Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) ahead of the IUSY Congress 2023

Distribution of the number of Members of the Presidium from the different regional committees.

1) What happens if a committee exceeds the amount because the SG/President is from that committee?
2) What happens if the President and SG are on the same committee?
3) How is the Vice Presidents distribution affected by the committees of origin of the President and the Secretary General?

On the 4th of February 2023, the IUSY Presidium voted on the next presidium's composition based on the updated statutes. The composition is as follows:

- EC: 3 VPs and 3 substitute members
- AFC: 2 VPs and 2 substitute members
- AC: 2 VPs and 2 substitute members
- APC: 1 VP and 1 substitute member
- MC: 1 VP and 1 substitute member

According to the statutes, each regional committee must have at least one member in the Presidium, and no regional committee can have more than 5 members and 5 substitute members. This composition ensures that no committee exceeds the maximum limit, even if the Secretary General and President are from the same committee.

There is no article in the statutes that prohibits the election of the President and Secretary General from the same committee.

The VP distribution only includes the VPs and their substitutes, and does not affect the President or Secretary General.

Nominations: How does it work?

1) Can different members of the same organization be running for different positions? Example: Can a Member Organisation nominate a candidate for Vice President but also for the substitute Vice President?
2) Can a member organisation nominate simultaneously candidates for Vice President, Secretary General, President and Control Commission member or chair of the Control Commission?

Yes, after informing the Secretary General to which regional committee each organization belongs in case the member organization belongs to more than one regional or subregional committees, Members of the same organization can run for different positions simultaneously (Vice President and Substitute Vice President).
2) Is there any change in the procedure of running? Are the support letters from Member Organisations still needed?

At the outset, each member organization must notify the Secretary General of their main regional committee if they belong to multiple regional or subregional committees.

The procedure for running for SG, President, head of CC, and CC members remains unchanged.

However, for the VP position, a Presidium member and a substitute member must be nominated as a duo. Member organizations from the same region can jointly nominate a member and a substitute member from different organizations. The member and their substitute will run together, and their election cannot be separated at the World Congress. Candidatures must be submitted along with a letter of motivation.

3) Who is being nominated for candidate of the Presidium? The person or the Member Organisation?

The IUSY network is made up of member organizations (MO) rather than individual persons. This means that when a candidate runs for a position in IUSY, they are representing their member organization, rather than themselves as an individual.

It is important to note that the candidate’s actions and decisions during their term in office will reflect not only on themselves but also on their MO and the broader IUSY network and values. As such, it is crucial for candidates to maintain open and transparent communication with their MO throughout their campaign.

Once elected, the Presidium member assumes the responsibility of representing IUSY as a whole. They are expected to act in the best interest of the organization, taking into account the views and opinions of member organizations and their respective members.

Therefore, it is important for candidates to understand the responsibilities and expectations that come with running for and holding a position in IUSY, as they represent not only themselves but also their MO and the wider organization.

4) Do the Vice President candidate and the substitute Vice President need to belong to the same committee?

Based on the statutes, it is mandatory for Vice Presidents (VPs) and their respective substitutes to have running mates who originate from the same region. This requirement is in place to ensure regional representation and unity within the leadership structure. Therefore, it is imperative for VPs and their substitutes to carefully consider their running mate choices in order to comply with this provision.
5) If a Vice President resigns or stops its activity as Vice President for extraordinary reasons, does the substitute become a Vice President?

No, if a Vice President resigns or stops their activity for any extraordinary reasons, their substitute does not automatically become the Vice President. The Vice President and their substitutes are running as a team, and if the Vice President steps down, the substitute can replace them without changing their position.

Moreover, when the vice president is absent or resigns, the substitute will have the same rights as the Vice President to speak and vote.
It is important to note that the substitute should also come from the same region as the Vice President, as mandated by the statutes. This provision helps to ensure regional representation and unity within the leadership structure.

5a) If so, does the Council vote for a new replacement?

If a Vice president who is part of the Vice President's team is absent and not substituted on three consecutive meetings, the Council will hold a new vote to select a replacement duo for the both Vice President and their substitute.

It is important to note that in such cases, the absent members will lose their mandate immediately and can be replaced by the Council.

This provision ensures that the leadership structure remains functional and effective, even in the event of unexpected absences or changes in the Presidium.

5b) Can any organization propose for that vacancy or must there be an agreement between the organisations that were originally in the ticket (Vice President + substitute Vice President elected in the Congress)?

Any organization is eligible to propose a candidate to fill the vacancy of the Vice President or their substitutes, as long as they meet the requirement of belonging to the same region as the original vacancy.
There is no need for an agreement between the organizations that were originally in the position, and any organization that meets the regional requirement can propose a candidate.
This provision ensures that the leadership structure remains representative of all regions and allows for new perspectives and ideas to be introduced into the Council.
Presence at the Presidium meetings

1) What happens when neither the Vice President nor the sub statute member can attend a Presidium meeting?

When neither the Vice President nor the substitute member is able to attend a Presidium meeting, no replacement can be made for this duo.

This is in line with the requirement that the Vice President and their substitute be elected as a duo in order to ensure representation of the region and prevent the absence of the VP.

If the Vice President and both their substitutes are unable to attend three consecutive Presidium meetings, the Council will need to vote for a new replacement duo to fulfil the duties of the Vice President and their substitutes. This new duo will be required to come from the same region as the original ticket, in order to ensure regional representation within the leadership structure.

2) Are substitute Vice Presidents entitled to Travel Reimbursement? If no, are they entitled when they are substituting the elected Vice President?

If the VP is present, the Travel reimbursement is allocated only to VP and not their substitute.

If a VP is unable to attend a Presidium meeting and their substitute will be taking their place, it is important to inform the Secretariat beforehand. This will allow the Secretariat to allocate the travel reimbursement to their substitute member and ensure that they are able to attend the meeting without any issues.

If both Vice Presidents and their substitutes are present at a Presidium meeting, the travel reimbursements will be allocated exclusively to the VP.

It is important to note that these policies are in place to ensure that travel reimbursements are used appropriately and fairly and that all members of the Presidium can attend meetings without incurring unnecessary expenses.

3) Can substitute Vice Presidents attend the Presidium meetings with the right to speak, and not the right to vote, even if the elected Vice President is present?

Both Vice Presidents and their substitutes are able to attend a Presidium meeting with certain limitations for the substitutes. Specifically, they will have the right to speak during the meeting, but they will not have the right to vote on any decisions that are made.

Additionally, if the substitutes attend the meeting under these circumstances, they will not be eligible for travel reimbursements.
This policy is in place to ensure that the Presidium can function effectively and that all members are able to contribute to the discussion, even if they are not able to vote on any decisions that are made.

While the substitutes may not have voting rights or be eligible for travel reimbursements in this situation, their presence can still be beneficial in terms of providing additional perspectives and input into the discussion.

**Gender balance in the Presidium**

1) How will the gender quota be enforced in the Presidium? Do president and Secretary General count into the gender quota?

The presidium is composed of 9 members and their substitutes as well as the president and the SG.

**According to the statutes:**

_IUSY promotes gender equality. As a feminist organization, IUSY wants to ensure the participation of women in all its activities. A minimum of 50% of IUSY representatives shall be women and we also aim for this to be the case in each of our member organizations. To reach this goal, all IUSY bodies and all IUSY member organizations are taking measures to support and encourage women. A minimum quota of 50% women is therefore applied to ensure fair representation of women in all activities and in all decision-making bodies._

Thus, a minimum of 50% women is required in the presidium. The president and SG count into the gender quota of the presidium.

**Regional balance**

1) How is the Vice Presidents’ distribution affected by the committees of origin of the President and the Secretary General?

The VPs distribution was voted in the last presidium on the 4th of February 2023. The committees of origin of the President and the Secretary-General are not counted in the quota of VPs repartition.

By excluding the committees of origin of the President and Secretary-General from the VPs distribution, the organization is also able to ensure a more diverse and inclusive leadership structure. This allows for a broader range of perspectives and ideas to be considered in the decision-making process, ultimately leading to a stronger and more effective organization.