

Process for renewal and staggering of statutory Standing Committee membership

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In line with the revised ISC Statutes and Rules of Procedure adopted on 8 March following a special vote of the General Assembly, there will be two standing advisory committees (Statute 36):

- the Committee for Finance, Compliance and Risk
- the Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science

and their mandates will be four years and staggered (Rule of Procedure 11.1).

Committees for science, membership and outreach matters will not be defined in the statutes, but can be established by the Governing Board as appropriate.

The Governing Board agreed at its meeting on 11 March 2024 to confirm the mandate of the Committee for Outreach and the Engagement and the Committee for Science Planning, which are no longer statutory committees under the revised statutes, until the time of the General Assembly in January 2025. Thereafter the Governing Board and relevant Vice-Presidents will consider the needs of the organization in terms of advisory bodies in these areas.

Regarding the Committee for Finance, Compliance and the Risk Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science, the original term of office of the current members was mid-2022 to mid-2025.

The following timeline is proposed to introduce the staggering.

- For the Committee for Finance, Compliance and Risk:
 In May 2025:
 - Given the small size of the committee (only three external members), all members (or as many as wish to) stay on with their terms extended to May 2027. Additional new members are appointed with two-year terms running from May 2025 to ca. May 2027.

In May 2027:

- Half the members (decided internally by the CFCR) stay on with their terms extended until May 2029.
- Half the members rotate off and are replaced by newly appointed members, whose term of office runs from May 2027 to ca. May 2031.
- For the Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science: In May 2025:
 - Half the members (decided internally by CFRS) stay on with their terms extended until April 2027.
 - Half the members rotate off and are replaced by newly appointed members, whose term of office runs from May 2025 to ca. May 2029.

For both the Committee for Finance, Compliance and Risk and the Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science, this implies a call for nominations in early February 2025, in order to have new members selected in April and operational in May 2025.