

Proposal of an amendment of Article 5 of the Bylaws of European Vegetation Survey

Proposed by the EVS Steering Committee on 11 March 2013.

The vote on this amendment will take place at the Business Meeting of European Vegetation Survey in Rome on 10 April 2013.

Current version of Bylaws is available at <http://euroveg.org/bylaws>.

The EVS Steering Committee proposes to add the red bolded text (including a footnote) to Article 5 of the current Bylaws:

Article 5. Steering Committee

The Working Group shall have a Steering Committee (SC) with five elected members, each from a different European country. **SC must contain at least one member from each of the following three European geographic regions, defined by similar languages, history and/or biogeography: Western-Central and North-western Europe¹, Southern Europe² and Eastern-Central and Eastern Europe³. If a representative of one of these regions is missing among the five elected members, the candidate with the highest number of votes from that region becomes automatically the sixth or seventh member of the SC.** All SC members shall be members of IAVS. Each SC member shall be elected for a period of four years at the next business meeting of the EVS following a vacancy. Nominations shall be received by the EVS Secretary by e-mail or in person at an EVS meeting and may be made by any member. SC members may be elected for further periods of four years. The SC elects a Secretary from its members and appoints a Membership Administrator (who need not be a member of the SC) for a period of four years. All decisions on behalf of EVS except the election of the SC itself are made by the SC with majority.

¹ Austria, Benelux, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, UK

² Albania, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Turkey

³ Balkan countries except Albania and Greece, Baltic countries, Belarus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine