIES AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **AgEng Conference**

The AgEng Conference series, currently held every two years in a different European country, provides the main technical forum for the Society at preferential rates for Members. The frequency of the event will be increased with growth in membership to give an annual opportunity for fostering closer professional links.

### **National Chapters and Specialist Groups**

Members of the Society are encouraged to form a National Chapter (where no National Society presently exists), and also to form Special Interest Groups responsible not only for the organisation of parallel sessions at the AgEng Conference but also to promote additional Technical Seminars in their subject area. These National Chapters and Special Interest Groups will each attract an annual allocation from Society funds to assist in defraying the cost of organising activities primarily for the benefit of Members.

#### **Publications**

High priority is attached to the publication of general and specialised information of interest to Members. The primary publication is the EurAgEng Newsletter containing relevant items of interest transmitted by a panel of national correspondents from countries with Members in the Society. The cost of printing the EurAgEng Newsletter and distributing individual copies to each Member is included in the annual membership fee.

There is strong support for a refereed scientific publication containing abstracts or proceedings of conferences, seminars and national conventions as well as volunteer research papers produced to an agreed house style and available at a reduced subscription rate to Members.

### **Membership Register**

An alphabetical listing of all Members with sector of activity, complete mailing address, telephone and facsimile/telex numbers will be maintained in such a way as to comply with data protection legislation. This Register will be available solely to Members on a non-profit basis.

### **Professional and Technical Standards**

A panel of senior Members of the Society will offer professional comment - a EurAgEng voice - on public affairs of national interest and on international issues pertaining to the activities of the membership.

Increasingly Members of the Society will be involved in the preparation of European Educational, Professional and Technical Standards; meetings could be arranged to coincide with the appropriate technical events to minimise travel costs and increase networking opportunities.

### **Career Development**

Special attention will be given to encourage the participation of younger engineers and students in the technical activities sponsored by the Society, to provide careers information for European employment, to promote Continuing Professional Development, and to overcome language barriers.

### **Working Language**

The working language of the Society is English. National events in any language will be promoted by the Society.

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION

Membership of the Society is principally for those practising in the manufacturing industry, research and development, education and extension. Membership will embrace not only different levels of engineering qualifications but also a range of scientific and economic disciplines.

The Society will seek to establish an internationally acclaimed, professional identity for its Members through the use of the designatory letters: M EurAgEng.

In the longer term, consideration will be given to grades of membership and their distinguishing criteria, which identify different levels of professional attainment.

### **ESTABLISHMENT**

With the unqualified support of the AgEng Working Party, the European Society of Agricultural Engineers was formally established on 1 January 1992. The Executive Committee comprises:

President Designate

Francis Sevila (Centre National du Machinisme Agricole du Génie Rural des Eaux et des Forêts, FRANCE):

Senior Vice President Designate

Brian D Witney (Scottish Centre of Agricultural Engineering, UK);

Members

Josse De Baerdernaeker (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, BELGIUM);

Bent Bennedsen (Den Kongelige Veterinaer-og Landbohøjskole, DENMARK);

Friedhelm Meier (Landmaschinen-und Ackerschlepper-Vereinigung, GERMANY);

Christer Nilsson (Sveriges Lantbruksuniversitet, SWEDEN);

Jaime Ortiz-Canavate (Escuela Tecnica Superior de Ingenieros Agronomos, SPAIN);

Guiseppe Pellizi (Istituto di Ingegneria Agraria, ITALY).

This Executive Committee will promote membership of the Society and conduct essential business in preparation for an Inaugural General Meeting and Election of Officers of the Society at AgEng'92 in Uppsala. The Secretary-General for EurAgEng is Mr James Dennis and the address of the Secretariat is: European Society of Agricultural Engineers, West End Road, Silsoe, Bedford, MK45 4DU. Generous donations have already been received from the Douglas Bomford Trust, BP Nutrition, Bank of Scotland and John Deere Ltd., to underwrite part of the establishment costs and further sponsorship is being sought.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Society welcomes into membership engineers and other professionals associated with engineering in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, amenity and landscape, aquaculture and fresh food processing.

Subject to the approval of Council, membership is open to any professionally suitable person, active or interested in the pursuit of agricultural engineering, who is already accepted into the membership of a National Society, or proposed and seconded for membership by two existing Members.

There are four grades of membership:

Founder Member

 a minimum contribution of 250 ECU to be paid during the first year of the establishment of the Society;

Member	eith <b>er</b>	- a statutory annual fee of 5 ECU included in the National	
		Society subscription;	

 - an annual fee of 45 ECU, with a special introductory fee of only 25 ECU to be paid in the first year of establishment of the Society;

 Affiliated Organisation - an annual fee of 150 ECU for companies employing not more than 50 staff, with larger organisations being invited to pay a higher fee of 300 ECU.

### STATUTES (in brief)

Each national participating society, or where none exists the individual country Members, shall appoint a representative of that country to constitute a Council which will meet annually to review and guide the development of the Society. The Council will elect from its Members each year a President and two Vice-presidents, may appoint such standing committees as it may think fit, and may employ a Secretary or other employees to conduct essential business on behalf of the Society.



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### STATUTES

### EurAgEng

### Society of European Agricultural Engineers

### Statutes

- 1. Introduction
- 1.1 A spirit of collaboration is growing rapidly throughout the world. More communication of knowledge and experience will be necessary to solve future problems in agriculture and related agro-industries. The following international developments have to be considered:
  - dramatic change of agriculture in industrialised countries
  - intensification process in the whole agricultural sector
  - social pressures for product quality and safety
  - improvement of the rural environment
  - improvement of the welfare of farmers, employees and of farm animals
  - process of European integration
  - continuing demand for increased food supplies in the developing world
  - increased competition.
- 1.2 National Societies and individual agricultural engineers should establish better communications and develop an organised system for the exchange of knowledge and information and the promotion of mutual understanding and professionalism.

The growing success of AG ENG Conferences (started in Cambridge in 1984, by the European Informal group called "Ag Eng Working Party" see list in Appendix A)), along with the increasing CIGR (Commission Internationale du Genie Rurale) participation in activities in Europe, have indicated a strong desire for mutual contact and exchange among agricultural engineers.

1.3 In recognition of the need for more cooperation among National Societies of agricultural engineers in Europe, as well as that of individuals, the members of the AG ENG Working Party in consultation with their relevant national bodies agreed to establish a European Agricultural Engineering Organisation and pledged their support to the purpose, aims and general areas of cooperation which follow.

- 2. Title
- 2.1 The joint activity shall be known as "EurAgEng" the European Society of Agricultural Engineers.

#### 3. Mission

The mission of the Society is to enhance, within a Pan European framework, the capability and achievements of both the Agricultural Engineering profession and the industries which it serves. Agricultural engineering is recognised to encompass a broad range of engineering disciplines, including mechanical, electrical and electronic, chemical and civil engineering, together with applied physics and several related sciences and technologies. The particular expertise and experience of agricultural engineers lies in the application of engineering and the physical sciences to biological materials, organisms, systems, and the environment.

### 4. Objectives

- 4.1 Stimulate opportunities for the advancement of engineering science and practice in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, amenity and landscape, aquaculture and fresh food processing.
- 4.2 ' Foster progressive attitudes to promote the role of the Agricultural Engineer in the relevant industries.
- 4.3 Set and maintain professional standards which strengthen the prestige of Agricultural Engineering.
- 4.4 Encourage communication and multi-national collaboration between Agricultural Engineers engaged in manufacturing, commerce, research, education and extension.
- 4.5 Develop mututal understanding and cooperative relationships among the participating societies and individual Members in different countries.
- 4.4 Develop information exchange among Members through conferences, publications, and seminars on specialist topics.
- 4.7 Assist individual Members to develop their professional knowledge and ability.
- 4.8 Secure professional recognition for engineers in agriculture and allied industries.
- 4.9 Help member societies and affiliated organisations to promote their professional activities.
- 4.10 Seek interdisciplinary technological cooperation with other European and international organisations in the public and private sectors.

- 4.11. Participate within the worldwide structure and activities of the Commission Internationale du Genie Rural (CIGR).
- 5. Membership
- 5.1 The Society welcomes into membership engineers and other professionals associated with engineering in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, amenity and landscape, aquaculture and fresh food processing.
- 5.2 Membership must be approved by Council and either
  - (a) recommended by a National Society through which en bloc participation has been ratified, or
  - (b) proposed and seconded for membership by two existing members.
- 5.3 Affiliate membership will be available for companies, organisations, and qualified individuals.
- Participating Societies and individual members will be empowered to submit proposals regarding the policy and activities of the Society.
- 5.5 Membership lists will be kept in a register which will be maintained in such a way as to comply with any legislation relating to data protection.
- 6. Council
- From each represented country the national participating 6.1 society or, where none exists, the individual country members, shall appoint a representative of that country to constitute a Council. Where more than one national body from a single country participates, these bodies shall agree the representation between themselves. Council shall meet at least annually to review and guide the operationand development of the Society and to consider proposals for activities. The Council shall be the ultimate decision making body of the Society. addition to the members appointed as above, the immediate past President shall be a full member of Council and the Council shall be empowered to co-opt further members as necessary The Secretary General of CIGR will be invited to sit as a permanent member of the Council.
- 6.2 The representative of CIGR shall not be entitled to vote. The Secretary General of the Society shall take minutes of the meetings but is not a member of the Council and is not able to vote.
- 6.3 Members shall be appointed to Council for a maximum period of three years after which they may stand for re-appointment.

6.4 The Council shall elect from its members, each year:

A President

Two Vice Presidents

The Senior Vice President will normally be expected to become President. The maximum term of office will be two years for Vice President and one year for President.

- 7. Procedure, Powers and Duties of Council
- 7.1 The Council shall regulate its own procedure and may act notwithstanding any vacancies in its body. Provided always that in case the members of the Council shall at any time be reduced in number to less than a quorum, it shall be lawful for them to act as the Council for the purpose of filling up vacancies in their body, or of summoning a General Meeting, but not for any other purpose.
- 7.2 The Council will set up an Executive Committee consisting of at least N members. The President, Vice Presidents and Immediate past President will be ex officio members. The Secretary General will take minutes but is not a member of the Committee and not able to vote.
- 7.3 It may appoint such standing or other committees as it may think fit, and may delegate any of its powers to any Council member or committee. The duty of any such person or committee so appointed and empowered shall be to take executive action or to report to the Council on such matter or matters as may have been referred to him or it by the Council. The Chairman of any committee may be appointed by the Council, but if he is not so appointed, the Committee shall appoint its own Chairman.
- 7.4 The proceedings of the Council and Committees and all documents relating to them are confidential. No information concerning such proceedings and documents may be communicated to any person who is not a member of the Society or be otherwise published, except by permission of the Council.
- 7.5 The President with any one Vice-President, or the two Vice-Presidents, or any three members of the Council may convene a Meeting of the Council. At every meeting of the Council, half of the members representing not less than 40% of the voting power shall constitute a quorum. In respect of Articles 10.3 (Statute amendment) and 12 (dissolution) the quorum must be at least 60% of the voting power.
- 7.6 At least twenty eight days notice shall be given of every Meeting of the Council. Such notice shall specify generally the business to be transacted by the Meeting. The President or in his absence the senior (in terms of service on Council) Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at each meeting of the Council, and in case of

an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Voting will be by majority, normally by a show of hands, and votes will be weighted prograta to the country membership as follows:

Each national delegate shall be entitled to one vote plus additional votes to the extent of one additional vote for each 500 members (en bloc national society members and/or independent members) arising from the country. For this purpose total en bloc members of the national society shall be included, wherever they are resident. i.e.

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- 7.7 The Council shall direct and manage the property and affairs of the Society in accordance with these Statutes.
- 7.8 The financial arrangements involving the formation and running of the Society shall be agreed by the Council. The financial year of the Society shall end on the 31st day of December in each year and the accounts of the Society shall be made up each year to that date and after having been examined and found correct by a professional Auditor and approved by the Council, shall be laid down before the Annual General Meeting next following. The Council shall pay out of the funds of the Society the costs of an appropriate Secretariat.
- 7.9 The Council in consultation with the appropriate Editorial panels shall arrange for the publication, in any matter which they may deem advisable, of such papers, documents and publications as may be considered by the Council to be likely to advance agricultural engineering knowledge and the objects of the Society.
- 8. Specific activities
- 8.1 Conferences. General and specific conferences shall be organised at regular intervals.
- 8.2 National Chapters and Specialist Groups

In countries or regions where sufficient members live, and where no national society exists, the Society will encourage their formation. Specialist Groups will be encouraged to bring together experts working within particular disciplines or application areas.

8.) Professional and Technical Standards

The Society will engage as appropriate in the development of professional standards for its members and of technical and quality standards relating to equipment, buildings and installations for agriculture, soil and water aspects and allied industries.

8.4 Publications

High priority is attached to publications.

- 8.4.1 A Newsletter will be issued to provide information to members; this will be achieved by the appointment of an editorial panel who will liaise with at least one correspondent in each country which has members.
- 8.4.2 A refereed scientific publication containing abstracts or proceedings of conferences, seminars and national conventions as well as volunteer research papers will be produced to an agreed house style and will be available at a reduced subscription rate to Members.
- 8.5 Visits, tours, delegations

To encourage better understanding and cooperation between members, the Society will encourage exchange visits and study lecture tours at both professional and student levels. National societies and individual members will assist members from other countries wishing to work abroad for long or shorter periods.

9. Language

The working language of the Society is English. National events in any language will be promoted by the Society.

- 10 The Agreement
- 10.1 Status

The contents of these statutes are binding by mutual consent of the members as expressed by the Council and as established by the following clauses. The statutes are not intended to limit, supersede or modify existing agreements between any of the members and other organisations in different countries.

10.2 Review

These statutes shall be reviewed by Council at least triennially to ensure that the objectives of the Society fulfil the current requirements of the members and that the objectives are being pursued with effect. 10.) Amendment

Revisions to these statutes may be made at any time by the Council, after an adequate period of notification to the membership.

#### 10.4 Withdrawal

A participating national society may withdraw from the terms of these statutes, normally by tendering 12 months' notice in writing to the Council.

### 11. Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Society shall be appointed by Council, which shall determine the terms and conditions of its appointment. Subject to the directions of Council, it shall be the duty of the Secretariat to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to maintain a record of membership, to administer all details of admission of members and to keep records of all financial transactions and prepare accounts as required. It will also prepare agendas for all Council meetings and produce minutes of such meetings. The Secretariat shall also serve such committees of the Society as Council may determine. The Secretariat will also carry out duties which may from time to time be requested by Council and it will engage and be responsible for all persons employed.

#### 12. Dissolution

This agreement may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the Council in favour (following 12 months' written notice of the proposal to terminate being given to each member society).

Annex A - List of Ag Eng Working Party members

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# CIGR/EURAGENG DISCUSSIONS

### EurAgEng

### **European Society of Agricultural Engineers**

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FRANCIS SEVILA

FAX 33 67 63 57 95

FEBRUARY, TUESDAY, 11th, 1992

to the representatives of CIGR

G. PELLIZZI E. BERGE

A. JONGEBREUR J. DAELEMANS

Dear colleagues,

we have had a meeting yesterday with your group (unfortunately E. Berge could not attend), in order to discuss the relationships between our two Societies. EURAGENG was represented by Brian Witney, Jim Dennis and myself. This letter intends to confirm or precise our positions and proposals made to you during this meeting, as follows:

- \* The new EURAGENG Society wish to be member of CIGR,
- \* We have noted that CIGR authorities were supporting the formation of our European Society,
- \* Adhesion of any National Society of our continent to EURAGENG will imply that this Society will only pay membership fees to EURAGENG, which at its turn will transmit part of them to CIGR,
- \* We support the growth of the worldwide role of CIGR, since FURAGENG should progressively take over on many of the European activities of CIGR,

\* we support this worldwide role of CIGR on the 4 following objectives:

+coordination between Regional Societies (Asia, North America, Europe, etc...)

+Representation of the Agricultural Engineering Profession toward the International Entities, like United Nation, FAO, UNESCO, etc...

+help in the development of new national or regional Societies wherever they do not exist.

+ organisation of a World Congress every 4 to 5 years.

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\*In implementing the above objectives, we think that actions of CIGR: +should avoid to interfere with the prerogatives and responsibilities of the Regional Societies +should be decided according to the financial ressources that CIGR can afford.

\*We agree for a transition period between the existing situation and the new roles of CIGR and EURAGENG. It has to take place between now and 1995, when, as you announced it, CIGR should play entirely its new role.

\*In 1991, 70% of the total CIGR membership fees resources have been paid by European Countries (around 16,000\$ on a total membership close to 23,000\$): this has to be considered as normal since the same proportion of the activities of CIGR has been conducted in Europe until now.

\*In 1995, with the extended Worldwide role of CIGR, we think that the financial contributions from the various regions of the world should be equally shared. This could give:

+1/5 for each of Europe, North America and Developed Asia

+2/5 for the rest of the members.

\*Following this equality assumption, in 1995 the minimum and maximum contributions of EURAGENG to CIGR could be, very roughly, evaluate as follow:

+minimum: a share of 1/5 of a membership income of CIGR similar to the 1991 one. EURAGENG would then pay around 4500\$

+maximum: according to the CIGR ambitious project which you have described to us during our meeting of yesterday, your hypothesis was of 8000\$ for a Society of the size of EURAGENG in 1995 (supposing that most European countries will have joined us at this time).

\*In both cases, this mean that the global contribution of European Associations to CIGR in 1995 should be between 30% (4500 vs 16000) and 50 % (8000 vs 16000) of what it has been in 1991.

\*To attain this financial situation of 1995, our proposal is to decrease regularly this european contribution between 1992 and 1995

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-Italy

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\*The following table (giving coefficient P(N) depending of year N) gives a possible frame for such a decrease.

YEAR N	1992	1993	1994	1995
COEFF P(N)	90%	60%	30%	new roles

If a European National Society is switching from CIGR to EURAGENG on the year N, EURAGENG will transmit to CIGR on behalf of this National Society:

\*in the year N, P(N) percent of what this Society was paying to CIGR in

\*in the year N+1, P(N+1) percent of what this Society was paying to CIGR in year 91

\*in the year N+2, P(N+2) percent of what this Society was paying to

CIGR in year 91

\*till the 1995 new situation and roles.

\*Although we hope that we will attract our colleague European National Societies as rapidly as possible, it is probable that the switchs for all the countries to EURAGENG will take place all along this transition period: during this period, this will make the effective decrease of the European contribution to CIGR of less magnitude as the above coefficients.

\*When a National Society will switch to EURAGENG, we will support the corresponding charges and expenses for its activities in Europe, discharging the CIGR secretariat of the corresponding expenses.

You have told us that you will consider and study our proposals, that you will report it at the General Assembly of CIGR, and that you will write to us a letter giving the position of CIGR.

We are looking forward to reading this letter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS SEVILA

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### INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE DU GENIE RURAL INTERNATIONALE KOMMISSION FÜR AGRARTECHNIK

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March 17, 1992

Mister President, Dear Francis,

### CIGR - EurAgEng RELATIONSHIP

We thank you very much for your letter of February 11 from which we note with satisfaction that EurAgEng;

- 1. repeats its willingness to be a member of CIGR
- 2. supports the worldwide expansion of CIGR on four restricted objectives viz.:
  - a. a coordination role between the Regional Associations,
  - b. international representation in International Bodies,
  - c. assistance in the development of new National or Regional Societies,
  - d. assistance with the organisation of the World Congress.
- 3. agrees on a transition period from now until 1995.

Furthermore there is now for the first time a clear written statement of EurAgEng as far as its financial contribution to CIGR is concerned for a period extending to 1994 for those countries adhering to EurAgEng.

Until CIGR's 1992 General Assembly in Brussels in February and even until now we have in fact not received any written information on the official establishment of EurAgEng.

Moreover, we have in the same period received no information about one or more National Societies that have expressed their will or decided to join EurAgEng. Even the UK Society, whose President Dr Cermak participated at the CIGR General Assembly, has not mentioned that his Association would withdraw from CIGR in 1992.

Therefore, we have to assume that the European Societies have accepted to be direct members to CIGR for this year and will consequently pay their membership fees for 1992 directly to CIGR. In fact until a National Society informs CIGR by letter of its wish to become a member of EurAgEng, we have to consider this Society as a direct member of CIGR as it has always been in the past.

Direct membership to CIGR stops at the end of the year in which a member has officially informed us from his resignation.

As a consequence CIGR will present every member its Membership Fee Invoice, inclusive the European member-associations.

Last but not least, there is no transitional model yet as far as CIGR's Sections are concerned. This is a very sensitive item for every Section Chairman.

Most Sections have a range of in-between Congress Symposia on well defined themes and those were mostly successful. Special attention has to be paid for instance to the attractive biennial CIOSTA-CIGR V Congresses. Therefore we believe that this matter has to be discussed in depth during our next joint meeting.

For the representatives of CIGR:

- G. Pellizzi, President
- E. Berge, First Vice-President
- A. Jongebreur, Second Vice-President

- J. Daelemans, Secretary-General.

Yours faithfully,

Dr ir J. Daelemans,

Secretary-General of CIGR.

CC. :

- G. Pellizzi
- E. Berge
- A. Jongebreur